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Village of Glen Ellyn

Glen Ellyn Earth Day Events: April 27

Organized by the Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, the Recycling Extravaganza is a great way to complete your spring cleaning in an environmentally conscious manner. Other Earth Day events, including the Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Clean-Ups, are an ideal opportunity to engage friends and family to help maintain these valuable community assets.

Saturday, April 27: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Recycling Extravaganza

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

You May Bring

- Books and magazines
- Laser and ink jet cartridges
- American flags
- Hearing aids and eyeglasses
- Fire extinguishers
- Bottle caps
- Juice pouches
- Loose and broken jewelry
- Cell phones
- Lead-acid batteries (used in cars, lawn mowers, ATVs)
- Electronics (see box at right)
- 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
- Lawn mowers
- Toys
- Small appliances (no freon)
- Clothing and other textiles
- Shoes
- Record albums
- Household batteries

Not accepted: household hazardous wastes (oil, paint, chemicals, etc.), prescription drugs, fluorescent and incandescent lightbulbs, mercury thermometers, plastic hangers 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, Cintas, It's Our Earth, Salvation Army, Working Bikes, Amerigas, Env. Recycling, Acme, Habitat for Humanity, Batteries Plus and Creative Recycling.



Residents are reminded that there will be no unlimited refuse pick-up this year. The next scheduled unlimited refuse pick-up will be in April 2014.

Electronics Accepted at Recycling Extravaganza

Electronics are banned from Illinois landfills and cannot be put out with household refuse.

- Batteries (NiMH, NiCd, Li, Li Ion, Lithium Coin, Sealed Lead Acid)
- CD Players
- CD Roms
- Cell Phones
- Computer Monitors – CRTs and Flat Screens
- Controllers
- Copy Machines
- Desktop Computers
- Docking Stations
- Extension Cords
- Gaming Consoles
- Hard Drives
- Keyboards
- Laptop Computers
- Mice
- Microwaves
- Modems
- Network Hubs
- Peripherals
- Power & Network Cables
- Printed Circuit Boards
- Printers
- Radios
- Scanners/Fax Machines
- Large and Small Household Appliances
- Stereos
- Switching Boxes
- Tape Players
- Telephones
- Televisions – CRTs and Flat Screens
- UPS (personal & network)
- VCRs



Saturday, April 27: 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Prairie Path & Great Western Trail Clean-Ups

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 27, 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 gazebo south of the train station. To help with the Great Western Trail Clean-up, please email: FrndsGrtWstnTrl@aol.com. Make some new friends while you donate a few hours of your time to help maintain these natural gems, which are enjoyed by the community throughout the year.



Reforestation Program to Add New Trees in 2013

The quality of Glen Ellyn's natural environment is due in large part to its vast and varied stock of trees. Over the last several years, a number of private property and parkway trees have been lost due to a variety of factors, including drought, storm damage and infestations, such as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Parkway Tree Planting

In response to the loss of many trees, the Village has restructured its Parkway Reforestation Program to offer new options for residents who wish to expedite parkway tree planting through a reduced cost Share-the-Cost Program. By participating in this program, residents can have a parkway tree planted for \$85 (where space is available as designated by Public Works). This price includes the cost of the tree, as well as planting on a priority

basis. Once the Share-the-Cost trees have been planted, the Village will plant approximately 200 additional parkway trees this year.

For more details and to download an application, please visit the Village's website, www.glenellyn.org, and click on "Public Works Department" and then "Forestry."

As part of the modified Reforestation Program, the Village will also accept donations from interested residents to help fund additional planting opportunities. Residents may send donations directly to the Village or authorize monthly charges on their residential water/sewer bills. Applications for the donation program are available at the Civic Center or at the Public Works Department.



Reforestation of Prairie Path

While ComEd continues to maintain a vegetative maintenance program on the Illinois Prairie Path, the Village of Glen Ellyn will also be planting new trees along selected areas of the Prairie Path. ComEd's program is designed to minimize electrical outages caused by plants and trees. The primary goal of the Village's program, which was developed by the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, working with ComEd and the DuPage County Trails Management Task Force, is to reforest the path. This year's work is taking place between Prospect Avenue and Main Street, and Park Boulevard and Montclair Avenue.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-469-6756.

