2024 No Mow 'til Mother's Day
Program Frequently Asked Questions

Background Information

Q. What is the Purpose of the Program?

A. This program invites residents to avoid mowing their lawn- or a portion of their lawn- through the first week of May to help support the local ecology, the habitats of pollinators and other wildlife

Returning Participants

Q. I participated in the program last year. Do I still need to sign-up?

A. Yes, we ask that all participants sign-up online.

Q. Can I reuse my sign from last year?

A. Yes, the Village encourages participants to hold onto their signs and reuse them each year.

Q. I no longer have my sign from last year. Can I pick-up a new one?

A. Yes, please note that a new sign is needed in the registration link and staff will provide a new sign for pick-up.

No Mow 'til Mother's Day Signs

Q. Where do I pick-up my sign?

A. Lawn Signs will be available for pick-up beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2024. Signs will be available in the Community Development Department at Village Hall (2500 East Lake Avenue) Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please call the Village at (847)724-1700 if special accommodation is needed.

Q. Where should I place my sign?

A. To bring attention to this program and raise awareness for supporting the habitat of pollinators, we ask that you place the sign on your property where it will be most visible. Please do not place the sign in the Village right-of-way, which includes areas between the sidewalk and curb.

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

A. We ask that you hold onto your sign if you wish to participate in the program again in coming years. If you do not wish to hold onto your sign, kindly return it to the Village Hall during regular business hours so that it may be reused in coming years.

Lawn Maintenance

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

A. 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, go ahead and cut it. 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 went to seed in my yard?

A. After a dandelion goes to seed, they are no longer a benefit to pollinators, so please feel free to cut them. But please be careful to cut the seeding dandelions high so that you do not cut the dandelions that are still flowering.

Code Enforcement

Q. What If a neighbor complains about my grass getting too long?

A. 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.

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

A. Participating properties are expected to be mowed after the Mother's Day Weekend, and no later than Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Other Ways to Help Pollinators

Q. What else can I do to help pollinators?

A. Here's a short list of ways to help:
- 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

Neighbor Participation

Q. My neighbor is participating, and their grass is getting long. What do I do if I don't like it?

A. We understand that not everyone may be in favor of this initiative, but the program is temporary and will end on May 12, 2024. 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.

For more information regarding this program, contact Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager, at rflakne@glenview.il.us