

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

It has been pretty quiet on the recycling front the last few months. Most of us are settled into the routine of single stream recycling and we feel that the transition has gone fairly smooth. There have been some minor incidents but for the most part it has been pretty stress free. There was one law change recently which will be good news for the village. They have decided at the state level that they are reinstating the funding previous funding level for recycling grants. This will be helpful to the village because they will be able to secure a larger grant which will help to alleviate the amount of the tax levy that must be used to offset the costs of our recycling program. The village received word that we were awarded a 2016 recycling grant. This grant amount was \$7,905.47. 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. Without this grant, many of the services that we offer with our recycling program would have to be cut. We are continually striving for program efficiency so that we utilize the grant dollars as much as possible and get the most bang for our buck.

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. The sign can be very difficult to see when you first go into the site but it is by the correct pile. Please don't just dump your material on the piles that are the closest because it may be easier. If you don't see the sign by the pile, please don't dump your material there. Only dump the material on the pile that is marked by the sign. Remember that when you bring compost material or brush to the compost site, **REMOVE ANY BAGS, BOXES, ETC!!!** Although most people are very conscientious to remove these items, we still get several instances where this is occurring. 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. We do get good composted dirt that is used by many of the residents for their gardens and flowerbeds. It is real important that if you bring brush to the compost site to remember that we cannot accept the root balls from the bushes or stumps from trees. 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 or stumps can be cut off and disposed of in your regular garbage.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Since we are in the heart of summer, it's time again to remind everyone of the village's regulations 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 and it also helps keep our storm drains clear of this material.

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 very 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 phone number for the clerk's office is 853-3241. 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.