Volcano Mulching Harms Trees

The term "Volcano Mulching" refers to a practice of piling mulch against the trunk of a tree, thereby creating a volcano shape at the base of the tree. This approach to mulching is extremely harmful to the health of trees.

While mulching can be one of the most beneficial things that you can do to keep your trees healthy, if done improperly, it can lead to disease, infestation and even the death of the tree. Following are tips on how to be sure that your trees are being mulched properly:

- Mulch should be spread out away from the base of the tree to expose the base of the root flare.
- Apply mulch to a depth of approximately four inches. This will settle to two inches after a few rains, which is the desirable level and is shallow enough for rain to reach the roots.
- Mulch out away from the tree in a 4-5 foot diameter. Ideally, trees should be

mulched to the drip line (below the farthest reaching branches).

- Consider mixing hardwood mulch with grass clippings, sawdust, pine needles, compost and shredded leaves to increase porosity. Using a groundcover plant instead of mulch or grass is also a good choice.
- Check mulch levels each year. Trees often do not need to be mulched annually.
- Avoid cypress mulch, since it is highly water absorbent, reducing the amount of water that reaches the tree roots.
- Dyed mulch is less desirable because it is usually made from chemically treated scrap lumber that can leach chemicals into the soil. The dye itself is also often made from synthetic chemicals.

If your tree has been "volcano" mulched, use gloved hands to remove mulch from the base of the tree, exposing the root flare (the area where the roots turn out and



To help protect the community forest, the Village's Public Works Department will be alerting residents using the notice above if their parkway trees have been improperly volcano mulched.

away from the tree). Do not use a rake or shovel, as this can damage delicate roots. If removing years of layered mulch by hand is too difficult, hire a tree care company; they will use a specialized device known as an "air spade" that will not harm the roots.

For more information, please contact the Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works Department at 630-469-6756 or visit www.glenellyn.org/GE/volcanomulching.html.

	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 (\$2.35) 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"> 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). Paper and other recyclables can be <i>co-mingled</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stickers needed Request additional cart if needed: 630-469-1036 
Yard Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every Monday (except holidays) 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. 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.). Sod is not yard waste; dispose of as refuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Yard Waste stickers: \$2.35 
Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April-November Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A leaf sticker can be used for leaf waste only, and must be used with a 33-gallon kraft paper bag. (Sorry, no reusable carts or bins). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow Leaf Waste sticker: \$1.50 
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 Republic Services with questions about your refuse/recycling collection at 630-469-1036

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

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 latex paint or electronics. For more information, please call the Naperville collection site at 630-420-6095, the DuPage Solid Waste Department at 630-407-6700, the Household Hazardous Waste Information Hotline at 630-407-6760, or visit www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx.



The Village wastehauler, Republic Services, will pick up latex paint with your regular refuse pickup if it is dried or has been solidified with sand, sawdust or kitty litter; remove the paint can lid prior to disposal. 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 Republic Services at 630-469-1036.

Where to Buy Stickers

Refuse, leaf 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

Additional Earth-Friendly Events

April 22: Glen Ellyn Park District Earth Day Summit

This new program brings together several local environmental organizations to explain their roles in greening our community and to discuss how you can help in these efforts. Takes place at Lake Ellyn boathouse, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please register in advance for this free event at www.gepark.org.



May 18: DuPage River Sweep

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River.

To register, please call The Conservation Foundation at 630-428-4500 x 2 or visit www.theconservationfoundation.org and search "DuPage River Sweep."

Emerald Ash Borer

The Village continues to take steps to combat the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a destructive insect that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the Midwest and was confirmed in Glen Ellyn by the Department of Agriculture in 2009. Details of Glen Ellyn's EAB Management Plan can be found on the Village website at www.glenellyn.org. For more information on Emerald Ash Borer, go to www.illinoiseab.com or www.emeraldashborer.info/.



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Carl Henninger

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Police Services, Fire Emergency... 9-1-1 • Police Administration... 630-469-1187
(Also use this number to report Public Works emergencies when the Civic Center is closed.)
General Information... 630-469-5000 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)



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