

VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN CURBSIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does the program begin?

The program begins April 1, 2016, however, residents can subscribe at any point throughout the year.

How do I sign up?

Residents are able to sign-up two ways:

- Via the Village's website at www.glenellyn.org/composting
- In-person at the Civic Center, located at 535 Duane Street

Is the program voluntary?

Yes. The initial implementation of curbside composting would be available for residents to sign up and participate on a voluntary basis.

Is the program offered year-round or seasonally?

Seasonally. The program would coincide with the Village's seasonal yard waste subscription program, which is April through November, and would be implemented starting in 2016. The cart will be picked up on Mondays, the regular yard waste pick up day. After November, the cart would remain at your property until the season starts again the following April.

Do I have a choice on the size of container to use for the curbside composting?

Residents will have the choice of a 35 gallon, 65 gallon or 95 gallon wheeled cart.

What is the cost?

The curbside composting program is a subscription based program that will be billed year-round, depending upon the below cart size chosen.

Container Size	Resident Monthly Subscription Cost
35 gallon	\$ 11.31
65 gallon	\$ 13.40
95 gallon	\$ 17.40

*Please note that included in the above cost is the cart rental fee.

How would I be billed for this program?

The Village will handle the billing for this program. Residents who sign up would receive the additional charge on their Village services bill. The monthly fee has been prorated to a 12 month rate to coincide with our regularly refuse program billing.

Who can sign up for the program?

The program is open to Glen Ellyn residents already enrolled in the Village's refuse program.

What organic items will be acceptable for collection under the pilot program?

- Yard waste such as grass clippings, garden vegetation, leaves and brush.
- Food scraps, bread, vegetables, table scraps, dairy, coffee grounds and pasta.

What items are prohibited?

- Meat
- Plastic packaging, bags and serving ware such as plates, cups and utensils
- Pet waste
- Sanitary products
- Diapers
- Dairy cartons

Can I sign up for the pilot program and just use it for landscape waste?

Yes. An added benefit to signing up for this program is that residents will no longer have to purchase stickers or purchase yard waste bags for their lawn clippings or leaves.

What if I fill my container with landscape waste and/or food scraps, and still have additional yard waste/leaf bags at the curb?

Any additional yard waste placed at the curb (i.e. outside of the container) would require a sticker.

What if I determine that the cart that I initially selected is either too small or too large for my needs?

The program will allow residents to switch out the cart. There will be a 60-day trial period for new subscribers that would allow residents a one-time, no charge cart exchange, as part of this pilot program. However, outside the trial period, similar to the current curbside refuse/recycling program, the resident would incur a cart change out fee of \$16.50.

Can I use a separate curbside container for food scraps or simply place food scraps in a bag at the curb?

No. Food scraps must be placed only in the designated container for operational efficiencies, and also to mitigate attracting nuisance vermin.

When signing up for the program, what else will I receive aside from my chosen container?

In addition, subscribers will receive a small kitchen composting container, along with an initial supply of bio-bags to participating residents. The kitchen containers, lined with the bio-bags, will offer residents an opportunity to discard compostable food scraps conveniently in their house, if you choose. Once the kitchen container is full, residents are able to empty the compostable material in the curbside container---in many ways just like many do now with their normal trash or recycling.

Once my original bio-bag supply is depleted, where can I purchase new bags?

If you are utilizing bags for food scraps, residents will need to purchase their own supply of additional compostable plastic bags. Please note that the bags must meet ASTM 6400 or 6868 standards. Compostable bags, such as Bio-Bags (<http://biobagusa.com/>), are sold nationally at Whole Foods and Petco stores, as well as at select Costco, Target, Kroger, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Walgreens stores.

What if I don't want to house my container during the months in the off-season?

In the off-season, residents have the option of having the container picked-up or cleaned-out. However, this will incur a \$16.50 charge for *each* pick-up and delivery.

Would the program include the senior discount?

No. This would not be available in the pilot program.

Can I sign up at any time or just for April 1?

You can sign-up at any point throughout the year for the program. Keep in mind, this is a subscription based program, billed year-round, that coincides with the Village's seasonal yard waste program which runs April through November.

What are the benefits of curbside composting?

The benefits include: decreasing the amount of organic waste that is sent to landfills, decreasing the amount of associated greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and also creating 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.

What will happen with the compost once Republic Services takes it away?

The collected compost will be hauled to a licensed compost facility.