



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Summer Lawn Watering & Water System Information

Summer lawn watering - Please follow our recommended summer watering schedule by only watering on even or odd days corresponding to your street address number and limit watering to 3-4 hours. This will help ensure our well pump can replace water being stored in our water tower. Summer water usage typically is much higher than the rest of the year and can strain our water system capabilities. This guideline is especially important to follow this year with more people home during the daytime. If you are using multiple lawn sprinklers, please consider the impact this has with regard to the time spent watering your lawns.

Chemical building - Bids to move chemical processing now being done inside the water tower to a separate building were requested from five contractors who expressed interest in the project. Only two contractors submitted completed bids, however, and both were considerably higher than estimates prepared by our engineering firm, the Farnsworth Group. We have been unable to secure a bid at a price we feel is reasonable so we will not be pursuing a separate building for chemical processing this year. Depending on the bids we obtain later this year for the water tower refurbishing project to be completed in 2021, we may seek new bids for a chemical building next year. We also have the option to continue to perform the chemical water treatment processing in the water tower. If we continue chemical processing in the water tower we will look for ways to reduce the additional maintenance work that results.

Water hydrant flushing – Daily water usage during July was sometimes two to three times normal usage. This is the same trend we have experienced in past summers. We did not flush the hydrants in July because of the additional strain flushing would have put on our water system. One impact of the higher than normal water usage is less sediment has time to settle, so flushing is not needed as often. We will try to give better notice in the future if the scheduled flushing is not going to be performed. We will publish a revised flushing schedule in the near future.

Water operator – Frank Cottrell, who has been Indian Creek's water operator for almost 30 years, will be retiring at the end of July. We appreciate the many years of service Frank has provided to our subdivision and wish him all the best as he moves into full retirement. We are very fortunate to have one of our own Indian Creek residents, Brett Lueschen, agree to assume our water operator position. Brett has a great deal of experience with water systems. Brett is currently the Operations Manager of the City of Bloomington Water Division, the Towanda Fire Chief and the water operator for Towanda. We very much look forward to Brett assuming this role.

Jim Larson, ICHWA Water Chairperson



McLean County Waste Rates are Converging: 2019 Recycling Rate Dips Slightly While Waste Landfilled Continues to Decrease

McLean County's recycling rate stayed relatively steady from 2018 to 2019 with only a 1.4% decline. The Ecology Action Center's annual calculation of community-wide waste generation and recycling shows that the County reached a recycling rate of 45.74%, dropping from the alltime high of 46.44%. As a result, the County maintained progress towards the new communitywide recycling rate goal of 50% set in 2017 under the new 20-year solid waste management plan. No single category of recyclable materials saw significant fluctuations from the year prior, while there were minor fluctuations across the board in all material streams.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total MSW Recycled (tons)	73,833	85,196	81,302	83,335	88,459	94,804	88,330
Total MSW Landfilled (tons)	121,991	141,068	154,662	120,815	124,364	109,467	104,772
Total Municipal Solid Waste Generated (tons)	195,824	226,264	235,964	204,150	211,230	204,271	193,102
Percent Change from Previous Year	6.96%	15.54%	4.29%	-13.48%	3.47%	-3.29%	-5.47%
Recycling Rate	37.70%	37.65%	34.46%	40.82%	41.88%	46.41%	45.74%
Percent Change from Previous Year	3.43%	-0.13%	-8.49%	18.47%	2.59%	10.82%	-1.44%

With the closure of the McLean County Landfill in late 2018, the Ecology Action Center continues to focus on waste management priorities as outlined in the Twenty-Year Materials Recovery and Resource Management Plan for McLean County, Bloomington, and Normal, Illinois. This includes diversion strategies for waste that would otherwise require landfill disposal further away from the source of origin. The impact of the new multifamily recycling ordinance in Normal was undetermined as of yet with only a partial year of the program activity.

The Ecology Action Center annually collects waste and recycling data to calculate the amount of municipal solid waste generated and recycled for all of McLean County as a lagging indicator of the impact of local recycling and outreach programs. Among other services, the EAC acts as the solid waste agency for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County and provides technical assistance, recycling promotion, household hazardous waste coordination, education and outreach.

Information on residential recycling, recycling of nontraditional materials, and information on disposal of household hazardous wastes is available by calling (309) 454-3169 or visiting ecologyactioncenter.org.

New Recycling Information



Please completely rinse out all containers before recycling.



