

## 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 and duplex 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 charge on the monthly Village utility 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 program.

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

This Fund also handles the financing for the once-a-month parkway, no-sticker, brush and branch removal program 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 3,700 cubic yards during these six months.

The Village Manager's Office is primarily responsible for the oversight of this Fund, while the billing and collection functions are 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 2009 "spring cleanup" activities include:

- a. April 6, 2009 -- Seasonal start of stickered weekly yard waste collection through November by Allied Waste Services.
- b. April 25, 2009 -- Recycling "Extravaganza" at the Lorraine commuter parking lot, just west of the Glen Ellyn Library, and the Annual Prairie Path cleanup event.
- c. Mid-May, 2009 -- Beginning of unlimited, no-sticker, monthly parkway brush and branch collection, May - October, 2009.