

Environmental Committee
January 28, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Police Department Training Room

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3. Introduction
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 - a. Recycling
 - b. Rain Barrels
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City of Darien

TO: Environmental Committee Members

FROM: Lisa Klemm, Liaison Environmental Committee

DATE: January 28, 2019

RE: Advanced Disposal

A representative from Advanced Disposal, our provider of solid waste services, which includes the collection of refuse, yard waste and recycling, will attend the meeting to provide a short presentation as it relates to recycling. The recycling market is in bad shape. A reduction in recycling contamination is needed. Attached are some dos and don'ts as it pertains to recycling.

Please share with your neighbors, families and friends.

YES!

Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps



METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,
and Jars Only



FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS

NO!

Put material in loose - Not in Bags



No Plastic Bags

No Product Wrap
(return clean to retailer)



No Big Items (Electronics, Wood,
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam
– check with local authority for other options)



No Tangles (Hangers, Hoses,
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



No Clothing
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,
Batteries or Needles**



No Shredded Paper
(check with local authority
for other recycling options)

Clean Recycling is Recycling Right! These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois.

Remember---When in doubt, toss it in the garbage!

For more information, check with your local municipality or visit
www.advanceddisposal.com/recyclerright

Acceptable & unacceptable recyclable items subject to change.

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RE: Rain Barrels – Conservation Foundation

Jim Kleinwachter, Land Protection Specialist, from the Conservation Foundation will attend the meeting to provide an overview and presentation of the benefits of a rain barrel. Some of these benefits include a reduction of stress on our creeks and rivers, help to recharge our local water supply, and provide mineral rich and chlorine-free rain water for gardens and houseplants. An added benefit, as a homeowner, is saving money on your water bills.

Attached please find additional information on obtaining a rain barrel.



Make a

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ence:

Add a Rain Barrel to Your Garden!

Fact: A quarter inch of rain falling on the average home yields **200+** gallons of water

Fact: **40%** of household water is used in the yard during the hottest days of summer

Rain barrels:

- Reduce stress on our creeks and rivers
- Help recharge our local water supply
- Protect our streams and rivers from run-off pesticides and fertilizers
- Provide mineral-rich and chlorine-free rain water for gardens and houseplants
- Are sealed, safe and insect resistant
- Include overflow and connection valves



**Order your own
rain barrel today
and help keep our
rainwater local!**

For more information,
contact Jim Kleinwachter,
Land Protection Specialist,
The Conservation
Foundation,
at (630) 553-0687, ext. 302.



We save land.



We save rivers.



January 2019

Greetings!

Believe it or not, it's time to think about next spring and getting a **Rain Barrel Program** going in your community. Some communities have run a program in the past; for some this may be your first year.

We make it easy by offering a complete program in collaboration with our supplier, Upcycle Products, Inc. **We take the orders, handle the payment and get the barrels to the homeowners.**

An effective way to build enthusiasm for the rain barrel sales is to have us do an education program in your community. We explain the benefits of using untreated water and keeping rain water where it falls. We are available to answer questions and help with installation problems. **If you have a MS4 permit, this education program counts towards meeting your education and outreach requirements to provide information about green infrastructure strategies.**

We have found that it works well when municipalities have a distribution day when homeowners come and pick up their barrel at an appointed location and time. In addition, home delivery is available; barrels can be delivered before and after the free drop-off day. Home delivery is usually only an additional \$5.

We have also found that having a good communication plan helps greatly to raise awareness and increase rain barrel sales. To that end, we want to work with you or a communications person to get the message out.

We do ask, but don't require, a participation fee of \$250 which covers our time, the seminar, and home visits to help the homeowners. We don't require the fee because we don't want any community left out because of lack of funding. For those who can make a payment, we are grateful.

I am available to answer your questions and customize a program for your community. **Contact me** at ncinatl@theconservationfoundation.org or at 630-428-4500 Ext. 132 and I will send you the sign-up form.

It's not too early to get dates on the calendar for next spring so **let's get started!**

Nancy Cinatl
Program Assistant
The Conservation Foundation
630 428-4500 x 132



**Minutes
City of Darien
Environmental Committee Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2018**

PRESENT: Allan Jackimek, Arleta Peknik, Deb Hardtke, Jane Harmon, Hilda Gonzalez, Robert Erck, Sylvia Mclvor, Lisa Klemm – Liasion. Additional guests present: Lauren Kaeseberg, Miranda Lee and Teresa West

ABSENT: Kris Sant

Chairman Jackimek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The discussion mainly revolved around Sterigenics and what can we do to stop them. A Facebook page had been created – Stop Sterigenics. The page includes events that are being held, legal forums and documents. Ms. Kaeseberg, who is a Darien resident, shared some facts from the test results in August, showing the areas affected by the emissions of ethylene oxide, how the public is losing faith and nobody is fighting. Ms. Kaeseberg stated that there should be zero emissions.

Ms. Lee, also a Darien resident, jumped in and suggested hosting a meeting at City Hall and include the entire community – schools, park district, and library. Inviting the media. Ms. Lee, too, believes that there should be zero emissions. Sylvia Mclvor to reach out to City Administrator, Bryon Vana.

OLD BUSINESS

Per Advanced Disposal, the recycling facility is still not conducting field visits/tours.

NEW BUSINESS

Recent Hinsdale South graduate, Ross Wenkus, submitted a letter to the Mayor to introduce ‘terracycling’, which is the process of taking used products destined for landfills and recycling them. Ms. Mclvor suggested possibly using City Hall has a drop-off of such items. Need to see if this needs to be approved by City Council.

Ms. Lee suggested limiting the waste of plastics; possibly the elimination of plastic bags.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 28, 2019 – Police Department

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. with continued discussions.