

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE**PROGRAM UPDATE**

The village received word that we were awarded a 2015 recycling grant. This grant amount was \$8,324.68. 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. Also, I attended a recent Eastshore Recycling meeting in Chilton. Currently, Outagamie County processes our recyclables. They wanted to remind us that with the recycling of plastics, they will not accept any plastic bags or any Styrofoam. Also, please remember that any cardboard that is contaminated with food products is not recyclable. Lastly, they informed us that there is a big push on their end to move towards single stream recycling. Currently, we have dual stream recycling. There may be other substantial changes coming about in the future. We will do our best to communicate any changes that come about in the future. Unfortunately, the garbage and recycling industry is ever changing!

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. 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, 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

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.