



Glen Ellyn



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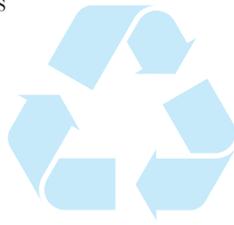
Recycling Extravaganza **April 25, 8 a.m. to noon**

Duane & Lorraine parking lot (just west of the Glen Ellyn Public Library parking lot)

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to bring a wide variety of recyclable items to the Recycling Extravaganza, organized by the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission. Various local organizations will be on hand for these collections. **Items not accepted include:** household hazardous wastes, prescription drugs, household batteries, paint, fluorescent lightbulbs and mercury thermometers, as well as stereo speakers in wooden cabinets.

You may bring:

- Books and magazines
- Laser and ink jet cartridges
- American flags
- Hearing aids and eyeglasses
- Fire extinguishers
- Oversized plastic items
- Clean PVC pipe
- Bottle caps
- Juice pouches
- Loose and broken jewelry
- Cell phones
- Lead-acid batteries (used in cars, lawnmowers, ATVs)
- Certain types of scrap metal, including swing sets, siding, pots and pans, metal hangers, tin, wagons and non-working appliances (no freon).
- Medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs – no biohazard materials)
- Working bikes
- Tools
- Mowers
- Neckties
- Buttons
- Toys
- Small appliances
- Clothing and other textiles
- Coats
- Shoes
- Record albums



Electronics Recycling

Offered for the First Time

Sims Recycling has partnered with DuPage County to also offer electronics recycling at the Village's Recycling Extravaganza for:

Computers and Peripherals

- CPUs
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Cable
- Plotters
- External Hard Drives
- Network Hardware (e.g. servers, routers, hubs)
- Communication Hardware (e.g. modems)
- Subassemblies of any of the above
- Laptops
- Flat Panels
- Mice
- Printers
- Tape Drives



Data Center Equipment

- Power Distribution Units (PDUs)
- Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS Systems)
- Motor Generator Sets (MG sets)
- Chillers

Office Equipment

- Copiers
- Phone Systems
- Hand-held Devices
- Audio Equipment
- Security Equipment
- Video Equipment
- Projection Equipment
- Fax Machines
- Cell Phones
- TVs
- Calculators



(Please note that this event is not for the mass recycling of commercial electronics from businesses or schools.)

Sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Environmental Commission, with assistance provided by Sims; SCARCE; Glen Ellyn Lions Club; Boy Scout Troop 45; Aurora Tri-State Fire Protection; It's Our Earth, Inc.; Exide; Neil's Hauling; Salvation Army; Transtech Mobility; U'S Again; VIM and Working Bikes.



Prairie Path Cleanup

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to noon for the annual Prairie Path Cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the Prairie Path next to the Duane/Lorraine parking lot. This is an ideal opportunity to donate a few hours of your time to help maintain this natural gem, which is enjoyed by the community throughout the year.

Upcoming Earth-Friendly Events



DuPage River Sweep, May 16

Volunteers are needed on

May 16, 9 a.m. to noon, for the Conservation Foundation's annual DuPage River Sweep. Participants help to remove trash and debris from the riverbank at various locations and contribute to the overall health of this waterway, which courses throughout the county.

Since 1991, nearly 8,000 volunteers have participated in this annual clean-up, removing over 185 tons of trash — but there's always more to clean up. Join with your neighbors and friends and make a difference in our environment. For more information about locations or to register, please go to www.theconservationfoundation.org or call The Conservation Foundation at 630-428-4500 x 22.



Bike to Work Week

Bike to Work Week is June 15-19 in Glen Ellyn. On June 16, the Active Transportation Alliance and DuPage County will be sponsoring a table at the Glen Ellyn Train Station between 6:00 and 8:30 a.m. where bikers can pick up a goody bag.

Commuters throughout the Chicago area will be biking to work during this week, making this an ideal opportunity to join with your friends and neighbors and do something healthy for yourself and the environment.

The Joe Wark Award was given for the construction of this environmentally sensitive home at 228 Newton Avenue.



Emerald Ash Borer Invades Glen Ellyn

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a highly invasive insect that has killed 20 million ash trees in Michigan and has now migrated to other states, including Illinois. EAB was recently discovered in Glen Ellyn in the vicinity of Whittier Avenue and Stagecoach Court.

