

# Huntley's Village Journal

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## New Rules on Electronic Recycling... ...and what you can now throw away



## Changes in Electronic Collection

Changes have been made in the State of Illinois as to which electronic items must be recycled and which items can now be thrown away with your household garbage.

**There are 17 specific electronic items BANNED from landfills in Illinois and must be recycled.** The following items must be recycled and are the only items to be accepted as part of the Village's electronics recycling event program: Cable Receivers, Computers (desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet), Digital Converter Boxes, Digital Video Disc Players, Digital Video Disc Recorders, Electronic Keyboards, Electronic Mice, Facsimile Machines, Monitors, Portable Digital Music Players, Printers, Satellite Receivers, Scanners, Small Scale Servers, Televisions, Videocassette Recorders, and Video Game Consoles.

**All other electronic or electric items may be collected at the curb with your regular household garbage.** These items are not banned from the landfill and must now go in the trash. If the item does not fit in your garbage can, they may be placed next to your garbage can and will be considered your bulk item. Waste Management (Sun City residents) allows one (1) bulk item/week. MDC Environmental Services (Residents within the Village limits) has unlimited bulk pickup/week. *Note: Large household appliances/white goods (washing machines, dryers, and refrigerators, etc.) may be collected at the curb when it is pre-arranged with your waste hauler for an additional fee.*

## Green & Clean Huntley Day\* - April 23rd

This is Huntley's BIG spring clean up event! Whether you need to get rid of your old electronics, toss out the basement couch, or shred your old paperwork, there are many programs for the entire family to assist in making our community Green and Clean!

Here's a sampling of the events for April 23rd:

### Municipal Complex Parking Lot:

Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction

**Public Works Facility - East Main Street/Donald Dr.:**

Spring Cleaning Drop Off

**West Waste Water Treatment Plant - West Main Street:**

Tours - Learn where the water goes

**Culver's Kids Arbor Day Coloring Contest** - see online info.

Complete information on Green & Clean Day and specifics on the new electronic waste rules can be found on our home page:

[www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) \*The Green & Clean event is for Huntley residents only and ID's will be checked. Due to the popularity of this free event - expect long lines.



## Mark Your Calendars

Apr 23	Green & Clean Huntley Day
May 2	Branch pickup (north of Kreutzer)
May 7	Farmers Market - Legion Hall
May 9	Branch pickup (Sun City)
May 14	Branch Drop Off - Donald Drive
May 28	Farmers Market - Town Square
May 30	Memorial Day Parade Municipal offices closed

## Downtown Updates

The Village recently completed construction of the Downtown Streetscape Improvements, a \$4.6 million investment in the community. Improvements have been made to create a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere in the downtown.

Extensive landscaping work is currently underway to beautify the Town Square. This includes the addition of park benches, sod, and many new plantings. The existing memorial brick pavers (from Huntley's sesquicentennial celebration) have been temporarily removed to prepare for a new base which will deter the sinking and shifting of bricks, and all memorial bricks will be re-laid when the base is complete. A large clock will soon be located at the southwest corner of the Square, and the new Veterans Memorial Project is currently under construction at the southeast corner. The brick pavers sold for the Veterans Memorial project will be placed in the immediate area of the new memorial



Veterans Memorial

Recent challenges faced in the downtown include oversized truck traffic traveling through that cause traffic disruptions and have the potential for damaging the newly installed parkway improvements.

To improve traffic flow as well as safety for both pedestrians and motorists, the Village has taken steps to limit large truck traffic through this area. Downtown streets are posted for "No Truck Traffic Except Local Deliveries" and "Weight Limit 6 Tons." This will allow businesses within the downtown to receive necessary deliveries, while reducing the flow-through traffic to areas south and east of downtown. The restricted area can be bypassed by designated Class II truck routes and other preferred local roadways.

## Fixing Toilet Leaks & More Water Saving Tips

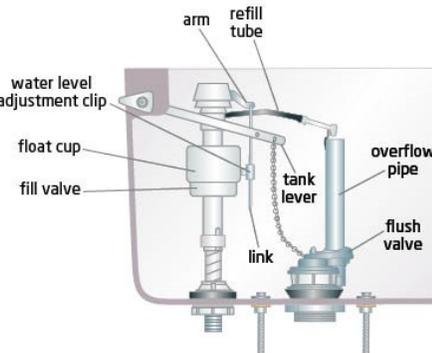
A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank. Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank. A leaking toilet is a THIEF!

