



# Village of Northbrook

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## Green Resident Award Program Information

### Purpose

The Village of Northbrook is a committed partner to improving the environment and encouraging sustainable practices. To this end, the Village recognizes the importance of government and residents working together to set and reach goals of environmental sustainability. For this reason the Board of Trustees and Environmental Quality Commission have created the Green Resident Award Program. The Green Resident Award program will seek to promote environmentally-friendly practices in Northbrook by recognizing households that have taken steps with meaningful results to make a positive impact on the environment.

### What Types of Practices May Be Recognized by the Green Resident Award

The Village is seeking residents that are taking steps to minimize their impact on the environment. Each year the Environmental Quality Commission will select a category of sustainability on a rotating basis to highlight. The intent is also to provide guidance to residents applying for the Green Resident Award on areas in which to focus their application. These categories may include waste reduction/recycling/composting, water conservation, energy conservation, landscaping, and home maintenance.

For 2020, the Environmental Quality Commission has selected the category of: **Landscaping**. Examples of environmentally-friendly practices in the **Landscaping** category include:

- Integrated approach to pest management.
- Use of organic or non-toxic fertilizers.
- Use of native, low or no move plantings, and other natural landscaping.
- Composting of landscape waste and incorporating composting into gardening.
- Utilizing drought tolerant plants or plantings that require no irrigation.

### Eligibility

A resident must be located within the corporate limits of the Village of Northbrook.

### How to Apply

Complete and email an application and send it to [Charmaine.John@northbrook.il.us](mailto:Charmaine.John@northbrook.il.us). Only email submissions will be accepted.

### Questions

Questions about the Green Resident Award program or how to apply for the award can be answered by the Development & Planning Services Department at 847-664-4134 or [Charmaine.John@northbrook.il.us](mailto:Charmaine.John@northbrook.il.us).

### Application Timeline

The process will open February 1, 2018, and applications will be accepted until March 31, 2020. Winners will be announced at an April Village Board meeting.

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of representatives of the Village of Northbrook's Environmental Quality Commission.

### How the Program Works

Residents in Northbrook are asked to fill out an application. Applications will be reviewed by members of the Selection Committee. Residents should be as specific as possible with the description of their efforts and where possible quantify the benefits of their efforts. Pictures will help with applications. One winner will be chosen.

### Awards

The winner will be announced at a Village Board meeting in April 2020. The winner will be recognized in the Village Newsletter. The winner will receive an award and may be recognized at a Village event such as Earth Day or a Village of Northbrook Board of Trustees meeting.