

Libertyville is Moving Forward and Joining the Global Team of Cities Working on Sustainability

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A few years ago, when electricity prices were deregulated state-wide, the Village participated in the municipal aggregation option to help residents receive cheaper electricity rates by aggregating all the residents together. The Village leveraged its collective size to get electricity prices at a better rate than individual account holders could get on their own. This has allowed Village residents to save over \$3.5 million dollars on electricity. This was all due to the efforts of the Village Board.

Today, a new situation has developed in "Village" aggregation electricity procurement. The Village now has an opportunity to get 100% clean energy at or below the cost of ComEd regular energy.

Clean energy sources like wind and solar are the cheapest form of energy today. This is why coal and nuclear plants are needing support to remain operating. Some say, if you build it, they will come, but this is a case of when you create a demand for clean energy, developers will build it. Clean energy development is driven by demand. When villages, cities, states, etc. choose clean energy, more developers will be motivated to provide it. If you have ever driven by a wind farm on a windy day, and the turbines are all off, there is a good chance that they did not have a market to sell the clean energy at that time. Let's create the market and join the global team of cities around the world, all working hard to reduce carbon in our atmosphere. If enough clean energy is developed, our electricity costs will actually go down. Now that is some good news on both environmental and economic fronts.

Electronics Recycling

The Village offers a Residential Electronic Waste curbside pick-up program through Groot Industries. The program is offered at no additional cost to residents. Collection will occur on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day each week for up to three acceptable Electronic Waste items which are placed curbside. **Please contact Groot at least one business day in advance at (847) 566-5361 to notify them that electronic waste will be placed curbside.**

Electronic Waste means items as defined under the **Illinois Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act** including computers and monitors, printers, digital converter boxes, fax machines, video cassette recorders, portable digital music players, video game consoles, scanners, electronic keyboards, small scale servers, digital video disc players, electronic mice, televisions, cable receivers, satellite receivers and digital video disc recorders.

Televisions or other acceptable items in excess of 50 pounds will require an additional charge of \$50.00 per unit.

Residential Composting

Did you know that residents can participate in residential composting?

Residents may rent a 95-gallon cart from Groot at a one-time rate of \$40.00 per season (in addition to the landscape waste subscription rate of \$170.00). Residents renting a cart for landscape waste will be permitted to place organic waste (fruits and vegetables) in the cart for collection along with their landscape waste.

To set up residential composting service contact Groot at **(847) 693-2700**.

