

Census Enumerators to Visit Orland Park Homes

Households That Didn't Return Forms Can Expect A Visit

ORLAND PARK, IL – Census enumerators will soon visit the Orland Park homes of residents who did not return their U.S. Census forms. Enumerators are area residents hired by the Census Bureau to make sure everyone is counted as accurately as possible. Each enumerator, identified by an official U.S. Census badge, is equipped with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't return census forms.

“Orland Park has had a very high level of participation,” said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “Nationwide, we rank among the top 50 towns with populations of 50,000 or more,” the mayor said.

Census totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. Data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next ten years.

“Orland Park's public education efforts have worked and we thank everyone who has returned their census form,” said Village Clerk David Maher whose office is coordinating Orland Park's participation. “However, we still have households that haven't responded. These residents can expect a visit from an enumerator,” Maher said.

Census takers will visit all of the addresses that have not returned the mailed census forms. If no one answers at a particular residence, the census taker will return up to three times and will try to reach the household by phone three times. The worker will leave a double sided, English and Spanish, notice of visit in the door that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment. Participation in the 2010 Census is very important and required by law.

The Associated Press has reported that five states are in jeopardy of losing congressional seats because of citizens not returning their forms. Average or below average responses have been reported in New York, California, Texas, Arizona and Florida.

All census responses are confidential and the person collecting the information is sworn for life to protect the data. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties and can be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned for up to five years for disclosing information.

Further information is available by calling the census at 866-872-6868.

