



THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON ILLINOIS

Village of Hebron~ No Mow May

No Mow May is a growing movement aimed at reducing lawn mowing during the month of May to provide a safe haven for pollinators and other wildlife. While some people may worry about the impact that this may have on their lawns, the truth is that No Mow May can have a positive impact on local ecosystems.

By allowing grasses and wildflowers to grow, No Mow May creates a diverse and welcoming environment for pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and other insects. This is especially important in urban areas where natural habitats are limited. These pollinators play a crucial role in plant reproduction, helping to ensure that local flora remains healthy and abundant.

But the benefits of No Mow May go beyond pollinators. Allowing grass and other vegetation to grow can create a safe haven for other wildlife as well, including small mammals, reptiles, and birds. These creatures need diverse habitats to survive, and No Mow May can provide a much-needed respite from the typical manicured lawn.

In addition, No Mow May can help reduce air pollution by reducing the amount of gasoline used for lawn mowers. This can help improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which can have a positive impact on the environment.

While some may worry about the impact that No Mow May may have on property values, the truth is that a healthy, diverse lawn can actually increase property values in the long run. By creating a welcoming environment for wildlife, homeowners can create a unique and desirable property that will stand out from the typical manicured lawn.

In conclusion, No Mow May can have a positive impact on local ecosystems by creating a safe haven for pollinators and other wildlife, reducing air pollution, and increasing property values. By participating in No Mow May, homeowners can take a small step towards creating a more eco-friendly future and protecting the natural world around them.

Tips for keeping neighbors happy

- Maintain a mowed buffer. A tidy mowed edge along sidewalks and paths can make a busy natural planting look less overwhelming, and makes these spaces look intentional rather than neglectful.
- Tidy up your yard in other ways. Remove trash or broken décor, and keep fences and borders in good repair.
- Educate your neighbors and passersby about your landscaping choices. Displaying a simple sign designating your yard as pollinator habitat can be the difference between it being seen as a neglected area to people viewing it as an important part of a thriving landscape. Consider making your own sign.
- Try mowing wide paths so you can walk around, watch the activity and enjoy the changing shapes and colors. Have these paths lead to a bench, a birdbath, a statue or a big pot of flowers.

June 1, 2023

1. Once you get back to mowing, set the lawn mower on high (it also helps to keep the blade sharp).
2. You can “grasscycle” most of my clippings so they can return their nutrients to the turf..
3. You are responsible for all clean up on your property.

Once June arrives you may feel ready to take it a step further by only mowing once every two weeks all summer long. This benefits our native bees by allowing more bloom time. The taller grass shades out the weeds and keeps the ground cooler, retaining moisture so less sprinkler time is needed. Cutting your grass at least three inches high, shearing only the top third of the blade and leaving the cut portion on the ground will provide all the nutrients the lawn and soil require to stay healthy.

Thank You for supporting “No Mow May”

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Participation in this event means that you will be exempt from any mowing violation (Chapter 1: 7-1-4) from **May 1, 2023 to June 1, 2023.**

You will be responsible for any and all clean up of yard waste on or before **June 1, 2023.**

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Village of Hebron Clerk on or before May 28, 2023.

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For more information please contact: Trustee Dawn Milarski at Dmilarski@villageofhebron.org



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No Mow May Application

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Street: _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____

Your signature verifies that you understand all the rules for the Village of Hebron's No Mow May event May 2023.

Signature _____

Thank You for saving the bees!

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