



Village of Glen Ellyn

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**THE VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN LAUNCHES
CURBSIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM TO RESIDENTS**

Glen Ellyn, IL - The Village of Glen Ellyn, together with Republic Services, the Village's contractual refuse/recycling hauler, are offering a curbside composting pilot program to residents beginning April 1, 2016. The program allows for Glen Ellyn residents to recycle organic waste that would otherwise be placed in the trash and sent to a landfill.

As one of the first communities to take on the program in DuPage County, Glen Ellyn will offer the pilot program to residents on a voluntary, subscription basis. Residents that sign up for the program have the option of selecting a 35 gallon (\$11.31/month), 65 gallon (\$13.40/month) or 95 gallon (\$17.40/month) wheeled cart. The program, billed year-round, would coincide with the Village's seasonal yard waste subscription program, which runs April through November.

"Glen Ellyn residents have proven to be proactive in adopting a healthier, cleaner Village that supports local agriculture and waste reduction," said Glen Ellyn Village Manager Mark Franz. "The Village is excited to continue on the path of becoming more environmentally friendly and we are eager to now offer an additional program for our residents."

In addition to decreasing the amount of organic waste that is sent to landfills, curbside composting decreases the amount of associated greenhouse gas emissions from landfills. In turn, the program creates a valuable end product --- a natural fertilizer that can be re-used by farmers and other agricultural and landscape operations, and also repackaged and sold at retail operations.

Residents have the opportunity to recycle organic items including food scraps, bread, vegetables, table scraps, dairy, coffee ground and pasta. An added benefit to signing up for the program is that residents can place yard waste such as grass clippings, garden vegetation, leaves and brush in the cart. Additional yard waste debris, beyond what can fit in the cart, will still require the use of a yard waste bag and sticker.

Along with their chosen cart, residents that sign up for the program will receive a small kitchen composting container and an initial supply of bio-degradable bag liners to utilize within their home.

Village of Glen Ellyn residents can receive more information and sign-up for the program by visiting the Village's website at www.glenellyn.org/composting or in-person at the Civic Center, located at 535 Duane Street.

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About the Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. Small-town charm, civic pride, friendly people and some of the best schools in the state make Glen Ellyn the perfect place to call home. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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