

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

As the weather finally heats up for the summer, it has been fairly quiet on the recycling front. Wish we could say that on the other fronts. The Village offices are currently open for business again. We are practicing social distancing and allowing one resident in the office at a time. The village did again receive a recycling grant for 2020. Total amount of the grant was \$8,315.82 which is about the same as in previous years. These funds are used to help offset the costs of our recycling program.

COMPOST SITE

When using the compost site, please remember to read the signs and dump the compost material and/or brush on the proper piles. The composting of material does happen over a period of time. The site utilizes multiple piles depending on the stage of the process that is currently taking place. When improper material is dumped or the proper material is dumped on the wrong piles, it can affect the composting process and does add to the labor costs to remove the improper material. The sign can be very difficult to see when you first go into the site but it is by the correct pile. If you don't see the sign by the pile, do not dump the material on this pile. 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

With us currently in the middle of the grass cutting season, it's a good time 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. We ask that if grass is blown into the road that you please remove it from the road. It takes very little effort on your part to ensure that these regulations are being followed. It definitely helps with the drainage to keep the clippings out of the road especially with all of the rain that we have had recently.

BRUSH PICK UP

Please remember that the village will do brush pick up at your residence for larger amounts of brush from trimming trees. 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". There was a change in the policy recently with chipping brush. When we come on site to chip from a tree trimming, the first ½ hour is free. Any time spent beyond that point will be charged at a rate of \$150/hr. For a full tree removal, the rate is \$150/hr. from start to finish.

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF

When COVID-19 hit this past March, it had an effect on our annual large item disposal event. The event that was cancelled for May has now been rescheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. There is one major change to the event. In the past, volunteers were on hand to help unload your items. This year that will not be the case. The recycling committee will be on hand to direct traffic but any items you bring to the drop off site will need to be unloaded by you. We will not handle any material. There will also be changes on how you will enter and how you will exit to help with the flow of traffic. Please make arrangements to have enough people with you to unload any of the items you may bring. We apologize for this inconvenience but it is the best way to keep all people involved as safe as possible. Please see the attached flyer which provides specific details of this event.

VILLAGE OF HILBERT RESIDENTS

Large Item Drop-Off Event

Saturday, August 22 8 AM – 11 AM

At the gravel area on 5th St. across from the Community Center!

The Village of Hilbert will be providing a heavy refuse drop off day to all Village residents on **Saturday, August 22nd** only. Village residents can drop off items listed on the acceptable list from 8 a.m. – 11a.m. *If non-acceptable items are brought to the site, you will be required to take them back with you.*

There will be some changes at the event this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All residents are to follow the signs on how to enter/exit the site. Volunteers will be available to advise you on where to put the items but they WILL NOT unload or touch any of the items. This is the responsibility of the resident – so, if you need help with this process please bring extra help with you. Thank you for your cooperation!



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Couches, chairs, tables, desks, sinks, toilets, or any other household furniture.
- Carpeting, pads from carpeting, and rugs. **MUST** be cut into 4' sections and tied securely.
- Bedsprings, mattresses, bed frames, swing sets, clothesline poles (with concrete removed from the poles), bicycles and parts.
- Non-hazardous household refuse that is properly bagged or bundled. All loose material must be bagged or bundled. **No loose material will be accepted.**
- Scrap Metals
- Freon Free Appliances (Washers/dryers, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers, etc)

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Computers & Electronics (telephones, laptops, CPU's, fax machines, printers, photocopiers, VCR's, DVD players, Blue Ray players, televisions, radios)
- Microwaves
- Appliances Containing Freon (even if removed)
- Fuel Powered Engines
- Large amounts of construction & remodeling debris (plaster, shingles, siding). These items require that you schedule to have a dumpster at your own expense.
- Yard Waste
- Liquids (such as leftover spray cans, chemicals, paints, varnishes, etc.)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries
- Tires
- Residential recycling items

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