

### **Neighborhood Spring Cleanup**

Our neighborhoods have suddenly started to turn green these past few weeks. The early exit of a mild winter has been well received with a most enjoyable spring, so far. I keep telling people we deserved those 80 degree March days. Good weather gets people outside. Cleanup and cleanout is part of spring renewal. In addition to our curbside waste program (trash, recyclables, and yard waste), the City of Warsaw has several programs to assist our resident homeowners with trash and yard debris cleanup. I would like to announce that these programs will start Friday. In the past, they have run from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Dial-a-Dumpster is a program the City of Warsaw offers to our homeowners. It's simple. Call the Department of Public Works at 372-9561. Ask to have a 2-cubic-yard dumpster delivered to your home. Usually the dumpster is dropped off on Friday to accommodate a "weekend cleanup" and picked up the following Monday. You may also request other weekdays, as well. There is no charge for the dumpster. The purpose of this program is to encourage the removal of trash that has accumulated over time either inside or outside of your home. As homeowners take pride in their properties, neighborhoods improve.

Remember, the program is for owner-occupied dwellings only. Also, as with our regular trash and recycle pickups, we cannot accept appliances containing Freon, tires, televisions, electronics, household hazardous chemicals and paint because our landfill prohibits dumping these items. The dumpster is also prohibited from being used by a contractor or for construction debris and materials.

If you have a yard project you are going to do yourself and need to get rid of some bushes or brush, Warsaw also has a Dial-a-Truck program that operates similar to the dumpster program. A smaller 1-ton or larger 8-ton dump truck will be delivered to your homeowner-occupied residence at no charge. Brush, limbs, yard debris, and other materials that can be composted are appropriate for Dial-a-Truck. Again, this program is for do-it-yourselfers and not for a contracted job.

When cleaning out old materials from garages and basements, please be aware that many of those items need to be disposed of at the KC Recycling Depot at 220 South Union Street. Go to [www.kcrecycling.com](http://www.kcrecycling.com) to learn what they will accept. Most materials can be dropped off at no charge, but there is a small fee for some recyclables. They accept old computers and other electronics, household hazardous chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, old paints, etc. I would also ask you to call the Department of Public Works if you observe anyone dumping these materials onto the roadside or into storm sewers. The results could be catastrophic.

Old appliances can also go to the local salvage yard, but the Freon must first be removed from refrigerators and air conditioners before they can accept them. You might even make a few bucks from the scrap value.

Also, a shared hand to a neighbor in need could also lighten the load and have a ripple effect for years to come. Keeping our community clean takes

initiative and effort, but hopefully the services and resources available will make it a bit easier.