

Attention Residents:

Following up on citizen concerns, the Village has investigated the drainage in your neighborhood. *Insert area of investigation)*

The Village has placed this area on a work list and repairs will begin in the next week; however, illegal dumping was noted in the *(list area, or address)*. Any illegally dumped material will have to be removed to complete the work and will add significantly to the cost of the project both in terms of labor and disposal of the material. To ensure the longevity of the repairs and the functional capacity of the ravine, the dumping must stop immediately.

Disposing of grass clippings, leaves or any other waste in drainage ways is not an acceptable practice and violates the Villages Stormwater Ordinance 2002-00-15. Unless you actively manage lawn waste to accelerate decomposition, as in the composting process, it may not break down properly and instead smothers and destroys the existing vegetation and causes erosion. Leaves, sticks and other debris will wash or blow down the ravine, blocking stormwater pipes, creeks, etc. and restricting flow. These obstructions can cause poor drainage on your street and in your yards.

Additionally, ravines, creeks, ditches, curb/gutters and other similar areas are part of the stormwater drainage system of the Village of Coal Valley and are not to be used for dumping of any material including organic lawn waste. Coal Valley's storm water drainage system does NOT go through our wastewater treatment plant; therefore, everything put into drainage ways eventually makes its way directly to the Rock River.

The Village encourages residents to take advantage of yard waste programs in place. Residents may bag yard waste, place a \$1.75 Village sticker on it and have it taken on their regular trash pickup day from April 1st-November 1st.

Branches may be set out with your regular trash pickup but they must be bundled in 4' lengths and cannot be more than 1 foot in diameter.

Please be assured that other contributions to the erosion and drainage problems in your neighborhood are being addressed by the Village. This letter is being sent along to residents in the area to help improve the conditions in your neighborhood and the Village appreciates your cooperation and understanding while we work to resolve these issues. Please notify the Village at (309-799-3604) if you witness additional dumping or know the source of the dumped material.