

# The Village Report

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## Special Edition

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## Curbside Recycling Program Starts January 15

Glenview residents will soon have the opportunity to participate in a curbside recycling program that is being implemented by the Village. Regular garbage collection arrangements are not affected.

The Ad Hoc Recycling Advisory Committee recommendation has been accepted by the Village Board (see the September 15 - October 15, 1989 *Village Report*). The Committee presented a comprehensive plan for the pilot recycling program, which sets a collection start date of January 15, 1990. The materials that will be collected include newspapers, aluminum and tin cans, and glass bottles and jars.

The recycling program will focus on diverting materials from the "solid waste stream" that are disposed of in landfills. State mandates require coun-

ties to reduce waste streams by 15% within three years of adopting a county-wide solid waste plan, and 25% within five years. Glenview's participation in the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), also encourages recycling programs.

These measures of reducing the waste going into landfills are prompted by the depletion of landfill space, and the reality that developing new, or extending the life of existing, landfills has been extremely difficult.

Studies state that if current waste disposal trends continue, the landfill space in the Chicago metropolitan area will be expended as early as 1993. These trends may be in danger, as current use of landfills in counties outside of Cook County, and even states other than Illinois, faces strong challenges in the near future. SWANCC member communities export approximately 60% of their waste to other counties or states. If those other counties or states prohibit imported waste, the landfill space in the Chicago metropolitan area will be depleted sooner than anticipated.

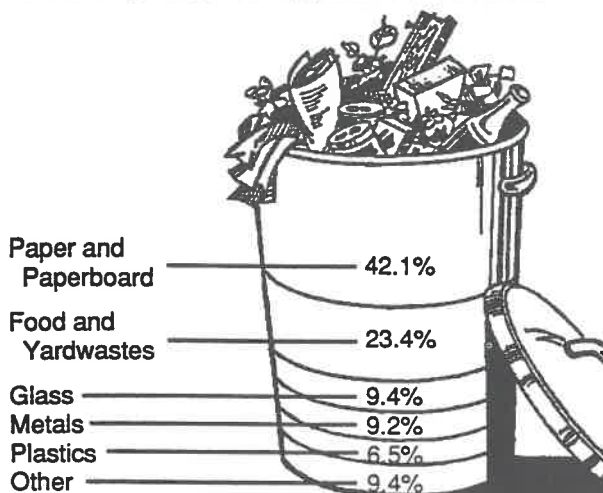
Recycling to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills is extremely important. Glenview's efforts to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem are vital.

### Why do we need to recycle?

Along with the rest of the nation, northern Cook County faces a serious and growing problem of finding environmentally safe and cost effective

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### A Profile of Glenview's Wastebasket



methods of disposing of millions of tons of solid waste each year. Privately owned landfills are quickly running out of space with very few years of landfill capacity remaining in Cook County. The shortage of landfill space in the northern suburbs is particularly acute, where two facilities have already closed, and a third, the Techny landfill, is set to close in the near future.

With so many landfills at or near capacity, disposal rates of operating facilities have risen dramatically over the last three years. These escalating costs, coupled with the increased expense of reaching more distant sites, have added to the costs of collecting garbage in Glenview.

### What are the benefits of recycling?

The most obvious benefit of recycling is that it saves natural resources, energy, and raw materials. Recycling waste products such as glass, paper, and cans reintroduces valuable resources into our manufacturing stream which otherwise would have been discarded. Producing new products from recycled materials helps stimulate our economy, creates far less air pollution, and extends our landfills for materials that cannot be recycled.

With your participation the Village will begin to meet the requirements that have been mandated.



### Who will participate in the program?

The Village of Glenview's community-wide residential curbside program is a cooperative effort between the Village of Glenview and Best Scavenger Service. As a result of the Village's recent approval of the Best Scavenger Service Transfer Station and Recycling Center, located at 1912 Lehigh Avenue, Best will provide the recycling program to the Village at no cost to the residents for approximately 18 months. After the test program ends, the Village will determine appropriate service delivery and financing requirements for the recycling program.

Bins will be delivered to all eligible Glenview households the second week of January.

The only homes which will not receive bins at the start of the program are some multi-family complexes that do not conform with curbside pick-up. However, representatives from the Village and Best will be meeting with multifamily complexes from these developments to determine if central recycling locations can be established.

