



The Village of  
**Glenview**

## **No Mow 'til Mother's Day Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Overview**

#### **Q. What is the "No Mow 'til Mother's Day" campaign and why is Glenview supporting the effort?**

No Mow 'Til Mother's Day invites residents to avoid mowing their lawn - or a portion of their lawn - through Mother's Day on May 8 to help support the local ecology, the habitats of pollinators and other wildlife. The Village and the Environment & Natural Resources Commission want to raise awareness throughout the community of opportunities to support our environment and local habitats for wildlife.

Dr. Alan Molumby, a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois-Chicago and director of Woodworth Prairie in Glenview, says broad adoption of the initiative would have many beneficial effects on the environment, and that rabbits, bees and flies would all benefit from a reduction in mowing, and lawns would likely require less water and fertilizer.

### **How it works**

#### **Q. How do residents get involved?**

Glenview residents who wish to participate in the program can sign up via [this online form](#). Once registered, residents will receive a lawn sign and be exempt from lawn mowing code enforcement through Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8. The lawn sign must be visible from the street and placed on private property (avoid placing signs in the Village rights-of-way and parkways -- the space between the sidewalk and the street).

#### **Q. Where do I pick-up my sign?**

Once registration is confirmed, residents will pick up their lawn sign from the Community Development Department at Village Hall, 2500 East Lake Avenue. Signs will be available for pickup beginning Monday, March 14, and can be picked up during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). Please call the Village at (847) 724-1700 if a special accommodation is needed.

#### **Q. Where should I place my sign?**

The lawn sign should be visible from the street and placed on private property (avoid placing signs in Village rights-of-way and parkways -- the space between the sidewalk and the street). This will help raise awareness of the program and let Village inspectors know you're opted in and exempt from lawn mowing code enforcement.

#### **Q. What should I do with my sign when the program ends?**

If you plan to continue participating in the program in the future, hold onto your sign and save it for next spring. If you do not wish to participate again or do not want to store the sign, kindly return it to Village Hall during regular business hours so that it may be reused.

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## Lawn Maintenance

### **Q. Do I have to let my entire lawn grow?**

No. You can choose to let the grass grow on your entire lawn or just a small section of it. If you feel your lawn is too long, you may cut it at any time. This initiative is about supporting habitats for pollinators, but also about raising awareness of the small things we can do as a community to create a better environment for pollinators.

### **Q. What can I do if dandelions go to seed in my yard?**

If a yellow dandelion goes from a flower to a seed, it is no longer a benefit to pollinators, so please feel free to cut off the seed head so the seeds don't have a chance to spread. There are usually younger dandelions beginning to flower below the seeding plants, so try to cut the seeding dandelions individually or set your mower deck on a higher level to avoid cutting the new yellow dandelion flowers below.

## Code Enforcement

### **Q. What if a neighbor complains about my grass getting too long?**

Those who are registered for the program and have a "No Mow 'til Mother's Day" lawn sign visible will not be subject to lawn mowing code enforcement.

We understand that not everyone may be in favor of this initiative, but the program is temporary and will end on May 8. We ask for your patience during this program as it aims to benefit our local ecology. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the Village at (847) 724-1700.

### **Q. Do I have to cut my grass on Mother's Day?**

Participating properties are expected to be mowed after Mother's Day Weekend and no later than Saturday, May 14.

## More information

### **Q. What else can I do to help pollinators?**

Here are some helpful tips:

- Avoid using pesticides
- Plant colorful native wildflowers
- Grow flowers in clusters
- Plant a wide variety of flowering plants that bloom during different times throughout the year
- Plant trees, herbs, flowering fruits, and vegetables
- Leave some areas, even small areas, undisturbed
- Create a nesting shelter

Additional resources may be found at:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/plantsanimals/pollinate/gardeners/>

<https://www.xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators>

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