Approximately 12 percent of the Village's parkway tree population is made up of ash trees (about 1,900 trees). The value of these ash trees is estimated to be \$7.1 million, using formulas developed by the Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers.

In anticipation of an EAB infestation, the Village began an Ash Tree Reduction Program in 2008 and removed 41 ash trees in poor condition. An additional 122 healthy parkway ash trees were chemically treated to help protect them from EAB.

In light of the recent EAB infestation, the Forestry Division is currently developing an EAB management plan, which will be reviewed by the Village Board in the upcoming weeks.

How You Can Help to Slow the Spread of EAB

Correctly identify the tree. EAB will only attack trees in the ash family, so familiarize yourself with what an ash tree looks like.

Learn how to identify EAB. The EAB is extremely small — the adult beetle is 1/8" to 1/2" long and is present from June through mid-August.

Know the symptoms of EAB. Confirming the presence of EAB is extremely difficult, and a simple visual inspection is not sufficient. Look for D-shaped exit holes, splitting of the bark and sprouts on the tree trunk, in addition to symptoms that are similar to those of other damaging effects, such as drought and disease.

The Village encourages residents to be alert for symptoms of EAB in their neighborhood and to contact an arborist immediately if you suspect an infestation. If the presence of EAB is confirmed, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-469-6756. For more information on EAB and to view pictures of what the ash borer and an infected tree look like, please visit www.illinoiseab.com.

Joe Wark Award Given for Newton Avenue Residence

Scott Adelsbach is the recipient of the 2008 Joe Wark Award for the construction of the residence at 228 Newton Avenue. This award recognizes environmentally sensitive structures and landscaping that encourage preservation of the environment beyond existing regulatory requirements.

The Joe Wark Award was named for Joe E. Wark, who served in a variety of volunteer posts, including Village Commissioner in the 1980s, Village Trustee from 1990-1995 and Village President from 1997-2001.

Environmental highlights of the new structure include a geothermal heating and cooling system, which does not burn any fossil fuels,

together with radiant heating in the floors, enhancing energy-efficiency. Further energy reductions were accomplished through the use of concrete form construction on all floors of the home.

The Village encourages other individuals to conserve resources during remodelings and renovations and to consider nominating these projects for the Joe Wark Award. General contractors and/or property owners are eligible for this award, which is presented each spring for projects completed in the previous year. The deadline for submissions for this year is December 31, 2009. For more information or to obtain an application, go to www.glenellyn.org, or call 630-469-5000.

	Time of Year	Guidelines	Stickers Needed
Regular Refuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-round • Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One wheeled refuse cart each week; any additional bags and/or containers up to 33 gallons and 50 lbs. require one refuse sticker each. • Bulk items and appliances require one refuse sticker each. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink Refuse stickers for each additional bag or container 
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-round • Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round or rectangular blue bins for glass and metal containers, aerosol cans, plastics #1 through #5 (including plastic rings, juice boxes, milk and juice cartons), newspaper and mixed paper, recyclable paperboard items (food boxes, etc.) and corrugated cardboard (no larger than 3 square feet). • Paper and other recyclables can be co-mingled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stickers needed 
Yard Waste & Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Monday • Begins in April and ends in November • End date may be extended if weather permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cans/bags (not plastic) of yard waste require one sticker each. • Yard waste can be contained in brown paper bags (not plastic) and/or unlined 33-gallon trash containers with stickers, placed separately from regular refuse, facing the street. • Sod is not yard waste; dispose of as refuse. • Branch and brush can also be put out for this pick-up. Branch and brush should be in bags, cans or bundled with twine; each bundle or can requires one yard waste sticker (maximum weight 50 lbs.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Yard Waste stickers *Note: includes leaves 
Free Branch & Brush Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-May through mid-October • Residents on and north of Hill Ave. pick-up is 2nd Monday of the month • Residents south of Hill Ave. pick-up is 3rd Monday of the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material should not be bundled or otherwise containered. • Branches may not exceed 10 inches in diameter. Also, no root balls, dimensional lumber or any material exceeding the 10-inch dimensions. • There is no length limit on branches (the longer the better). • There is no limit to amount. • Professionally cut trimmings are not included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stickers needed 

Please call Allied Waste with questions about your refuse/recycling collection at 630-469-1036



Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste Year Round

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of year-round at the permanent facility at Naperville Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Rd., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except holidays). This site does not accept lead acid batteries, propane tanks or latex paint. For more information, please call the Naperville collection site at 630-420-4190, the DuPage Solid Waste Department at 630-407-6700, or the Household Hazardous Waste Information Hotline at 630-407-6760, or visit www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx.