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center at 1912 Lehigh (pictured below) will also serve as a drop-off center for recyclable materials, in the event that you are not able to place your materials at the curbside on the scheduled pick-up day. The drop-off facility will accept newspapers, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic milk jugs (without the caps).

### Is there a charge for recycling?

Not at this time. Currently, labor, fuel, equipment, maintenance and processing of recyclable materials costs more than revenues obtained through the sale of collected materials. However, as noted above, the Village's granting permission for the Transfer Station and Recycling Center in Glenview, prescribes that Best will pay an annual "host fee" of \$130,000, which will be used to pay for the recycling program. Participating in the recycling program

*Best Transfer Station and Recycling Center :  
1912 Lehigh Avenue (artist's rendition)*



Recycling One  
Ton of Newspaper  
Saves 17 Trees!

will reduce waste disposal costs in the long term, and extend precious landfill space.

### How can you contribute?

Between January 8th, and January 12th, 1990, a recycling bin will be delivered to each home in Glenview. The bins will be green, 14 gallon containers. Keep your recycling bin handy so you can put recyclable materials into it. Once a week, on a regularly scheduled recycling materials collection day, place the bin at your curb. If a home currently has twice a week collection, one of the two collection days will be designated as the day for recycling pick-up. There may be areas of the Village where this is not possible, however you will be notified of the day to participate. Residents will be given information about their collection day when their bin is delivered to their home. In the beginning, there may be more recyclable materials than the bin will

hold, probably newspapers. If so, just place them in paper bags, and stack them near the bin at the curb. Recyclable materials will be picked up by a separate vehicle specifically designed to handle recyclable materials.

### What materials should be put in the recycling bin?

Newspaper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, and metal cans will be accepted at the start of the program. These four items comprise about 21 % of the total solid waste stream. Remove paper wrappings from the metal cans, and rinse out all containers before placing them in your bin. This will limit the potential for rodents and insects disturbing your bin. In the future the Village will consider the possibility of recycling other materials.

### When should recyclable materials be placed at the curb?

Recyclable materials are to be placed at the curb either the night before the collection day, or by 6:30 a.m. the morning of pick-up. The drop-off center can serve those that may have missed the collection.

For more information, contact Best at 724-2378

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## Material Preparation Instructions

### Newspaper



- \* Any inserts found in a newspaper are accepted
- \* No magazines, junk mail, or other paper
- \* Place into brown grocery bags or bundle with string and deposit into container
- \* Newspaper may be placed next to the recycling container.

### Glass Bottles and Jars

- \* Remove all lids and metal rings, rinse bottles and jars
- \* Labels can be left on
- \* Deposit both clear and colored glass into container

### Food and Beverage Cans

- \* All metal and aluminum cans are accepted
- \* Remove paper labels and rinse food cans
- \* All cans may be flattened, no plastic lids or caps
- \* Deposit all cans into the container

### Sorry, at this time we do not accept:

Plastics  
(milk jugs accepted at drop-off center)  
Cardboard  
Window Glass  
Computer Printout Paper  
Bottle Caps, Pull Tabs, Wire or Other Metal  
Aluminum Scrap or Foil



# RECYCLING FACTS

## *Glass*

- ☆ Every person in the United States uses approximately eighty-five pounds of glass per year.
- ☆ Every ton of glass recycled saves the equivalent of nine gallons of fuel.
- ☆ Glass is composed primarily of silica sand, soda ash and limestone. Recycling reduces the need for these materials in the production of new bottles and jars.

## *Newspaper*

- ☆ Recycling one ton of newspaper will save the lives of 17 trees.
- ☆ Making newspaper from virgin materials uses twice as much energy as recycled paper.
- ☆ Newspaper accounts for approximately 10% of all municipal waste.

## *Cans*

- ☆ Making new aluminum from used cans saves 95% of the energy required to produce aluminum from bauxite ore. That's like improving the miles per gallon on your car nineteen times over.
- ☆ The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to keep a 100 watt light bulb burning for about 3 1/2 hours.



**1990 Vehicle Sticker Contest Winner:**

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Watch for information on *Yard Waste Disposal* in upcoming issues