

**RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE****PROGRAM UPDATE**

The village was again successful in receiving a recycling grant for 2012. The total amount of the grant was \$8,317.76. 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. Also, please remember to remove any boxes, bags, etc that you use to transport your yard waste. There continue to be instances where this type of material is left behind. 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. Please remember to keep this in mind when you bring your yard waste to the compost site. You do get good composted dirt that is used by many of the residents for their gardens and flowerbeds. Currently there is compost that has been sifted and is available for village residents at no cost. Also, it is real important that if you bring brush to the compost site, please 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**

Even though it has been very dry lately, it's not too late 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.

**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 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. This way, if we can coordinate it, we could actually be on site and chip the brush as the tree is being cut down.

**VILLAGE WEBSITE**

This is a reminder that the village does have a website that contains very valuable information such as meeting notices, minutes, community events, etc. The website address is [www.villageofhilbert.com](http://www.villageofhilbert.com). We will continually be adding more information in the future. Please don't forget to add us to your favorites and keep yourself informed on village operations!

The Recycling Committee