PAPER

Newspaper & Inserts
Magazines
Catalogs
Phone Books
Junk Mail & Envelopes
Office Paper
Copy Paper
School Paper
Hard Back Books
(remove cover)
Soft Back Books
Brown Paper Sacks
Shredded Paper



PLASTIC

Water Bottles
Soda Bottles
Milk Jugs
Juice Beverage Jugs
Detergent Bottles
Fabric Softener
Household Cleaners
Clear & Colored Plastics
Including #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
Plastic Margarine Tubs
Yogurt Containers
Margarine Tubs
Ketchup Bottles



METAL

Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Foil
Aluminum Tins
Steel Cans
Tin Containers
Aerosol Cans
Metal Lids



GLASS

Beverage Containers
Food Containers
Jars
Clear Glass
Brown Glass
Green Glass



CARDBOARD

Cardboard
Cereal Boxes
Paperboard Boxes
Soda Cases
Beer Cases
Shoe Boxes
Frozen Food Boxes

The recycling information and a visual guide showing acceptable recycling items were recently mailed to you. As you know Henson's will take our recycled items to the local Midwest Fiber Recycling center to be processed. Please see the additional flyers from their website to help you make reasoned recycling decisions.

The representative I spoke with at Midwest Fiber highly emphasized that we be responsible in our recycling efforts and to avoid becoming "wish-cyclers." Following is an excerpt from an article about wish-cycling that is accessible at <https://recyclecoach.com/residents/blog/help-put-a-stop-to-wish-cycling/>

"Have you ever heard of wish-cycling? If not, no worries, you're definitely not alone. Turns out a lot of us are in the dark when it comes to this bad habit. That's just one reason why so many of us do it. It has happened to most of us: you're about to dispose of something, maybe it's a greasy pizza box, a CFL light bulb, or a plastic bag from your local supermarket, and you realize you're not sure where it should go—garbage or recycling? You don't want to add more waste to the planet, so you toss your tricky item in your recycling container, hoping it'll get recycled. Worst case, if you made a mistake, you assume the recycling facility will be able to fix it. Not true. Unfortunately, simply wishing for something to be recyclable doesn't make it so. Wish-cycling might start with the best of intentions, but it's one of the biggest issues facing waste management today. This is because it actually creates more waste in the long run. It also makes recycling potentially unsustainable, which is obviously a bad thing."

Midwest Fiber indicated that the following should NOT be recycled:

- **Plastic bags and plastic film such as sandwich bags, zip lock bags, or bubble wrap. Plastic bags you receive from a store can be taken to grocery stores and the Town of Normal recycling centers.
- **Any type of Styrofoam such as Styrofoam packing peanuts or packing materials, cups, etc.
- **Paper or plastic cups and lids/straws that you would get from fast food restaurants.
- **Batteries and electronic items.
- **Paint cans or chemical containers
- **Remove the tops from spray bottles such as Windex, etc.

The following is acceptable:

- ***Leaving the tops on water and pop plastic bottles, and jugs.
- ***Non chemical empty aerosol cans such as Pam, etc
- ***Shredded paper in a paper (not plastic) bag

Think of the following when deciding what to recycle:
Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, and Jars.

*It is better to **not** recycle an item if you are unsure if it is acceptable for recycling.*

For more information visit Midwest Fiber's website at <https://www.midwest-fiber.com>.

Fred Walk—IC Grounds
Chairman—
fwalk@frontiernet.net



NEW! QUICK AND EASY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil.
No spray paint cans or pesticide cans.

GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only
NOTE: Residential & commercial customers of Area Disposal Company—glass materials are no longer accepted for recycling.

YES!

Clean & Empty

PAPER

Cardboard (flattened), Office Paper, Newspaper, & Magazines

PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, and Jars Only. Replace lids & caps.

HELP STOP RECYCLING CONTAMINATION. IF IT IS NOT SHOWN ABOVE AS ACCEPTABLE, THEN IT IS NOT! IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

No Plastic Bags
No Plastic Wrap
(return bags clean to retailer)

No Big Items
(Electronics, Wood, Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam—check with Ecology Action Center for other options)

NO!

No materials in bags*
put in loose

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

No Clothing, Textiles or Shoes (donate to HSHrenew.org)

No Food, Liquid, Diapers, Batteries or Needles

No Shredded Paper unless bagged (*exception)

These guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit RecycleBN.org or contact the Ecology Action Center at 309-454-3169.



