



SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY, IL

## MEMBER SERVICES BULLETIN

### SWALCO's Executive Committee Takes First Step to Resume Electronics Collection Program

At its meeting on December 18, 2015 the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County's (SWALCO) Executive Committee voted to recommend the Agency enter into a contract with Dynamic Recycling to resume the Agency's successful electronics recycling program. The contract would not exceed \$200,000 and the funding would come from SWALCO's reserve funds. The contract with Dynamic Recycling must be approved by the full SWALCO Board of Directors, which meets on January 22, 2015, in order to become effective. However, SWALCO is in discussions with Dynamic Recycling to determine if the company is willing to begin work without final contract approval in hopes of having some collection sites back in operation before the end of this year.

If the contract is approved by the SWALCO Board it will provide funding for eight permanent collection sites dispersed throughout Lake County. SWALCO also expects to be able to continue to hold one day collection events in other parts of the County as funding allows. More information regarding the eight collection sites will be provided to the public once all arrangements have been finalized with the governmental entities hosting the sites.

SWALCO's Executive Committee also authorized its legal counsel to investigate the legal options available to the Agency to recoup its costs associated with resuming the electronics collection program in 2015. Since the enactment of the law (Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act) establishing electronics recycling programs in Illinois in 2008, units of local government have taken the lead in offering collection programs to their residents with the cost for those programs paid for by the manufacturers of electronics. This has been the case in Lake County since 2008, but that changed this year when the Agency attempted to procure a new recycler for its program in 2015. All the recyclers contacted were requiring the Agency to pay a share of the costs, which in the Agency's opinion is contrary not only to the intent of the law but its actual implementation since 2008.

We encourage you to add this information to your website, newsletter, cable TV, or post in the village hall or administrative offices, or help get the word out through your social media outlets. For additional information, please contact Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO Public Information and Education Director at 847-336-9340 x 4 or via email at [mrampale@swalco.org](mailto:mrampale@swalco.org)