



Village of Spring Grove

7401 Meyer Road Spring Grove, Illinois 60081

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Dear Village Resident,

I am pleased to report to you that after months of negotiations and reviewing other proposals, the Village Board has renewed its contract with Groot Industries to remain the Village's exclusive residential refuse, recycling and landscape waste hauler. The new 5 year contract locks in the annual increases at 4%, excluding landscape waste, provides the Village with a recycling rebate and **free service to all Village residential customers for the month of January 2009**. We were able to negotiate the removal of the fuel surcharge, but Groot has asked the Village to keep an open mind on this issue as they may be forced to again request a fuel surcharge in the future should fuel prices reach unprecedented levels.

One significant change in the contract is to the annual subscription for landscape waste. Subscribers will now be limited to 4 biodegradable yard waste bags per week, although 6 bags per week during April 1-15 and October 16-November 30 will be allowed. Residents will still be allowed to use their own plastic 32 gallon cans, biodegradable yard waste bags or rent a landscape cart (toter).

Listed below is the cost for all services for the term of the 5-year contract extension. The costs are reflective of the current market conditions and are equivalent to surrounding communities. Another positive to the contract is that the costs are equal or lower than what residents were paying 4 1/2 years ago.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
January 1 - December 31	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
*Monthly Rate (for basic Services other than landscape waste collection)	\$17.90	\$18.62	\$19.36	\$20.13	\$20.94
**Monthly Rate - Senior Citizen (for Basic Services other than landscape waste collection)	\$16.01	\$16.65	\$17.32	\$18.19	\$19.66
Extra bulk items (per item)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
White Goods (per item per Groot)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
April 1 - November 30	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5
Landscape Waste Collection Tag	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.25
Landscape Annual Subscription	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$195.00
Landscape Cart - optional (Seasonal Rental)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

The Village Board would like to thank Groot Industries for working with us on this renewal and looks forward to continuing our relationship in serving the residents of Spring Grove.

Yours truly,

Mark R. Eisenberg
Village President