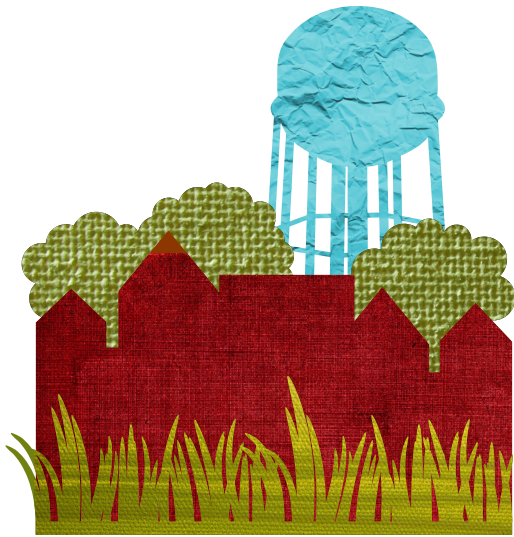




SUSTAINABILITY IN FRANKLIN PARK



The Village of Franklin Park is committed to innovative sustainability practices. The Village has built a LEED Gold Certified Police Station, replaced outdated vehicles with energy efficient electric vehicles and installed charging stations at Village Hall and the Metra train station. The Village encourages residents to fully utilize the existing community-wide recycling program and has increased the amount of recycling per household from 8.2 to 10.9 pounds per week. A new anti-idling policy restricts police vehicles from idling on area streets. This eliminates the release of 27,818 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere annually. The following awards recognize the Village of Franklin Park for its achievements in sustainability:

Governor's Sustainability Award (2014) • Green Intelligence Award (2014) • Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) Sustainable Landscaping Award (2014) • Midwest Pesticide Action Center Individual of the Year (2013)

What can you do in Franklin Park to help preserve and protect the environment?



Ride a bike.

Bicycle lockers, considered to be the safest in the industry, have been located west of the Metra train station and are available for rent. Residents who are interested in renting one on a weekly, monthly or annual basis should contact the Village at (847)671-4800 for information.



Recycle.

The Village of Franklin Park encourages its residents to reduce their waste by taking advantage of the recycling program. Recycling collection is on the same day as garbage collection. Please have your carts out by 6:00am. Recycling does not need to be separated. All approved recyclables may be mixed together. Please rinse all items and flatten all boxes.



Recycle your electronics.

The Village has opened an e-recycling site that is free to all Franklin Park residents, schools and businesses. Electronic items can be dropped off in the recycling container at: 9364 Franklin Avenue (directly north of Franklin & Martens intersection). Hours are Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm (Closed on Village Holidays). When dropping off, please place your items inside the cardboard containers.



Keep yards natural.

Herbicides and insecticides often applied to yards can harm your family's health and the environment. Lawn care chemicals don't just stay put on the lawns. Kids and pets track them into our homes and they wash into our waterways where they can impact our health and environment. The Village of Franklin park is proud to maintain all Village-owned property naturally.



Plant a tree.

Franklin Park has joined with Spring Grove Nursery and iTrees.com to offer residents a discount for planting trees on private property. Residents can select and purchase trees online at a 10% discount. After ordering at iTrees.com, your locally-grown tree will be delivered and planted by a professional. For every ten trees purchased by our residents, Spring Grove Nursery will donate a free tree to the Village. To learn more, please call (815)448-2138. Remember to indicate the code FRANKLIN PARK to receive your discount.



Compost.

Homeowners can help sustain our community and save money by composting. When you throw grass clippings or leaves into yard waste bags, it is sent to a location using diesel fueled vehicle that pollutes the air and where it takes up space and produces methane gas, which contributes to global climate change. The Village pays approximately \$150,000 a year to have the grass clippings and leaves transported to a composting site. A much more economical and environmentally-friendly option is to start composting in your backyard.



Capture rain.

As part of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD's) stormwater management program, the agency is offering rain barrels for \$58.00 plus tax to residents in Cook County. With a mission to protect the water environment, the MWRD initiated this program to encourage residents to capture and reuse stormwater. Rain barrels are an inexpensive tool that provides relief to sewer systems during rain storms. Please call (312)751-5884 for more information.