

From the desk of Commissioner Del Mar:

Part of the allure of the season that many in the Midwest have come to reminisce, is the smell of burning leaves broadcasting through the countryside. However, burning leaves and other landscape materials are regulated through local municipalities. They have the authority to impose restrictions on burning landscape waste such as limiting the hours when such burning may occur, types of material allowed, as well as a total ban of open burning. Please check with your local community before burning. Information can be found on our website, www.roaddistrict.com/public-aware.



Through autumn, specifically November 22, we will continue our annual yard waste collection to process into compost. Currently, we do have material available from late last year's collection and is offered to anyone within the Township for pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall locations. This is a great opportunity to winterize your garden beds. Call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed during the autumn months.



The last two winters we received 34.8 and 20.2 inches of snow. A typical winter sees 38.4 inches. However, past winters have been a story of mixed precipitation. Palatine Township Road District is staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We continually monitor weather conditions and apply the best technique to battle inclement weather. For instance, on a sunny, cold morning you may see our trucks anti-icing the roadways with salt brine before a winter storm approaches. This pre-treatment forms a barrier between the roadway and frozen precipitation, preventing an icy bond from forming between the two.

Help us to keep your neighbors and other motorists safe by not disposing of snow into the street, a public sidewalk, or even on the parkway across from your property. The best location to properly pile the snow is on the left side of your driveway as you face your home. This will reduce the amount of snow deposited into your driveway during the following storm event. If a mailbox has been compromised by our municipal plow truck, please notify us immediately so that a temporary mailbox may be installed for continued postal service. Everyone at the Road District greatly appreciates your effort in combating the winter storms and together we will keep the roadways open and safe. Also, keep track of weather conditions by having multiple ways of receiving alerts. We maintain our website and Facebook pages with information pertaining to the weather, our services, permitting, and upcoming and completed projects.

During the middle of the winter season, we will collect pine trees and holiday decorations that have outlasted the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Incorporated areas, please check with your local waste disposal carrier, as they will collect your trees, usually as part of your service. If you live in the unincorporated areas and it is time for disposal, please place your tree without a bag and trunk side to the curb. There is not a set schedule for pick up, as our focus is on snow and ice control. However, when weather permits, we will collect them, process, and add the spoils to the composting material.



We will continue to ensure that Palatine Township Road District will be available for all your infrastructure concerns and strive to meet your expectations. If you have any questions, concerns or need any additional information regarding our services please feel free to email me at adelmar@palatinetownship-il.gov.

Sincerely,
Aaron B. del Mar
Highway Commissioner