

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

Hopefully that we now have a few months under our belt, the new single stream recycling program is running smoother for everyone. Although there have been some minor issues with the program, the village feels that it is going fairly well. As with any new program, we have received both positive and negative feedback regarding the program. Most of the negative feedback has centered around the container not being large enough and the desire to move to twice a month pick up. First, we want to thank the residents for doing a wonderful job with recycling. We understand that there can be issues at times with fitting everything into one container with the once a month pick up, but there would be a larger added cost to move to twice a month pick up. The extra costs would not be the volume generated but the cost of picking it up the extra time each month. One more cost effective alternative is that you can get a second container at a cost of \$18 per year. We understand that having another container taking up space may not be the most ideal but it is another alternative at this time. If there are issues with the once a month pick up, residents need to contact the village board members to voice their issues and their desires to increase the pick-up frequency. If the board members receive enough demand for increasing the frequency of the pick-ups, they may decide to address it. Also, there have been periodic questions on what is recyclable and how it needs to be prepared. The county extension office has come out with a new flyer on the recycling requirements and we have included this nice color copy for you to reference. Please keep this handout close by for reference and as always if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk's office.

CLEAN SWEEP & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Calumet County, through the UW Extension Office, is again conducting Annual Clean Sweep Events throughout the year at several different locations in the county. Registration is required for the hazardous waste disposal events. Also there will be electronics recycling at two different times this year. There will be a fee for each television and computer monitor dropped off. There is no appointments necessary for the electronics recycling events. Please refer to the enclosed handout along with links to websites for more information.

YARD WASTE

Please remember that we still have our compost site available for residents to drop off their brush and yard waste. This program is for residents of the village only and is not open to anyone outside of the village even if they have a Hilbert mailing address. There have been some issues in the past regarding this and we are asking that residents keep an eye open and if they see someone that is not a village resident bringing in yard waste of brush, please grab a license plate number along with the date and we will contact them to educate them about this facility only being available for village residents. The one issue we had this past fall and want to again remind residents of this spring is that when you bring your material to the compost site, please remember to drop the material on the proper piles. There is a sign that indicates which pile you need to dump the material on. Even though it may be easier to dump the material on a different pile because it is closer, you are actually affecting the composting processes by doing this. The composting process takes a few years to be completed so if you are dumping things on the wrong piles, it does have an effect on this process. Please make sure you drive all the way in until you see the sign indicating the correct pile to dump the material on. 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 wastewater treatment 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. Lastly, we will chip brush up to 4" in diameter. If you have brush that needs to be chipped, you can either haul it to the compost site and place the brush on the brush pile. If it is a small amount of brush, we ask that you haul it to the compost site. We can also chip on site for larger quantities. You must contact the clerk's office at 853-3241 to request the chipping at your property. We usually chip once a week on Wednesdays. If you do not call to have the brush picked up and chipped, it will not be done.

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 7th from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. No material will be picked up if it is left out on the curb area. Although this may cause you some inconvenience, we have found that this is the most cost effective, efficient way to continue to provide this service to the residents. The recycling committee will again be on site to assist you. 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.

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.

The Recycling Committee

Household Curbside Recycling Guide

Loosely place all the accepted recyclables in your curbside collection bin.

Plastic

ACCEPT:

- All food, beverage & household bottles
- Jars and jugs
- Dairy containers & lids
- Deli, bakery & produce containers & lids

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Plastic bags, wrap or film
- Motor oil bottles
- Styrofoam

Empty & rinse all containers.

Remove & discard all screw caps.



Paper

ACCEPT:

- Newspapers & inserts
- Cardboard & paperboard (food boxes)
- Junk mail & catalogs
- Office & school paper
- Milk, juice & soup cartons
- Phonebooks, books & magazines

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Paper contaminated with food/grease
- Tissue paper & gift wrap

Place shredded paper in a paper bag and staple shut.

Flatten and cut boxes to 3 ft. x 3 ft. or smaller.



Metal

ACCEPT:

- Aluminum bottles & cans
- Steel, tin & bi-metal cans
- Empty aerosol cans

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Aluminum pans or foil
- Empty paint cans
- Large/bulky scrap metal

Rinse empty food cans.

No need to remove labels.



Glass

ACCEPT:

- Food/beverage bottles & jars

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Window glass
- Ceramics, china
- Drinking glasses

Empty/rinse all bottles & jars.

Metal jar caps & lids are also recyclable.



Community Recycling in **Calumet County**

For more recycling information, visit www.calumet.uwex.edu

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2016 Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal

Advanced Disposal Landfill, Calumet County, and local governments have coordinated to offer local drop off options for the safe disposal of hazardous wastes and used electronics.

Hazardous Waste Disposal: Dates and times for hazardous waste drop off programs being held throughout Calumet County are:

- May 6 – City of Chilton Public Works facility, 9-11am
- June 3 – City of New Holstein Public Works facility, 9-11am
- August 12 – Harrison Municipal Complex/Public Works facility, 9-11am
- September 9 – Town of Brillion town garage, 9-11am
- October 14 – Harrison Municipal Complex/Public Works facility, 9-11am

Appointments are required to participate. For more information or to make an appointment go to <http://calumet.uwex.edu> anytime, and use the simple online registration form. Alternatively, participants without internet access can contact Mary Kohrell at 920-849-1450, Ext. 3 during business hours of 8am to 4:30pm. Hazardous wastes are products whose labels include the words caution, poison, combustible, danger, warning, flammable, or corrosive. Hazardous wastes that can be brought to the disposal program include, but are not limited to, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, rodent baits, lead and oil based paints, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, bug sprays, old gasoline, transmission fluid and antifreeze. Latex paint IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Electronics: Waste electronics such as televisions, computers, VCR's and household appliances will be collected at a separate program. No appointments are required for these events, and participants are likely to experience a wait in line. Two events are scheduled:

- May 25 – City of Chilton Public Works facility, 2-6pm
- June 8 - Harrison Municipal Complex/Public Works facility, 2-6pm

There is a fee for any television or computer monitor; other items can be dropped off for free. For more information go to <http://calumet.uwex.edu>.