



# Village of Glen Ellyn



# Ellyn *WILSON* News

  
*Celebrate Earth Day* April 2010

## Glen Ellyn Earth Day Events, April 24 and 26



Do something good for the environment and join in Glen Ellyn's Earth Day events: Recycling Extravaganza, Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Clean-Ups and Clean Sweep Unlimited Trash Pick-Up.

### Saturday, April 24

### Recycling Extravaganza 8 a.m. - 12 noon

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

Bring a wide variety of recyclable items to the Recycling Extravaganza, organized by the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission.

#### 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).
- Keys
- Medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs – no biohazard materials)
- Working bikes
- Tools
- Mowers
- Neckties
- Buttons
- Toys
- Small appliances
- Clothing and other textiles
- Coats
- Shoes
- Record albums

**Bring your old recycling bins to the Recycling Extravaganza.**



**Not accepted:** household hazardous wastes, prescription drugs, household batteries, paint, fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers and stereo speakers in wooden cabinets.

*The Recycling Extravaganza is sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Environmental Commission, with assistance provided by SCARCE; Glen Ellyn Lions Club; Boy Scouts; Aurora Tri-State Fire Protection; It's Our Earth, Inc.; Exide; Neil's Hauling; Salvation Army; U'S Again; VIM and Working Bikes.*

### Prairie Path & Great Western Trail Clean-Ups 9 a.m. - 12 noon



Volunteer assistance is needed to help these valuable community resources thrive. (See page 2 for details.)

### Monday, April 26

You may put out an unlimited amount of refuse on your regular Monday pick-up day with no stickers needed.

### Unlimited Refuse Pick-Up

The Village of Glen Ellyn's waste hauler, Allied Waste, will be providing a one-time, unlimited refuse day the week of Monday, April 26. This special service only applies to residents who live in incorporated Glen Ellyn. The program also excludes multi-family and commercial buildings. Its purpose is to enable residents to get rid of odds and ends that can't be recycled — not dispose of construction debris from major projects.

In order to keep the cost of this program down, it is critical that no additional refuse is brought in from outside the Village limits. If you see this happening, call 9-1-1 immediately and report it to the police. Please follow the guidelines on page 2 for Clean Sweep Day to ensure that your refuse is picked up.

### Important Reminders

- There will be **no Electronics Recycling or Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection** at Glen Ellyn's event this year. Sims Recycling, West Chicago, however, will be holding an Electronics Recycling event on the same day, Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The City of Wheaton will be accepting electronics at a recycling event on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. See pages 2 and 3 for more information about these events, as well as Naperville's year-round HHW drop-off location.
- **It is illegal for people from outside the Village limits to bring in items for Clean Sweep Day, April 26.** If you see this happening, immediately call 9-1-1.
- **ALL Clean Sweep refuse must be bundled or in a container** and cannot exceed 50 lbs. in weight or 4 feet in length.
- **Place perishable refuse (regular garbage) on parkway separate** from Clean Sweep refuse. Perishable refuse will be picked up first.

**Unlimited Refuse**  
*Clean Sweep*

**Important Guidelines**

Please follow these guidelines to be sure Allied Waste will pick up your refuse the week of April 26:

- The unlimited refuse pickup will take several days, but to ensure that you are not missed, items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 26. If you miss the waste hauler, they will not return to your street.
- Separate your usual household garbage (foodstuffs and perishables), recycling and yard waste from Clean Sweep refuse by grouping them on separate parts of the parkway. Allied Waste will collect the normal weekly refuse from all residences on Monday.
- All materials must be in containers or bundled (maximum 50 lbs.), with the exception of bulk items, such as couches, chairs, lamps, bicycles, appliances, tires (off the rim), etc. Containers include trash bags and cans, cardboard boxes, etc. Items such as swing sets or old carpet must be broken into sections and bundled or containerized. (All bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length.)
- No loose construction material will be accepted on Clean Sweep Day. All construction material must be placed in containers or bundled and tied with rope. Maximum weight is 50 lbs. For the safety of refuse workers, all nails must be removed or bent over and all glass window panes must be taped with duct or masking tape. (All bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length.)
- Construction material is limited to two cubic yards (about eight 33-gallon-sized cans).
- If you put out Clean Sweep refuse and it is removed from containers or unbundled by scavengers, it is your responsibility to put the items back into containers or re-bundle them to be sure Allied Waste picks them up.

