We are pleased to announce that Groot Industries was selected as the exclusive hauler for residential single family, two-family and multi-family refuse, recycling and landscape for the City of Park Ridge. Groot will begin to service residents Monday, May 2, 2016.

Groot will begin delivering 95 gallon garbage carts and 65 gallon recycling carts beginning the week of April 25. The previous hauler will begin removing their carts beginning the week of April 25 after final collection is provided.

Program Highlights:
• This service continues to provide weekly collection of both garbage and recycling.
• Although your collection day will NOT be changing, the time of day your solid waste will be collected may change. Please have your carts and landscape out by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day.
• Park Ridge residents DO NOT need to call Groot to order smaller carts. Groot has been notified of homes currently using different sized carts, and Groot will deliver the same size carts you currently have.
• Please leave your old carts out during the final week of April and the first week of May for removal.
• Landscape Carts - If you have purchased a landscape cart in the past, Groot will continue servicing your landscape cart. New carts are available for purchase from Groot for $60.00 each. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to order.

Standard Refuse Service:
Service includes collection of household garbage. Additional refuse beyond the 95-gallon cart may be placed in containers not exceeding 33 gallons. Residents may place one or two bulk items out per week (non-appliance and non-electronic) for collection at no additional charge. Refuse is required to be out by 6:30 a.m.

Carts:
Residents are required to use their 95-gallon cart for refuse and 65-gallon cart for recycling. The two carts need to be placed 4 feet apart with the handles facing the house on collection day. Lost, damaged or stolen refuse/recycle carts will be replaced by Groot by calling 800-244-1977. Landscape carts are the responsibility of the resident.

Landscape Waste:
The current unlimited landscape waste program remains unchanged. NO plastic bags may be used for landscape collection. Residents may place biodegradable landscape bags or bundles at the curb, or in the alley if applicable, and will continue to have the option to purchase a 95 gallon landscape cart from Groot for $60.00.
• Landscape materials will be collected the first Monday in April through the third Friday in December each year.
• Landscape materials are collected on your regular collection day.
• Any landscape materials beyond the cart must be placed at the curb, or in the alley, in biodegradable paper bags which have been folded at the top. Groot will service the previous haulers yard waste cart.
• Landscape which is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush, must be securely tied, (with biodegradable twine) bundled not to exceed 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet in diameter per bundle.
Appliances:
White goods such as: refrigerators, freezers, ovens, washers, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, stoves, furnaces, etc. require a special pick-up and separate disposal by the State of Illinois. Appliances will be picked up for $35.00 per item. Residents must call Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a pick-up in advance and to make payment.

Construction Demolition Debris:
All material must be cut to no more than 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet in diameter per bundle. For the safety of the collector, all debris must be bagged or bundled and free of nails and sharp objects not exceeding 45 pounds. Carpet and padding must be cut up in four foot lengths, not exceeding 45 pounds per roll, or 40 square yards in total. Groot will take up to 1 cubic yard per week of construction debris for no additional fee. Each additional cubic yard beyond the 1 cubic yard will be $13.00 per yard. Residents must call Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a pick-up in advance and to make payment.

Bulk & Oversized Item Disposal:
Service includes collection of one to two bulk items per week (not appliances/oversized/overweight items) at no additional cost. Bulk items include, but are not limited to, boxes, barrels, crates, furniture, and similar items that do not fit into a proper container and can be safely collected/ lifted by one driver without assistance. Exceptions include items which are banned from direct disposal into a landfill (appliances, tires, car batteries, electronic waste). Oversized and overweight items are any single large or extra heavy item that requires Groot to schedule a special pick-up. An example of an oversized item is a piano, hot tub or any item that requires two or more people to lift. There is a minimum fee of $50.00 per oversized item. Residents must call Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a pick-up in advance and to make payment.

Holidays Observed:
New Year’s Day Labor Day Memorial Day Thanksgiving Day 4th of July Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on a weekday, on or before your scheduled collection, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the holiday week. If the holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on Monday and service will be delayed one day the entire week.

Single-Sort Recycling Program—Please, NO Plastic Bags

Unlimited recyclable materials are collected on your current day of service. Materials do not need to be separated.

PREPARATION OF MATERIALS:

- DO NOT PLACE PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER.
- Non-paper materials and paper materials may be commingled (mixed together) in the recycling carts.
- Flatten all corrugated cardboard boxes and paperboard/chipboard in 2' x 2' sections, and remove any non-paper packing material.
- Materials that exceed cart capacity may be placed in paper bags and placed beside the cart.
- Contact Groot to replace a damaged or lost cart.

Please place only approved items in the recycling cart: The collector is trained to check the contents of the cart. If there are foreign materials present, the cart will be left with a violation notice.

E-Waste Collection:
Most electronic items are prohibited from being disposed of in Illinois landfills. Groot will collect, at the curb, up to six electronic items for $45.00. Please note that due to the high cost of processing and recycling televisions, an additional fee of $15.00 per TV will apply. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a collection for electronic waste. Electronic waste materials are defined by Illinois Law as follows:

- Computers & Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Converter Boxes
- VCR’s
- Cable Receivers
- Printers
- Electronic Keyboards
- DVD Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Scanners
- Small Scale Servers
- DVR Recorders
- Electronic Mice
- Televisions
- Satellite Receivers
- Digital Music Player