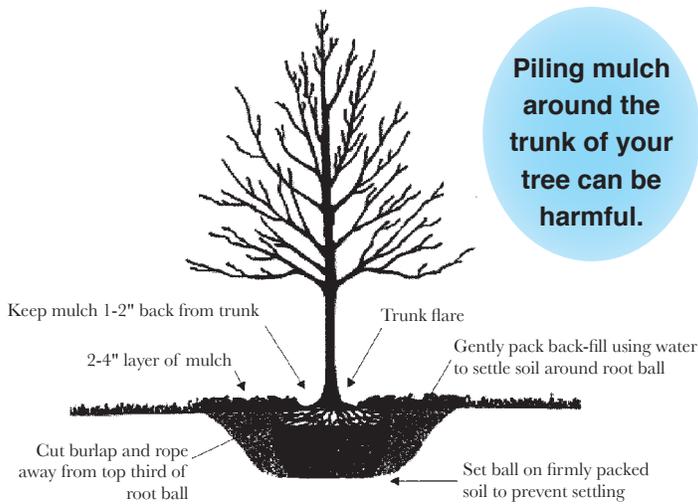
The Village wastehauler Allied Waste will pick up paint with your regular refuse pickup if it is dried or has been solidified with sand, sawdust or kitty litter. Used motor oil can be disposed of in a sealed, labeled milk jug and placed next to the trash container at the curb. For more information about refuse/recycling collection, or household hazardous waste disposal, please call Allied Waste at 630-469-1036.

The Village hopes to hold a household hazardous waste collection in 2010 and is in the process of applying for a grant to fund the effort.

Where to Buy Stickers

Refuse and yard waste stickers can be purchased from the Cashier's Office or the Police Department (open 24 hrs.) in the Civic Center (535 Duane Street). Stickers are also sold at:

- Dominick's
- Jewel/Osco
- Len's Ace Hardware
- McChesney & Miller
- Schmid Pharmacy



Piling mulch around the trunk of your tree can be harmful.

Proper Mulching of Trees

If performed properly, mulch adds nutrients to the soil, retains moisture, keeps soil temperatures moderate and reduces competition from grass and weeds. Improper mulching of trees, however, can cause damage and even death of the tree.

Mulch should be made up of organic material, such as wood chips or shredded bark. Decorative rock does not provide any benefit to the tree. Place mulch around the entire root ball area, 3/4" deep, but never up against the tree trunk. Leaving mulch on the trunk can cause bark decay, harbor insects and eventually kill the tree.

For more information about trees, the Village's booklet, "Gems of Glen Ellyn: A Guide to our Beautiful Trees," can be purchased at the Cashier's Office for \$2 or accessed on the Village website at www.glenellyn.org. This booklet provides tips on tree care, as well as diseases and infestations and recommended trees for our climate. Tree care questions can also be directed to the Village Forester at 630-469-6756.

Do Not Dispose of CFL Bulbs in Regular Trash



Many people are making the switch from traditional light bulbs to CFL bulbs to reduce electricity usage, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can harm the environment. CFL bulbs do, however, contain a small amount of mercury powder (a hazardous substance) and should be recycled and never disposed of in regular trash. In Glen Ellyn, Len's Ace Hardware offers this service, or visit www.earth911.org for additional locations.

If a CFL bulb breaks, a small amount of mercury will escape and you should take the following steps to protect the occupants of the house:

- Open a window or door for ventilation and turn off the heating or air-conditioning system.
- Carefully scoop up glass and mercury powder using stiff paper and place it into a sealed jar or plastic bag. Use sticky tape to pick up all remaining fragments.
- If vacuuming is necessary, remove the bag after vacuuming (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the vacuum bag into a sealed plastic bag.
- Dispose of any fabrics, such as clothing or bedding, that have come in direct contact with broken glass or mercury powder.
- Immediately place all clean-up materials outdoors in a trash container.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the hazardous materials.

In addition, mercury should never be poured down a drain. For more comprehensive information about CFL bulbs and clean-up options, please visit www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/#whatnever.

Water Trees During Dry Periods

Help protect our community forest. Please water trees on parkways and private property during dry spells.



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