



For the past three seasons, Freeport Township has allowed us to offer Seniors the option to receive Lawn Care and Snow Plowing through the Senior Home Maintenance Program.

Once approved, each household is allotted \$700.00 each season to meet their lawn care needs. From lawn mowing to raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, trimming tree branches and hedges, or cleaning gutters. Our Senior Population in Stephenson County has received this program very well.

When the season begins to transition, we receive calls from our participants; staff ensure they provide us with the qualifying required documents to get on the list for the upcoming season.

I received a call from a daughter who was calling on behalf of her mother. Her mom has dementia, and for some reason, when she looked out the window, she realized the yard was not picked up or the lawn had not been mowed. It seemed to make her very uneasy. The daughter told me, "I think it bothers her that the lawn is not being mowed as often as she would like it to be." Her daughter could not do it as often as she wanted it done. So, I told her about the Senior Home Maintenance Program; once the lawn was cared for, things improved.

Thank you, Freeport Township, for this much-appreciated program. If it was not for your agency allowing us the funds. We would not be able to offer this option to our Senior Population.

Sincerely,

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