

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

We want to take this time to thank everyone for their patience this year with the large item pickup that was held on August 22nd. We felt that the event went fairly well considering the changes that had to be made. Even though we had to wait until August to do it this year, the village was happy to be able to provide this option for residents to dispose of their large items.

As fall approaches again, we are in the process of applying for a recycling grant for 2021. We have been successful for several years now and usually receive approximately \$8,300 per year to help offset the costs of recycling. Please remember that when you are recycling, the plastic bags are not recyclable. They get caught up in the rollers while the recyclables are being processed which causes the machines to be shut down and employees must climb into these rollers to cut out the bags that become wrapped around the rollers. This poses a huge safety issue to the employees and also slows down the processing of the recyclables. Even though the bags may say they are recyclable, they are not. Calumet County is again looking at holding hazardous collections and electronics recycling events in 2021. Please watch future newsletters and our website for details on these events as they get closer.

For any garbage and recycling container changes or for damaged containers, please remember that you need to contact the clerk's office. Advanced Disposal will not take calls for changes directly from the residents. You can reach the office by calling 920-853-3241 or email me at hilbertclerk@villageofhilbert.com. Once we receive the information, we will contact Advanced Disposal to make the changes. They do not give us a timetable for when they will do the changes. The container(s) being replaced will need to be visible from the road and free from any obstructions or they may leave the old container(s) behind and we will have to bill you for a second container.

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. We still continue to have periodic issues at the compost site with people outside the village taking material or bringing material to the site. If you see this going on, please get a license plate for the vehicle and turn it into the clerk's office. We want to curb this type of activity to help save costs to the village. There is also compost material that has been sifted. This material works great in your gardens and flower beds. We also have wood chips at the compost site. This material is available free of charge to any village resident only for use only in the village. We ask that residents don't take the material and use it outside the village. Any non-resident that desires any of this material is required to pay a nominal fee of \$5 per yard. This charge helps cover some of the costs of processing this material. If you know of someone interested in the material and they are not a village resident, please have them contact the clerk's office.

LEAF PICK UP

The village will again do leaf pick up this fall. If you have small amounts and can haul them to the compost site, we ask that you please do this. This will help save on labor costs to the village. The leaves have to be placed in the terrace area behind the curb. Please use extra care in keeping the leaves out of the street area. This will help prevent any drainage issues if there is any rain. Because we use the same trailer for both chipping brush and picking up leaves, once we begin to pick up the leaves, we will not be able to chip the brush. The village interchanges the two pieces of equipment on the trailer and utilize the collection hopper for both chipping and picking up leaves. Because of

this, we try to hold off on collecting leaves until a substantial amount has fallen. While we understand that Mother Nature dictates when the leaves fall off the trees, we ask that you do not wait too long and get the leaves out to the terrace area in a timely manner once they have fallen. Once the village decides to put the chipper equipment back on the trailer, we will stop collecting leaves.

BRUSH PICK UP

Please remember that the village still continues to 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. If possible, we are asking residents to help out the village and take the brush to the compost site if they have some. As noted above, once we start picking up leaves, we cannot chip brush because we use the same trailer for leaf pickup as we do for chipping brush. We will again pick up brush once we are finished picking up the leaves. By utilizing the same trailer for both functions, it helps save the village monies because we can eliminate duplication of equipment. We want to thank you for your patience and cooperation as we go through this fall season.

FOLLOW US ONLINE!

Don't forget to follow us both on our website at www.villageofhilbert.com but also on Facebook. The website was updated not that long ago and have valuable information and our Facebook page posts valuable information in real time so that our residents are getting the most up to date accurate information possible. If you have any questions or suggestions for our website or Facebook page, please do not hesitate to contact us!

CALUMET COUNTY DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

Calumet County is hosting one last Household Hazardous drop off event for 2020. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Harrison Public Works Garage located at W5298 Hwy 114 Menasha, WI 54952. Registration is required to take part in this event. You can register online at www.calumetrecycles.com or call 920-849-1442.

The Recycling Committee