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Trash Collection

As we now have a few months of service under our belts with the new provider, Reese's Sanitation, it is perhaps worth going over a few things we have learned.

The back-yard pickup seems to be working out well. One thing Reese's has asked is that you place your trash consistently in one place, and if you want to **change** to back-yard pickup you notify Reese's in advance and make arrangements. **Reese's will not look both places and if there is no trash at the regular spot, they assume there is none at all.**

When Reese's took the contract they told us that initially they would be short on trucks, already had another established Monday route, and that there would be a learning curve. These factors caused some late pick-ups initially. Over the past few months our route has settled in to a bright and early ~5:00 a.m. start, as they promised, catching some people by surprise. The rule was always "put your trash out Sunday night", but many of us knew we had a window into the morning hours Monday. No more; Reese's is finishing up even earlier as the seasonal folks are leaving. **Please put your trash out Sunday night.**

A service Reese's is providing, at least for now, is that if you miss a Monday pick-up you can call them for a special Wednesday pick-up. This is not part of our contract and is between you and Reese's Sanitation. They do this because they currently have trucks going by here on Wednesday from another route. This is, of course, subject to change.

There have been reports of owners or visitors putting their trash in one of the commercial dumpsters rather than paying for service. **Please don't do that.**

Other reminders from Ordinance 62 are:

- Maximum of six, 33-gallon max, water-tight trash containers, with tight-fitting lids; bags are not acceptable for garbage
- There are restrictions on materials. No bedding or clothing. Nothing flammable or explosive.
- Monthly pick-up for large items, furniture, appliances, etc. can be arranged with Reese's.

Forward suggestions for improvements to Trash@indianlakepa.us.

Thank you,

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