

## RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

### PROGRAM UPDATE

Enclosed with this newsletter, please find a report compiled which shows the recycling and garbage trends from 2006 – 2013. This report shows that overall the total tonnage of garbage has increased by 8.52 tons whereas the total tonnage of recyclables has decreased by 1.64 tons. This trend shows some potentially alarming statistics that the village will need to address. Even though our population has remained fairly constant, the amount of garbage generated has increased while the amount of recycling has decreased. This is even with the ban on electronics in the landfills. You can do your part by making a conscientious effort to recycle. By doing this, it will reverse the trends that we are now seeing.

### YARD WASTE

Please remember that at the compost site, only yard waste and brush can be disposed of there on their proper piles. This area is not a dumping ground for other materials such as concrete, brick, garbage, etc. If you have concrete material that needs to be disposed of, it can be done at the plant by appointment. We recycle the concrete there and use the recycled material as base in our projects. Please contact the clerk's office to make arrangements. Also please remember to keep all grass clippings out of the roads as the weather starts to warm up and we begin to think about cutting our lawns again. It is against current ordinance and if we have to clean it up out of the gutters, you would be billed accordingly.

### SPRING CLEAN

The annual Spring Clean will again be held this year. We will be having the drop off site again in the gravel parking lot across the street from the fire station/community center. Items will not be picked up at the curbing. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. No material will be picked up if it is left out on the curb area. Although there may be some inconvenience to residents, we have found that this is the most cost effective way to continue to provide this service to the residents. The recycling committee will again man the drop off site but if there are other residents willing to volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated. Following is the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items:

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

- \*Household items such as couches, chairs, tables, lamps, sinks and toilets.
- \*Carpeting, rugs, pads from carpeting. All carpeting/pad material should be cut down to 4' lengths and tied for ease of handling.
- \*Bedsprings, mattresses, bed frames, swing sets and wash line poles (with concrete removed from the poles) and bicycles.
- \*Freon free appliances (i.e. washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, water softeners and dishwashers.
- \*Any NON-HAZARDOUS household refuse that is bagged or bundled.
- \*Scrap Metals. Enclosed is a listing of accepted and non-accepted scrap metals.

#### NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

- \*No refrigerators, freezers or dehumidifiers under any circumstances, even if the freon has been removed.
- \*No microwaves.
- \*No E-Waste, such as computers, monitors, any computer accessories, televisions, VCR/DVD/DVR players, telephones, fax machines or any electronic item.
- \*No residential recycling items.
- \*No gasoline-powered engines.
- \*No construction and remodeling debris (such as plaster, shingles, siding). These items require a dumpster.
- \*No yard waste
- \*No fluorescent light bulbs and household hazardous materials (chemicals, paints, spray cans, etc.)
- \*No tires or batteries.

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

The Village of Hilbert is beginning to look at the situation with house numbers. Even though there are several residents who have adequate house numbers on their property, there are several that do not. We have begun to look at our current ordinance and will be getting in contact with residents that do not have proper house numbers displayed. We are looking at this from a safety standpoint where there have been some instances when emergency personnel have had difficulty finding a residence due to the lack of a house number. Currently, we are looking at amending the current ordinance which will be set more to the current standards such as allowing house numbers to be placed on yard signs and concrete pillars in lieu of placing them on the building. They have discussed not allowing the house numbers to be placed on only mailboxes because of some situations where the mailboxes are not on the property because they are grouped together. You can take steps now if you do not have a house number and place one on your property. The house number should be at least 3" in height and shall be placed close to the entrance of your street address side of your building. Please review your current house number and to see if it complies with this. If not, we are asking that you be proactive and place a house number that would comply with these regulations. By doing this, it will allow the emergency personnel a more efficient way to find your property if needed during an emergency situation.

## **RADIO READ METERING SYSTEM FOR WATER & SEWER BILLS**

The Village has begun the process of moving to a radio read system for water and sewer bills. This system will take automatic readings of your water usage and will provide the village with valuable information that can be used to catch water leaks faster. It will also allow us to move to a more real-time billing system with monthly readings and monthly bills. The meters have been purchased and we will be looking at installing them over the next several months. To this end, we are looking for phone number contact information for anyone that only has a cell phone that is used. For any residents that have a land line and your phone number is listed in the phone book will need to do nothing further. We will contact you directly to set up a time to install these new meters. For residents that only have a cell phone or have a land line that is not listed, we are asking that you contact the clerk's office at 853-3241 with your contact phone number. This will help save us some time trying to coordinate the installation of these meters. Your cooperation with this project is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the installation of these new meters and the system as a whole, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk's office.

The Recycling Committee

VILLAGE OF HILBERT  
 RECYCLING & GARBAGE SUMMARY REPORT  
 2006 - 2013

YEAR	RECYCLING		GARBAGE		YEARLY TOTALS	DIFFERENCE RECYCLING	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	DIFFERENCE GARBAGE	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	OVERALL DIFFERENCE	OVERALL % INCREASE/(DECREASE)
	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS							
2006	92.96	327.48	420.44	3.34	3.59%	-33.50	-10.23%	-30.16	-7.17%		
2007	96.30	293.98	390.28	-10.76	-11.17%	22.12	7.52%	11.36	2.91%		
2008	85.54	316.10	401.64	-3.62	-4.23%	4.22	1.34%	0.60	0.15%		
2009	81.92	320.32	402.24	-2.67	-3.26%	-5.32	-1.66%	-7.99	-1.99%		
2010	79.25	315.00	394.25	2.18	2.75%	22.67	7.20%	24.85	6.30%		
2011	81.43	337.67	419.10	-1.13	-1.39%	9.97	2.95%	8.84	2.11%		
2012	80.30	347.64	427.94	11.02	13.72%	-11.64	-3.35%	-0.62	-0.14%		
2013	91.32	336.00	427.32	-1.64	-1.76%	8.52	2.60%	6.88	1.64%		
Grand Totals	689.02	2594.19	3283.21	-0.21	-0.22%	1.07	0.33%	0.86	0.21%		
Average	86.13	324.27	410.40								