**Items NOT accepted:**

- Concrete, bricks, broken glass and stone not in containers.
- Fences not in containers.
- Utility sinks or tubs.
- Household hazardous waste.

Absolutely NO LIQUIDS will be accepted. Yard waste is not included in the unlimited refuse day and each bundle or bag must be tagged with a yard waste sticker.

**Upcoming Earth-Friendly Events**

**Prairie Path & Great Western Trail Clean-Ups**

**Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. - 12 noon**

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for the annual Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Clean-ups. Volunteers will meet at the Prairie Path next to the Duane/Lorraine parking lot for the Prairie Path. To help with the Great Western Trail Clean-up, please email: FrndsGrtWstnTrl@aol.com. This is an ideal opportunity to donate a few hours of your time to help maintain these natural gems, which are enjoyed by the community throughout the year.



**Sims Electronics Recycling Event**

**Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Sims Recycling will be accepting electronics at its West Chicago location on the same day as the Glen Ellyn Recycling Extravaganza.**



On the day of the Recycling Extravaganza, Sims Recycling, 1600 Harvester Rd. in West Chicago, will be accepting electronics: computers, computer monitors, televisions, printers, cell phones, computer cables, keyboards/mice, fax machines, MP3 Players, PDAs, video game consoles, VCRs/DVD Players, zip drives and scanners. This event is open to all area residents. For more information, please call 630-231-6060.

**Electronics Recycling in Wheaton, April 17**

Glen Ellyn residents may bring electronics to a recycling event in Wheaton on Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Liberty Dr. and Carlton Ave.

**Electronics accepted:**

- Desktop and laptop computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, modems and hard drives.
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD players.
- Radios, tape players, CD players.
- Printers, phones, fax machines, scanners.
- Electronic games.
- Microwaves and small household appliances.
- Power and network cables.

**DuPage River Sweep May 22, 2010**

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon, to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River and its tributaries.



Since 1991 approximately 8,300 volunteers have participated in this annual clean-up and have removed over 190 tons of trash. These volunteer efforts result in better water flow through the county, which helps to alleviate the potential for flooding.

To register, please call The Conservation Foundation at 630-428-4500 x 2 or visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) and search "DuPage River Sweep."

**Bike to Work Week**

Bike to Work Week is June 14-18. On Tuesday, June 15, the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission and the Active Transportation Alliance will be sponsoring a table at the Glen Ellyn Train Station from 6 to 8:30 a.m. where bikers can pick up a goody bag. This is an ideal opportunity to join with your friends and neighbors and do something healthy for yourself and the environment.



**Green Landscapes Day**

On May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., DuPage County will be sponsoring a Green Landscapes Day at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2100 Manchester Rd., Wheaton, IL. You may purchase rain barrels, compost bins and native plants, as well as have documents shredded. For more information, please visit [www.dupageco.org/swm](http://www.dupageco.org/swm).

