

**ATTENTION**  
**USERS OF THE HORTONVILLE YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE**

The Village of Hortonville has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of non-resident illegal dumping in our compost and brush refuse site over the last few years. We've learned that there is confusion as to who is/isn't allowed to bring brush and compost to the Village site. Due to the unauthorized use of the site by non-residents and the financial burden placed on Village taxpayers as a result, we are reducing the operating hours of the drop-off site.

Due to this increase in non-resident illegal dumping, the Village is looking into options that work financially within our budget. One option is to close the site entirely, and while that option is a last-resort and does not serve our residents, we must consider it. To better serve our Village residents by keeping the site open, we are looking at limited hours of accessibility and increasing the fines for any non-resident illegal dumping. In addition to upgrading our security cameras, our Public Works staff, along with the Hortonville Police Department, will be monitoring the site closely. Our Village Board is reviewing our current ordinance (Sec. 9.17 of the Hortonville Municipal Code), and may consider increasing the fine to help deter non-resident, illegal dumping.

People that live in a neighboring township (i.e. Dale, Ellington, Greenville, Hortonville) may have a Hortonville mailing address, but that does not entitle them to dispose of yard-waste at the Village's Compost Site. We've found that many people believe that they can use the Village's site, because their mailing address says "Hortonville". It is a common and simple mistake; most are simply unaware that they aren't a Village "tax paying" resident, but there are many that knowingly violate the law.

Below are some easy ways for people to know what municipality they live in:

- Your municipality is where you vote.
- Your municipality is where you pay your property taxes.
- If your address is a fire number such as W1234 or N1234, you are not a Village resident.

We appreciate your help spreading the word throughout the community about who can/cannot use the Village's refuse site. Looking ahead, we are hopeful that we can work with our neighboring communities towards a regional solution to this issue in the future.

**Updated drop-off site hours: Be prepared to show an I.D.**

**Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 9: a.m.**

