

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NEWSLETTER**  
**“DUMONT KEEP IT GREEN-KEEP IT CLEAN**

Most of the citizens of our fair town are not aware of a closely kept secret and that is Dumont has an Environmental Commission whose goal is to make our environment more pleasant, more energy efficient and less wasteful of our natural resources. With the issue of this first News Letter, we shall endeavor to send out four issues a year. We hope that you will be able to use some of our ideas for the betterment of your family, as well as the town.

**ENERGY SAVINGS:**

The easiest and least expensive way to reduce the cost of heating our homes is to add insulation to the attic floor of our homes. Many of us will say that we have already increased the insulation in our attic and we do not have to address this issue, as we have already saved all that we can. But, the fact of the matter is that with each additional inch of insulation we are reducing the amount of heat necessary to offset the heat loss from our homes through our roof. The old standards used to be that if you insulated to the top of your ceiling rafters, be it 6” or 8” deep, you were doing okay, but, it is now recommended that you add another 3” – 6” of insulation on top of your rafters to further reduce the second highest heat loss component in your home. The cost of a roll of fiberglass insulation is relatively small and with you supplying the “free” labor you can see a reduction in your heating bills equaling the cost of insulation in one to two years.

**SNOW REMOVAL:**

Now that the winter snow season is upon us, we will be faced with moving the snow from our driveways. Most of us have been shoveling or blowing most of our snow into the street. This action generates a greater effort by the DPW to plow our streets and it also causes additional load on our storm water piping system when the snow melts. We, therefore, recommend that the snow be deposited onto grassy areas where the melting snow will percolate into the ground feeding deep tree roots and eventually feeding our water supply system.

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