	Time of Year	Guidelines	Stickers Needed
<b>Regular Refuse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year-round</li> <li>Every Monday (except holidays)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One wheeled refuse cart each week; any additional bags and/or containers up to 33 gallons and 50 lbs. require one refuse sticker each.</li> <li>Bulk items and appliances require one refuse sticker each.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pink Refuse stickers for each additional bag or container</li> </ul> 
<b>Recycling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year-round</li> <li>Every Monday (except holidays)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue recycling carts 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).</li> <li>Paper and other recyclables can be <i>co-mingled</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stickers needed</li> <li>Request additional cart if needed: 630-469-1036</li> </ul> 
<b>Yard Waste &amp; Leaves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every Monday (except holidays)</li> <li>Begins in April and ends in November</li> <li>End date may be extended if weather permits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All cans/bags (not plastic) of yard waste require one sticker each.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Sod is not yard waste; dispose of as refuse.</li> <li>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.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Yard Waste stickers</li> <li>*Note: includes leaves</li> </ul> 
<b>Free Branch &amp; Brush Collection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-May through mid-October</li> <li>Residents on and north of Hill Ave. pick-up is 2nd Monday of the month</li> <li>Residents south of Hill Ave. pick-up is 3rd Monday of the month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Material should not be bundled or otherwise containered.</li> <li>Branches may not exceed 10 inches in diameter. Also, no root balls, dimensional lumber or any material exceeding the 10-inch dimensions.</li> <li>There is no length limit on branches (the longer the better).</li> <li>There is no limit to amount.</li> <li>Professionally cut trimmings are not included.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stickers needed</li> </ul> 

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](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx).

The Village waste hauler, 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.

## 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's

# The Village's Green Initiatives



*One of the Village's hybrid vehicles.*

A leader in environmental initiatives, the Village of Glen Ellyn has worked to incorporate green principles into the community, as well as the municipal workplace. Following are just a few of the steps the Village has taken to reduce the carbon footprint of our community. For a complete listing, please visit [www.glenellyn.org](http://www.glenellyn.org), "Latest News."

## Vehicle and Fleet Management

- Alternative fuel vehicles.
- Recycle and/or recovery for engine coolants, oils and solvents.

## Recreation Department/Village Links

- Selection of native plants, as well as bird feeders as natural food sources for songbirds.
- Conversion of non-native invasive plants to native plants; more than 95 percent of newly planted trees and shrubs are indigenous.



*Glen Ellyn's Panfish Park is home to a wide variety of birds.*

- Created wildlife habitats, including wood piles and nesting boxes for Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Black-Capped Chickadees, Wrens and Wood Ducks.

## Village Offices

- Reduced electrical usage through high-efficiency air-conditioning and dehumidification systems.
- Automatic thermostat adjustments when buildings not in use.
- Replacement of incandescent bulbs with CFLs.
- Dimmer devices that automatically sense the amount of sunlight.
- Comprehensive recycling, including ink jet and laser print cartridges.
- Movement toward digital forms of inter-departmental communications.
- Incorporation of green chemicals and cleaning products into routine maintenance supplies.

## Being Green *at Home*

**Fertilizing Wait for the storm to pass!** Don't fertilize before a rainstorm because fertilizer – along with your money – washes off your lawn and down the storm drain. Fertilizer runoff can pollute rivers, lakes and bays and cause problems in recreational areas or fishing grounds. Check the weather forecast before you head out to fertilize and wait for the storm to pass.

**Mulching Much to love about mulching!** Bagging grass clippings during the lawn-mowing process is expensive and time-consuming. Mulching those same clippings saves time and money and is good for the environment. Did you know that grass clippings returned to the lawn provide up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs? Grass should be mowed tall (longer grass requires less water) and clippings should be returned to the lawn to produce a healthy lawn. Returning clippings to the lawn can mean mowing more than once a week during the few weeks of rapid growth in spring and early summer, but mowing more frequently is not as much work as it may appear, because lawns mowed at the proper height cut more easily and quickly. As lawn growth slows in the summer, mow grass less often.

**Radon Testing Be green from the ground up!** Test your home for radon. Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless gas that can seep out of the ground into your home. As the second leading cause of lung cancer, radon is responsible for over 20,000 deaths each year. Fortunately, a home radon test is easy to do and homes with high radon levels can be fixed.

Please visit [www.epa.gov/epahome/home.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/home.htm) for more information about these and other green tips.

## Village Elected Officials

*Village President*

Mark Pfefferman

*Village Clerk*

Suzanne R. Connors

*Trustees*

James Comerford

Peter Cooper

Phil Hartweg

Carl Henninger

Peter Ladesic

Michelle Thorsell



*Civic Center*

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## Water Trees During Dry Conditions

Please water trees on parkways and private property during dry spells.

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