

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

The village will again pick up Christmas trees. Please remember that the trees must be out on the curb. If the trees are not placed by the curbing, they will not be picked up. Please also remember that all decorations, wires, bows, lights, etc. must be removed from the trees. If they are not removed, the trees will not be picked up. The deadline for picking up the trees will be Monday, January 14, 2013. No trees will be picked up after this time. The village employees will make every effort to pick up the trees in a timely manner. Please remember that we are at the mercy of mother nature and sometimes we will not be able to pick up the trees right away. We will no longer pick up Christmas Wreaths. Because of the amount of wires on them, we cannot chip them. Please dispose of them with your regular garbage. Any wreaths placed out on the curbing will not be picked up.

Although with the winter months now upon us, you may be thinking to yourself that recycling may not be as important because we are not cutting our lawns, trimming trees, do not have gardens, etc. This cannot be further from the truth. Recycling is important all times of the year. We need to continue to exercise due diligence and keep recycling. With the holidays upon us, we tend to accumulate more items that can be recycled but we may think it is just as easy to place these items into the garbage. Please remember to recycle all cardboard, gift boxes, paper, etc. Please remember that the hauler will not accept wrapping paper. This is due to the types of coating that some of the wrapping paper has. Besides this, all other items should be recyclable and we should continue to exercise smart recycling.

Also with the holidays, many people get new electronics as gifts. Please remember that disposing of electronics is not allowed in the regular garbage. These items must be recycled. There are many vendors out there that will recycle the electronics. The closest one is Best Buy in Darboy. It is a very easy process and keeps these items out of the landfills. I have attached a brochure that provides valuable information regarding the recycling of electronics.

So far with recycling, we have been meeting the DNR requirements to have an effective recycling program. For the people that have been contributing to us meeting this requirement, we want to take this time to thank you for a job well done. It is with your dedication to the recycling program that allows it to be a success. With that being said, there is still a lot of room for improvement. We are aware that there are people who are not recycling. There have been many excuses given such as I don't have time, I don't have the room to store them, what's the use, it costs more to recycle than to throw it in the garbage, etc. There is definitely a cost to recycle. Unfortunately there is also a cost for not recycling. We may not see the effect during our lifetime but our kids, grandkids or great grandkids will see it. There is only so much land to put landfills in. As the amount of suitable land diminishes, the costs of disposing the garbage will undoubtedly go up. Recycling does not take a large amount of time to complete. It is really quite simple and anyone with just a very small amount of time can recycle. There are others that say they have no place to store the recyclables. For those residents the recycling center in Chilton will take overflow recyclables. They are located at 1113 Park St. There is no extra charge for bringing your recyclables there. We have looked at twice a month pick up but it is not cost effective because not everyone in the village would require twice a month pick up.

The following table provides you with the pick up dates for 2013 for garbage and recycling:

GARBAGE PICK UP DATES		RECYCLING PICK UP DATES
<u>JANUARY 5, 2013</u>	<u>JULY 6, 2013</u>	<u>JANUARY 5, 2013</u>
January 11, 2013	July 12, 2013	February 1, 2013
January 18, 2013	July 19, 2013	March 1, 2013
January 25, 2013	July 26, 2013	April 5, 2013
February 1, 2013	August 2, 2013	May 3, 2013
February 8, 2013	August 9, 2013	June 7, 2013
February 15, 2013	August 16, 2013	<u>JULY 6, 2013</u>
February 22, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 2, 2013
March 1, 2013	August 30, 2013	<u>SEPTEMBER 7, 2013</u>
March 8, 2013	<u>SEPTEMBER 7, 2013</u>	October 4, 2013
March 15, 2013	September 13, 2013	November 1, 2013
March 22, 2013	September 20, 2013	December 6, 2013
March 29, 2013	September 27, 2013	
April 5, 2013	October 4, 2013	
April 12, 2013	October 11, 2013	
April 19, 2013	October 18, 2013	
April 26, 2013	October 25, 2013	
May 3, 2013	November 1, 2013	
May 10, 2013	November 8, 2013	
May 17, 2013	November 15, 2013	
May 24, 2013	NOVEMBER 22, 2013	
<u>JUNE 1, 2013</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 30, 2013</u>	
June 7, 2013	December 6, 2013	
June 14, 2013	December 13, 2013	
June 21, 2013	December 20, 2013	
June 28, 2013	<u>DECEMBER 28, 2013</u>	

Please note that the special pick up dates that will be on Saturdays due to the holiday are bolded, underlined and capitalized. Keep this table for reference throughout the year. Any further questions please contact the clerk's office.

The Recycling Committee

December 1, 2012

Dear Village Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to bring attention to the winter regulations regarding snow and ice removal, snow being placed into the streets and the overnight parking regulations. This letter shall serve notice to you as a resident of the village of the current regulations regarding these issues. This will be the only notice that will be provided. Should the village be made aware of violations of these regulations, steps will be taken to remove the violations and you will be billed accordingly. Below are the current regulations.

(E) SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Residents of the village shall be required to remove snow and ice on street sidewalks and driveway entrances within 24 hours after a snowfall, sleet or drifting. If the owner or occupant has not cleared the sidewalk or driveway entrance within this time, the Director of Public Works shall have the Village clerk contact the homeowner or occupant and notify them of this ordinance. If the owner or occupant does not take action to clear the sidewalk or driveway entrance within 24 hours, the Director of Public Works shall have the sidewalk and driveway entrance cleared at the owner's expense. If the owner or occupant of any residence is so notified once during a single snow season, no further notification shall be required upon the subsequent occurrence of a snowfall, sleet or drifting, and the Director of Public Works shall have the sidewalk and driveway entrance cleared within 24 hours.

The cost of clearing the sidewalk and driveway entrance shall be \$.60 per lineal foot.

(F) SNOW ON STREETS.

No person in clearing snow from their lots, sidewalks, driveways, filling stations, garages or other areas shall pile or distribute snow in the street alleyway or any portion of the street right of way, within the Village which in any way tends to narrow the traveled portion of the street, block the vision of motorists at intersections, prevent parking at the curb, or in any other way impede snow removal or create a traffic hazard. Persons having such an accumulation of snow shall remove the same at their own expense without depositing the same in the public streets or public right of way.

Any person violating Section 5.04(F) shall be required to forfeit \$15.00 plus the cost of removal.

7. OVERNIGHT PARKING. No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle or equipment upon any of the streets or alleyways of the Village of Hilbert between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m.; commencing November 15 and extending to April 15, except physicians on emergency calls.

If, during the above time frame, Village crews are called out to plow snow, any OVERNIGHT PARKING VIOLATIONS shall be deemed a SNOW EMERGENCY VIOLATION and the appropriate fine shall be levied.

We ask that you keep this information handy and adhere to the regulations. The goal of the village is to keep our sidewalks and roadways as safe as possible this upcoming winter season. If you should have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis DuPrey

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