



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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**November 2025**



## **Glenview Agrees to Continue FREE Food Scraps Drop-off through 2026**

At the November 30 Budget Workshop III, Greener Glenview asked the Village once again to budget funds for continuation of the Free Food Scraps Drop-Off Pilot program in 2026. The Village said “Yes”. The wishes of food scrap drop-off participants have been granted! Public Works will oversee the program going forward, starting in February 2026.

Greener Glenview’s pilot program—extended until the end of January 2026--features two drop-off sites in Glenview: at the Glenview Public Library Grove Street entrance to the book drops and pick-up window; and at Public Works on Shermer across from Village Hall and Police Station.

We have succeeded in accomplishing the three goals of our pilot program:

1. Divert food scraps from the landfill: 94 totes containing over 13,000 pounds of food scraps were diverted
2. Alert Glenview residents that food scraps are not garbage, but are a resource that supports biodiversity and nourishes soils. Watch Free Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot program launch [here](#).
3. Demonstrate to village leadership that Glenview residents support more robust composting services in Glenview: 215 participants have registered for the program on the Greener Glenview website.

Thank you, Greener Glenview members and supporters for your enthusiastic participation in our Free Food Scraps Drop-Off Pilot program. Thanks to your help and participation, food scraps drop-off will continue in Glenview. Stay tuned for further developments as Public Works takes charge of this program. Let our elected officials know you support this program that makes Glenview more sustainable by [emailing them](#) a note of appreciation.

Fact to consider: Half of the 250,000 tons of annual waste taken to Glenview's Groot Transfer station could be composted. (Source: Recycling: Myth vs. Reality October 27, 2025 Glenview Public Library program), View the program PowerPoints and video at [greenerglenview.org](http://greenerglenview.org).

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## **You will have the last word on the Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot: A Survey is coming!**

Within the next two weeks, we will email a survey to all participants who registered for the Free Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot program. Your candid comments about the program will be crucial in guiding the Village as it proceeds to negotiate a new waste-hauling contract in summer 2026. If you want composting services to be improved as part of this contract, now is your opportunity to make your thoughts known.



## Highlights from the October 27 program "Recycling: Myth vs. Reality"

Representatives from SWANCC and Groot presented a jam-packed program. You can view their PowerPoints and watch the program [here](#).

Glenview's recycling rate has been steadily decreasing since 2019. Currently, only 27% of households recycle. With funding from USEPA, SWANCC is launching a new public education initiative called [Feed the Cart](#). Working in cooperation with [RecycleCoach](#), the goal is to increase the quantity and quality of recyclables. RecycleCoach is an app that will guide you in where to recycle a wide variety of items.

Recent State of Illinois "product stewardship" laws taking effect in December 2025 and January 2026 will make it easier to recycle paint and lithium and rechargeable batteries. More details to follow in a future Greener Glenview bulletin.

Javier Erazo, district manager for Groot who is in charge of their Elk Grove Village Material Recovery Facility (MRF), made a compelling case about the importance of recycling properly. Non-recyclable items in curbside bins--such as plastic bags and medical sharps--cause dangerous and time-wasting operational challenges such as:

- Facility fires. These have become a routine event. Even a small lithium battery (e.g. in a singing birthday card) can cause fires. Those fires quickly accelerate especially with the paper and cardboard in the facility as well as dust from shredded paper is suspended in the air. **Do not put lithium batteries or shredded paper in your recycling bin.**
- Equipment shutdown, up to eight times per shift, to remove "tangles" such as plastic bags that get caught in the equipment. The facility loses up to

four hours per day to service the equipment, which costs time and money and endangers staff doing the work.

- Medical waste such as medication sharps and face masks are a hazard for the personnel who manually sort recyclables on the conveyer belts. These workers also risk ergonomic injuries from reaching repeatedly for non-recyclable material on the fast-moving conveyer belt.
- Contaminated loads. About 20% are contaminated with non-recyclables, resulting in increased costs and decreased revenue for the facility.

During the Q & A portion, many audience questions focused on which items are or are not recyclable. Additional questions were answered in a follow-up email and is posted on the [Greener Glenview website](#).

Bottom line: Recycling is a profitable business both in terms of money and environmental benefit. You can help by recycling right.

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**Glenview**

## **Items you can recycle at Village Hall**

Here are the items you can recycle at Village Hall, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Light bulbs: CFLs and Fluorescent tubes only. Halogen bulbs and incandescent bulbs are NOT accepted. Incandescent bulbs can be thrown in the garbage.
  - Old shoes
  - Ink cartridges
  - U.S. Flags
  - Toiletries for USO
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## **Save the Date: "Data Centers, the Environment, and the Electric Grid"**

**WHEN:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Stay tuned for the February 23, 2026 program Greener Glenview is co-sponsoring with the Glenview Public Library: "Data Centers, the Environment and the Electric Grid". The data center market is doubling every four years, and Chicago is a growing data center hub because of access to land, fiber optic cable, water, and electricity. What does this mean for you, the environment, the electric grid and your utility bills?