7.3.2019

Towanda Home and Community Education

The Towanda Unit of McLean County Home and Community Education group is looking forward to some activities in upcoming months. The county organization is scheduled to hold the county annual meeting on Monday, August 10 at The Chateau in Bloomington. Interested members and guests are to let Cindy Kelley, Towanda HCE president know if they are planning to attend at 309-824-4797 and receive more details.

If everything goes well, Towanda HCE will be able to meet for the **Monday, September 14, 7 p.m. meeting at the Towanda Community Building**. The scheduled program for the night will be, "Who Am I In Child Rank Order?" given by Bev Hornickel. Guests are cordially invited to attend.

We are a continuing education group. We never outgrow the need for knowledge and education and have fun getting together once a month, September through May. We learn about interesting and timely topics that can improve our daily lives. We are also a great community service group that keeps busy giving back to the community and the county and world! **Contact Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 for more information** or with questions.

Area Fall Garage Sales

Area Fall Garage Sales – If anyone is interested in participating in group advertising for a fall garage sale I'll be happy to put together the information for the flyer and Pantagraph ad. Our usual annual fall sale dates would be Thu-Sat, September 10-12. If you'd like to be included on a list of area sales and share in the cost of advertising, please be prompt in providing – by **Wed. Sept. 2** – the following information to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net

- a. Sale location (cross streets are helpful)
 - b. Contact information (phone & email - for my information only)
 - c. Days and times of your sale (it is not necessary to have your sale each day)
 - d. List of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed on the flyer and by category in the Pantagraph ad)
 - e. \$5 fee (for Pantagraph ad), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs.
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Towanda Library

Last month, Towanda District Library launched a three-phased plan to resume services. We are **sincerely thankful** to the community for its partnership in helping us **recover**, stopping by the building with **returns**, and **reconnecting** with us through phone and curbside service. In the past month, we have fielded over 250 phone calls and made over 200 curbside deliveries, and we are staying safe and healthy in the process! Here are some additional updates:

Points of Pride:

- We're hearing great reactions to the recently-released RSACat app, which allows patrons the opportunity to browse Towanda's collection, as well as the collections of over 190 libraries across Illinois! Need additional information? Contact the library or visit our website for detailed instructions.
- Our patrons have been patient and flexible during the roll-out and refinement of the library's phone and curbside services. **Thank you for your overwhelming support!**

Did You Know?:

- Interlibrary loan, also known as I.L.L., has resumed throughout most of Illinois. Patrons can now request items from other libraries for pick-up via curbside service at T.D.L.!
 - Programming “Sneak Peek”: National bestselling and award-winning author, Katherine Reay, will soon be “virtually visiting” T.D.L. for an author chat, following an online discussion of her Illinois-based novel, The Printed Letter Bookshop. Our library has multiple copies of this title, as well as the recently-released sequel, Of Literature & Lattes.
 - Our phone services have expanded! In the last month, we have helped patrons:
 - o Find books, movies, and more based on topics and/or interests;
 - o Download the new app for browsing the catalog;
 - o Apply for new library cards;
 - o Use the website to access their library accounts;
 - o Set-up new eReader devices; and,
 - o Place holds, renew items, and take requests for new purchases.
- If library staff members are assisting curbside patrons at the time of your call, we will ask whether we can follow-up with you as soon as possible. Please be assured every request is attended to, and we do our very best to resolve questions and requests within one business day.

Looking Ahead:

- Towanda District Library’s director, Mr. Jason Shirley, and the Board of Trustees are consistently monitoring information shared by the local and state health departments, as well as the C.D.C., to consider how services might expand in the future. We are committed to continuing safe and efficient phone and curbside services, and our next steps will support the partnership Towanda District Library has with local school districts.
- Some specific steps being taken to prepare the building for its physical reopening include the installation of plexiglass, the use of removable shields around technology/equipment, and purchasing additional P.P.E. for staff and patrons. Prior to the library building’s reopening, the “materials quarantine station” will be relocated from the front lobby to a safe, contained area. As we determine new locations and procedures, we will communicate updates via our website and Facebook pages.

Current Phone & Curbside Service Hours

Mondays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesdays: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursdays: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fridays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Closed Sundays

Towanda District Library’s hours and services may be adjusted and/or updated in response to data shared by the Illinois Department of Public Health. At this time, the library building remains closed to the public.

Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



With the hot, dry weather we need to water more. If the hose is leaking at the connection points, you probably need to change the washer. If you are using the plastic ones, they need to be replaced often. The rubber washers give a tighter fit and less getting you wet. To prevent the nozzle from sticking to the hose, apply some petroleum jelly to the hose thread.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture gets calls complaining about pesticide drift. This year there have been a lot more. Glyphosate and dicamba are both very toxic herbicides if you don't follow the directions on the container. If you spray when the temperature is above 85 degrees, the drift from the spray can cause damage to the surrounding plants, even kill them. It can also affect the food being sprayed. If you spray and it causes damage, you can be held responsible and fined

It is time to harvest onions and garlic when the tops turn brown and fall over. Shake the soil off and spread them out for 3-4 days to dry before placing them into storage.

The new growth of evergreens is called "candles". Once the growth is fully extended, you can pinch back each candle by up to 1/2 - 2/3 to encourage bushier growth and help control the growth.

Now that the non-bearing raspberries have finished producing, you can cut the old canes off to the ground. Wait until the everbearing ones have finished producing to remove their old canes. If the new canes are getting too tall, you can cut them back to about 3 feet tall. and then they will send out more shoots.

Stop fertilizing shrubs and perennials now. When you fertilize them, they tend to send out new shoots. Those shoots need to have time to age so they can withstand the winter cold. You can continue fertilizing roses until August 15.

During the hot summer, we need to remember to water deeply and only if needed. That encourages the roots to grow deeper. Probe your finger down about 2-3 inches to see if it needs watering. If your garden hose has been hanging out in the hot summer sun, the water in it can get very warm. Check the water with your hand before turning it to the plants. The hot water could damage the plants.

Most of the lawns in this area have cool-season grass. It is only natural for it to go dormant and turn brown when it gets hot. Once it rains or gets cooler, it will turn green and grow again. If you raise the mower to 3 1/2 - 4 inches, the grass could shade the soil so it wouldn't get as hot. It could also hold the moisture more and the grass would stay green longer. It could also help prevent some of the weed seeds from getting to the soil to germinate.

Late July is the ideal time to divide your iris if it needs it. If the tuber is soft, cut it off and destroy it. When you replant it, only plant it deep enough that the top of the tuber is only lightly covered with soil. Cut the leaves back to about 6 inches.

You can plant beans, beets, and carrots now for a fall crop. Blossom-end rot on tomatoes and peppers occurs when the soil moisture is uneven. Water it when the soil begins to dry. It also helps to put 2-3 inches of organic mulch around the plant.

It is time to watch for grubs in the lawn. Grubs feed on grassroots, and that could cause your grass to turn brown, or die. If you think you might have a problem, cut one square foot of lawn on 3 sides. Peel back the sod. It is only natural to have some grubs, but if you have 8 - 10 or more, you should treat the lawn. If you don't have a problem do not treat for grubs, because you could also kill the good insects.

Thin apples and peaches to about one every 9 inches. If there is too much fruit on the tree, the fruit will be small. By removing some of the overloads, you should have fewer, but larger and nicer fruit. Also, the tree will have the energy to produce fruit again next year.

Editorial

I would personally like to thank the Indian Creek Board and in particular, Fred Walk for the many hours he put in negotiating a new contract with Henson Disposal which now includes recycling.

Thank you, Mr. Walk!

Bob Hancock



Have you noticed how nice our entry way sign and the landscaping around it looks? A big thanks to Kathy Dumler for planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers and plantings around the sign. Another big thanks to Jim Russel for painting the posts holding up the sign and to Howard and Martha Riens for mowing and trimming around the sign.

Fred Walk
Grounds Chairman

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Businesses:



Pampered Chef features cooking shows, catalog parties, freezer meal workshops, bridal showers & fundraisers!

Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

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Website - www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock
Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935



For Hire:

Brenna Schwamberger is available for babysitting. She will be a sophomore next year at NCHS and has completed her Red Cross Babysitting class. You can contact her at 728-2857 (h) or (309) 824-1410 (c).

Aubrey Thomas is available for child care and pet care. She has taken the Safe Sitter course and is experienced with taking care of several animals. Aubrey will be a Sophomore at NCHS in the fall. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting. She is 14 years old and has completed a babysitting course along with being CPR certified. Please call or text her mom - Dallas Lueschen- at 309-826-1868.

Need someone to take care of your pet while you are away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. I have experience with animals at the Humane Society and have been petting sitting for two years. References provided upon request.

Jenacys Masters, 16, a Junior at NCHS is interested in doing any odd jobs to earn money for a car. Preferably in the Towanda area. She is offering dog walking/pet sitting, babysitting, running errands, or any other "teenager" type jobs. Please contact her at 813-943-2085. Cherish Pedraza 13 Bent Tree Ln.