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Holiday Wrap and Box Recycling

Most boxes (corrugated and chip board single-ply) and gift wrap are accepted for recycling at two Springfield recycling drop-off centers. Please do NOT put gift wrap or boxes in your blue curbside recycling bin, these will be rejected. Take boxes and any gift wrap that is not foil or plasticized to: Lake Area Recycling, 2742 S. 6th Street, or F&W Resources, 3327 Terminal Avenue. Both sites are open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

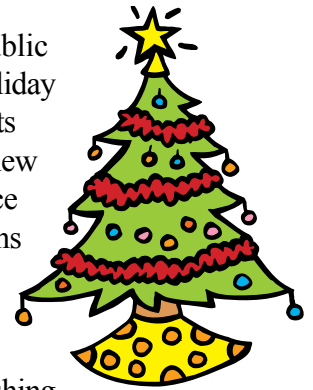


Snow Removal – During snow emergencies, please pay close attention to posted signs on snow removal routes to see that parked cars do not hinder snow removal efforts.

Residential Sidewalk Program – Watch for a Mayor’s announcement in the media soon, regarding the 2007 residential sidewalk replacement program. Applications are usually accepted from January through March each year for this cost-shared program to replace damaged sidewalks, and also possibly, driveway approaches, curbs and gutters. Callers will need to provide measurements for the area to be replaced. The service is arranged on a first-come first-served basis, so interested parties are encouraged to call early after the announcement is made.



Christmas Tree Collection – Public Works crews will be collecting holiday trees from Springfield city residents during the first two weeks of the new year, January 1 – 13. Simply place your tree (free of tinsel, decorations and lumber base) in the area between the sidewalk and street. There is no need to call to receive this free service. City residents wishing to take their tree out to the City’s Southwest Facility may do so at no charge, Mon – Fri, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: no flocked trees will be accepted at curbside or drop-off).



Garbage Service Required – the occupants of every city of Springfield address must have weekly garbage service provided by a licensed, professional waste hauler. Neighbors can usually tell when someone does not have service. For this problem, or to report any illegal dumping, call the Public Works Housing Division at 789-2167. A list of licensed waste haulers can be obtained by calling the Division of Waste and Recycling at 789-2327.

Phone Book Recycling –

Telephone directories from any company may be placed in your blue curbside bin to be recycled. Alternatively, you may drop off unlimited quantities of phone books to one of two 24-hour drop-off recycling centers in Springfield, located at Lake Area Recycling, 2742 S. 6th Street, or F&W Resources, 3327 Terminal Avenue. Workplace phone books may also be recycled in many offices throughout the city.

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Helpful Information – free literature is available from the Division of Waste and Recycling on a number of topics. Brochures on trash service, the city’s large item collection program, curbside and drop-off recycling, and yard waste guidelines are available. The Room to Room Guide to Household Reuse and Recycling is a comprehensive listing of where to donate nearly 150 different items/materials to be reused or recycled in the Springfield area, usually at no charge. Additionally, the Office of Public Works service divisions directory, Sewer Division services, Snow and Ice Removal services and Parking Key information are available. Call 789-2255 to receive any or all of these helpful publications.

New Items Added to Curbside Program and Downtown Drop-offs –

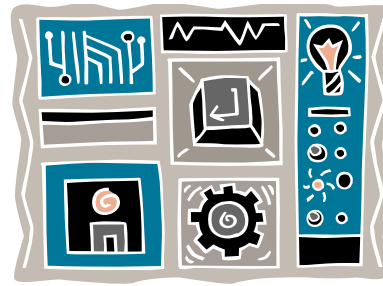
Good news for recyclers! The markets for plastic material have improved, and we can now recycle more types of plastic than ever before. Springfield

residents can now recycle #1 - #7 plastic containers, **except for #6** items made of polystyrene (Styrofoam). This means that all plastic cups, jugs, bowls, bottles and jars with #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7 on them can be recycled. **Not** accepted are any type of plastic bags, films or #6 plastics, so keep placing those bologna packages, plastic sacks and Styrofoam plates in the trash, please. Additionally, we are now accepting newspaper in the drop-off recycling bins located in the downtown area, along with plastic and metal beverage containers. (Still no glass accepted in drop-off, sorry!).



Need information on our city that you cannot find in this newsletter?

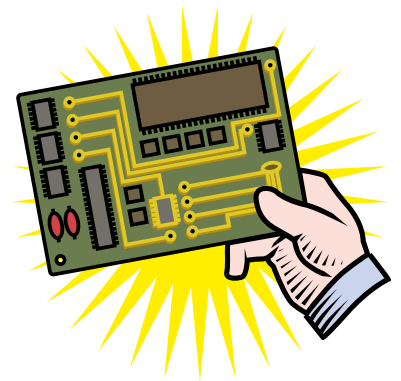
Check out our city website at: www.springfield.il.us. If you still cannot locate the answer to your question, call the City’s information hotline at 789-2468.



Electronics Recycling – at this time of year especially, Springfield residents may find themselves with old electronics to dispose, that have

been replaced. The Office of Public Works has made arrangements for virtually ALL electronic items to be recycled at no charge, at BLH Computers, 1832 Stevenson Drive in Springfield. The following items may be dropped off to be recycled, whether working or broken, and regardless of age:

- computers
- printers
- computer components
- VCRs
- stereos
- video cameras
- calculators
- video games
- small office equipment
- speakers
- laptops
- cell phones/telephones



There is a small fee to recycle televisions, and console televisions are not accepted. All other electronic items may be dropped off for free. BLH Computers is located at 1832 Stevenson Drive, hours: 8 – 6 M – F, 10 – 2 Sat.



Questions on waste and recycling programs? Call 789-2327