### How can you discover if your toilet leaks?

**1** - Lift off the lid from your toilet tank **2** - Place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring in the toilet tank. (Note: DO NOT USE DYE – IT COULD STAIN) **3** - Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one or two hours or longer **4** - At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed in the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

### How do you fix a leaking toilet?

Most frequently, leaks in toilets are caused by a defective flush valve. A flush valve is a flap or ball plunger device that is supposed to act as a stopper in the bottom of your toilet tank. After several years and many flushes, the stopper can be knocked out of shape or simply worn out. To make sure your toilet is in good working order and to save water, see your hardware dealer or plumber and obtain an inexpensive and easy to install replacement valve or complete replacement kit.



### Try these other water saving tips!

- ▶ If washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water rather than continually running the tap. Only wash full loads of dishes in the dishwasher.
- ▶ Avoid using running water to thaw frozen foods. Instead, defrost in the refrigerator overnight or thaw in microwave.
- ▶ Install efficient faucets and/or faucet aerators
- ▶ Turn off the faucet when lathering hands, shaving, or brushing teeth.
- ▶ Find and fix any leaky faucets. A faucet leaking 60 drops per minute will waste 192 gallons per month. That is equal to 2,304 gallons per year. Please use water wisely and conserve for everyone's benefit.

## Spring Curbside Tree Branch Pickup Program

The Huntley Public Works Department has scheduled its semi-annual curbside tree branch pickup for Village of Huntley residents.

### The dates for pickup:

**Tree Branch pick up north of Kreutzer: Week of May 2nd**

**Tree Branch pick up south of Kreutzer (Sun City): Week of May 9th**

Branches must be placed on the parkway the Monday before collection begins in each area. Branch collection crews will make only one pass in each neighborhood. Branches put out after our crews have passed will not be collected. Crews will not go on private property to pick up the branches. Residents that miss the curbside pickup can make arrangements with their waste hauler or a Saturday one time only drop off is scheduled for May 14, 2016 at Public Works located on Donald Drive from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

The following will NOT be accepted: ♦ Tree limbs larger than 10" in diameter or smaller than 1/2" in diameter ♦ Tied bundles of branches ♦ Bagged material or material in cans ♦ Leaves and yard waste ♦ Trimmings from bushes ♦ Evergreen material ♦ Stumps of any kind. Materials not accepted can be properly disposed of by contacting your waste hauler or utilizing a landscape service. Questions or concerns can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-515-5222.



## Heritage Subdivision Road Project

As part of the 2016 Budget, the Village Board of Trustees approved the 2016 Street Improvement Program which includes the Heritage of Huntley subdivision. All streets in Heritage Subdivision will be included in the project. The program for 2016 follows the recommendations of the Street Maintenance Improvement Report to restore the pavements with the highest (worst) Pavement Condition Index.



The project will include grind and hot mix asphalt overlay on the identified streets as well as full depth patching as needed, concrete spot repairs to the sidewalk, curb and gutter and removal and replacement of sidewalk aprons with detectable warning panels to meet current ADA standards. Grind and overlay includes removing 1-½ inches of the existing asphalt, and resurfacing the roadway with 1-½ inches of new hot mix asphalt surface course. Construction is expected to begin in June and continue through August 2016.

The Village will be sending notifications to residents in the project area prior to construction. Once the project starts, updates will be posted on the Village's website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us).

## Backflow Testing Program

The Village of Huntley has been offering residential backflow preventer testing since establishment of the program in 2011. A residential backflow preventer is a device that is designed to stop water from a home's fire suppression or lawn irrigation line from entering a home's drinkable water supply. Without a backflow preventer, a loss of water pressure could result in dangerous materials being siphoned into the drinking water.

The Village's testing program allows residents to have their backflow preventers tested by the Village's Development Services Department for the cost of \$65 for one, and \$85 for both fire and lawn irrigation devices tested at the same address and on the same day. This is an increase from previous years and is the first increase since the program was established five years ago. It should be noted that it is not mandatory to use the Village of Huntley to perform the annual test; any Illinois Cross Connection Control Device Inspector that is registered with the Village can conduct the test.

The annual testing of backflow devices is required by the Village, State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). An approved cross connection inspector is required to conduct the annual test using calibrated gauge equipment to ensure the device is working properly. Please contact the Development Services Department at 847-515-5249 for more information or to schedule an appointment.