

VILLAGE OF

Glen Ellyn ILLINOIS

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**VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN CONTINUES CURBSIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM
AFTER SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR**

Glen Ellyn, IL – In 2016, the Village of Glen Ellyn together with Republic Services, the Village's contractual refuse/recycling hauler, offered a curbside composting pilot program to residents. As one of the first communities to take on the program in DuPage County, it allowed for Glen Ellyn residents to recycle organic waste that would otherwise be placed in the trash and sent to a landfill.

"The pilot program proved to be a success and we are looking forward to growing this program in its second year," said Al Stonitsch, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Glen Ellyn. "In the initial year, it was a goal to have 100 residents sign up for the program. We were pleased to see that the response was substantial, doubling the number of households participating to total over 200."

An email survey was distributed to residents that participated in the pilot program during the initial year. Of the nearly 100 that participated in the survey, approximately 92 percent of respondents answered "Very Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with the pilot program overall. When asked why they chose to subscribe to the program, over 30 percent of the subscribers indicated that they enrolled in order to improve the environment, while just over 16 percent indicated they enrolled because of the convenience of not having to buy stickers for yard waste collection.

Glen Ellyn will once again offer the program to residents on a voluntary, subscription basis. New subscribers 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, coincides with the Village's seasonal yard waste subscription program, which runs April through November.

As a perk to signing up during the pilot program, residents received a small kitchen composting container and an initial supply of bio-degradable bag liners to utilize within their home. The Village has a limited supply remaining of the composting containers and bags, which will be included on a first-come, first-served basis for new registrations.

The composting program offers residents 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.

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.





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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