

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

Things have been fairly quiet on the recycling front the last several months. We will be again applying for both the regular and efficiency recycling grant through the Dept. of Natural Resources. So far, we have been able to weather the loss in state aid by becoming more efficient and also offsetting more of the garbage costs by increasing the volume based garbage fees in 2012. We must continue to look for efficiencies within our program and this starts with you, the residents. By everyone doing their part and recycling properly, it saves the village in personnel costs from having to deal with issues such as enforcing recycling, dealing with prohibited material, etc. There are many misconceptions regarding recycling such as it really doesn't help, it's too much work, takes too much time, etc. This is really not true. We have diverted tons of waste going to the landfills over the years. Even a small community such as ours has a positive impact on the amount of waste heading to the landfill. These diverted wastes help prolong the lives of our landfills and helps preserve the environment. Recycling really does not take a huge effort on the part of the resident to place recyclable materials such as plastics, tin and glass into a container separate from your garbage. If you have a recycling container next to your garbage can, it really doesn't take any extra time to place that recyclable container into the recycling barrel instead of the garbage barrel. Many other people have stated that they do not have the room to recycle. We understand that this can be an issue for some people but Veolia does allow residents to take their recyclables to a drop off facility in Chilton at 1113 Park St. You may say, why should I take them to Chilton? Why can't we do twice a month pickup? With twice a month pickup, there would be additional charges. With the state budget already reducing our funding by \$4,000 annually and the prospects of future funding always up in the air, the village cannot afford to add additional expenses that would be incurred with twice a month pickup. If we would go to this type of system, we would definitely be looking at special charges being charge to residents for this service.

**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.

**LEAF PICK UP**

With the weird weather that we have had this spring and summer, the last thing that you may be thinking about is leaves falling from the trees. We all know that it is just a matter of time before it will begin to get cold and the leaves will again turn colors and begin to fall. The village will go around the village to pick up the leaves at curbside again this year. Place the leaves in the terrace area between the curb and sidewalk. Do not place them in the roadway. This could hinder drainage.

**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.