

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE**PROGRAM UPDATE**

The village was again successful in receiving a recycling grant for 2011. The total amount of the grant was \$8,004.37. This was less than the \$12,388.42 received last year. This was due to the state changing the amount available for the recycling grants due to the budget mess in Madison. This grant helps offset the costs of our recycling program to ensure that we use the least amount of tax dollars as possible to support the program. As of right now, it appears that the proposed budget for the next two years will keep funding available for recycling but at the reduced level that our grant was based upon. We will need to keep an eye on the situation in Madison because it could have a major effect on our recycling program and the services offered.

COMPOST SITE

When using the compost site this summer, please remember to read the signs and dump the compost material and/or brush on the proper piles. This is very important because it saves in labor costs and does not interfere with the composting process. Also, please remember to remove any boxes, bags, etc that you use to transport your yard waste. There continue to be instances where this type of material is left behind. If you see anyone doing anything that is not up to regulations, please get a license plate number and notify the clerk's office. This way, we can regulate these issues better to help alleviate them from happening in the future. This only adds to the village's costs of running this program and with budgets the way that they are, it could force the village to do away with the compost site completely. Please remember to keep this in mind when you bring your yard waste to the compost site. You do get good composted dirt that is used by many of the residents for their gardens and flowerbeds. Also, it is real important that if you bring brush to the compost site, please remember that we cannot accept the root balls from the bushes, etc. These cannot be run through the chipper due to the dirt and stones that are in there. If this does happen, it could damage the chipper or worse yet, injure one of the employees. Please keep this in mind. The root balls can be cut off and disposed of in your regular garbage.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

This is to remind you of the regulations that we have regarding littering and blowing grass clippings into the road. If this happens, you could be charged \$15 plus the costs of cleaning up the debris. Please use caution in blowing the grass into the streets. It takes very little effort on your part to keep the grass clippings out of the road.

BRUSH PICK UP

Please remember that the village will do brush pick up at your residence for large amounts of brush. If you only have a couple of branches and are able to transport them to the compost site, we ask that you do. This helps curtail costs of driving around the village picking up small amounts of brush. **IN ORDER TO HAVE THE BRUSH PICKED UP ON YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MUST CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST. IF YOU DO NOT CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO GET ON THE BRUSH PICK UP LIST, WE WILL NOT PICK UP THE BRUSH AT YOUR PROPERTY.** The maximum diameter of brush that the village will accept at the compost site or on site at your property is 4". If you are removing a large tree, please call prior to cutting down the tree. This way, if we can coordinate it, we could actually be on site and chip the brush as the tree is being cut down.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village has launched a new website. You can find a lot of the information regarding meetings, reports, minutes, etc. on the website. The website address is www.villageofhilbert.com. We will continually be adding more information in the future.

The Recycling Committee