



SMALL CHANGES **BIG IMPACT**

September 2024



- Spotted lanternflies have been reported in Rocky River and a few surrounding communities. For more information on the insect, check out the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

- Continue to refrain from any work to Oak trees as we are in the peak of Oak Wilt season. Review trees now with an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist for work to be scheduled in early winter.
- Complete mulching around trees if it was not done in the spring. This will help with moisture retention and weed control. Do not volcano mulch.
- Monitor and inspect for insect and pest issues. If you notice increased insect/pest activity, contact an ISA Certified Arborist to review the tree(s).
- As the heat of summer unfolds, monitor trees for heat related stress such as leaf change and leaf drop. Provide supplemental watering especially to trees less than five years old in periods where there is less than 1" of rain fall in a 7-day period. As a rule of thumb, use approximately 5 gallons of water for each 1" of tree diameter, with a focus on slow delivery so that deep watering can be achieved.



- Proper Branch Set Out for Collection by Public Works: All cut ends need to face the curb with no items other than branches in the pile.
- Storm Water Basin Inspections: Basins, if present in an HOA jurisdiction, should be inspected by the HOA on a yearly basis by a qualified professional.
- Rust Belt Riders: Pay-for food scrap composting service located behind the Public Works Department (750 Avon Belden Road).
- Free Leaf Humus and Wood Chips: Residents must bring their own container and shovel. No motorized loading equipment is allowed. Piles are located behind the Public Works Department (750 Avon Belden Road).

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 - Big Trucks and Community Services Open House

"Environmentally Speaking" Series at Avon Lake Public Library

September 24 - Rain Gardens

October 1 - Transportation Safety in Lorain County

November 12 - Electric Vehicles

Videos of previous programs and events can be found at
www.AvonLake.org/Videos

EAAB Meetings

1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Avon Lake Public Library

Tree Commission Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Old Firehouse Community Center

"Avon Lake Matters" Podcast

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