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GLENCOE BEGINS COMBINED FOOD SCRAP AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

(Glencoe, Illinois)—As part of the transition to Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) for garbage collection services, the Village of Glencoe is excited to offer a new voluntary seasonal combined food scrap and yard waste collection program for residents. The program, the first of its kind in Glencoe, began in early April and will continue through December 15, with collection occurring curbside on Wednesdays of each week. Participants can dispose of compostable materials such as fruit and vegetable peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, paper napkins, meat scraps and bones, fish scraps and yard waste in biodegradable paper yard waste bags (available from most local hardware stores) or curbside bins. The composting service may be used by residents who do not need yard waste collection.

There are two options for participating in the newly offered service: volume-based (stickers) and subscription (annual payment). Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall or the Grand Foods Center (341 Hazel Avenue) for \$2.25, and must be affixed to each biodegradable paper yard waste bag, or bin. Residents who wish to sign-up for a subscription service, can place unlimited food scrap or yard waste at the curb in biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or bins. To sign-up for this service, residents should contact LRS at (773) 685-8811. Composting containers can either be purchased at local hardware stores, or rented from LRS for \$3 per container per month.

The Village is excited to partner with LRS in offering this new program to residents. LRS is the first privately-held company in the United States to integrate an aerobic digester into its organic waste diversion, to convert food scraps and landscape waste into high-grade fertilizer. The aerobic digester produces zero methane gas, water pollution and odor. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 21 percent of municipal solid waste is food scraps and less than five percent is diverted for composting. With this new program, the Village will continue to make strong efforts in diverting waste from our landfills.

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