

## RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE FUND

The Residential Solid Waste Fund was established in 1981, after the Village Board decided to contract with one hauler for single scavenger service for the entire community, in place of each property owner making their separate trash collection arrangements with different trash collectors. It identifies the cost of providing once-a-week solid waste collection and disposal services to the approximately 7,100 single family residences in Glen Ellyn (The Village trash contract does not include commercial or multi-family housing units). The Solid Waste Fund is a stand-alone enterprise fund which means that adequate revenues must be produced through direct billing to users (included as a separate service expense on the monthly Village water/sanitary sewer bill) and through other revenues, such as the sale of recyclable materials, to cover the cost of this service. No tax dollars are used or required to help pay for the expenses of this Fund/service.

Following a request for proposal process and review by staff and the Environmental Commission, the Village Board approved a 5-year service contract to Allied Waste Services (AWS), formerly BFI, beginning August 1, 2005. The new agreement introduced the use of wheeled refuse carts (purchased by the Village) and, along with competitive bidding, resulted in a 17% decrease in the base rate (35 gallon container) to customers compared to the previous contract.

This Fund also handles the financing for the once-a-month parkway, no-sticker, brush and limb removal during May through October (in addition and separate from the stickered weekly yard waste collection by AWS). During the last 3 years, collections from the once-a-month pickup have averaged about 3,600 cubic yards during these six months, and is financed by a monthly charge of \$1.75 per house on the Village utility bill.

The Village Manager's Office is primarily responsible for the oversight of this Fund, while the billing and collection function is handled through the Finance Department.

The Residential Solid Waste Fund covers some of the activities of the Environmental Commission, an advisory body to the Village Board. The Environmental Commission provides advice to the Village regarding issues such as refuse collection and environmental preservation, as well as assisting with certain activities, such as recycling events and the annual Prairie Path clean-up.

Plans in process for the 2006 "spring cleanup" activities include the:

- a. April 3, 2006 -- Seasonal start of stickered weekly yard waste collection through November by Allied Waste Services.
- b. April 22, 2006 -- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event and Recycling "Extravaganza" at the College of DuPage, and the Annual Prairie Path cleanup event.
- c. April 24, 2006 -- Bi-annual residential unlimited refuse collection event.
- d. Mid-May, 2006 -- Beginning of unlimited, no-sticker, monthly parkway brush and limb collection, May - October, 2006 by Kramer Tree Services.