

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

After our whirlwind year last year when there was a cut in funding for the recycling grant and our transition to a single stream recycling program, you may be wondering what could be going on in the recycling world this year that could top last year's activities. Actually quite surprisingly, it has been real quiet on the recycling front. There have been no major changes announced and the legislature did increase the funding back to the original level for next year. This is great news for us because we will now be able to receive a larger recycling grant.

As we approach the upcoming 1 year anniversary of switching over to single stream recycling, we hope that everyone has been able to settle into some normalcy as far as recycling goes. We are aware that there are still some issues regarding the recycling program and some of the difficulties in trying to fit all of the recyclables into the recycling container when there is once a month pick up. We have had several residents that have adapted to this change by obtaining an additional recycling container. Although it may not be feasible for everyone to have an additional container and storing that container, we still feel that it is the most efficient, cost effective way to go.

Right now, we have 3 different garbage container sizes available. They are a 45 gallon, 60 gallon or 90 gallon container. Advanced Disposal is in charge of maintaining these containers. If there is a need for a replacement container, an additional one or if you wish to change the size, you can contact Advanced Disposal directly to provide them with the information. Also, if there is a change in the number of recycling containers that you need, you can also contact Advanced Disposal directly. They can be reached at 1-888-688-4005.

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. When this happens, it only costs you, the taxpayer. We have also been sifting compost material at the site and this is available free of charge to any village resident. It is also available for non residents but they would have to pay a fee of \$5.00 per yard. If you know of someone interested in the material and they are not a village resident, please have them contact the clerk's office. Please remember that the free compost is for VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY! Please do not take the compost material and give it to a non resident. Remember that this program does cost money and you are the ones paying the property taxes to offset that cost.

LEAF PICK UP

As in previous years, the village will go around the village to pick up the leaves at curbside this year. Please place the leaves in the terrace area between the curb and sidewalk. Do not place them in the roadway. This could hinder storm water drainage. Please do not wait too late in the fall season to rake the leaves out to the curb. We will pick them up as long as we can but when the weather goes south along with the birds your leaves may not be able to be picked up at all. Please keep this in mind as we go through this season.

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.

The Recycling Committee