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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Information Provided by the Springfield Office of Public Works

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City's Southwest Facility Closed –

The Public Works Southwest Facility located at 1100 Recreation Drive is now closed permanently. Branches and brush may no longer be dropped off at this location. Springfield city residents may now drop off their branches or brush free of charge at Evans Yard Waste Recycling, 2100 J. David Jones Parkway. Hours are Mon - Fri, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. **Free wood mulch and free loading of mulch is available at this site.** Call the Waste & Recycling Division for details at 789-2327.

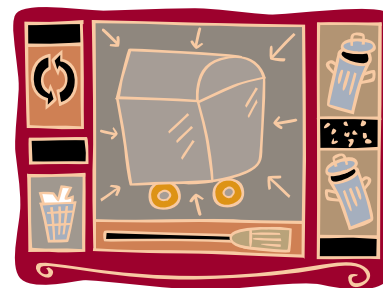


Branch Collection –

Free branch collection for fallen branches and brush is provided by Public Works crews from spring through November each year. There is no need to call to receive service – simply place your branches and brush in a pile between the sidewalk and street in front of your house. There is no way to tell exactly when crews will be by your house. If you have a really large branch pile, call to turn this in at the Public Works garage at 789-2246. (Note: “Branches” means any tree limb, stick or brush larger around than a pencil; anything smaller should be placed in yard waste bags for disposal). City crews will not pick up yard waste bags.

Back Yard Composting –

Composting is a natural process of controlled decomposition of yard and garden waste that produces humus beneficial to flower beds or gardens. By following a few simple guidelines, homeowners can set up a compost bin or area and reduce their use of yard waste bags for disposal of landscape wastes. The Building and Zoning Housing Division has a useful brochure detailing city requirements for size and placement of compost bins. To receive the brochure, call 789-2167.



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 illegal dumping, call the Public Works Housing Division at 789-2167. To receive a list of licensed waste haulers, call the Division of Waste and Recycling at 789-2327.

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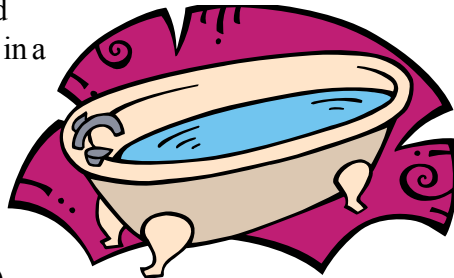
Junk Automobile Amnesty Program –

Mayor Davlin has announced another Auto Amnesty program to help

Springfield residents rid their neighborhoods of unusable or unwanted, and often unsightly, automobiles. Those wishing to have a car removed can call the City’s Division of Motor Vehicle Parking at 789-2211 for instructions. Whether or not the car has a current title of ownership, the City will work with the owner to obtain a vehicle title, so that the car can be legally salvaged. Local auto salvagers will pay junk car owners \$50 per vehicle, as arranged through the Public Works Parking Division. Payment will be made to the owner once the clear title has been secured from the IL Secretary of State and the salvager has collected the vehicle. Call 789-2211 for details.

Large items –

City of Springfield residents that live in a house or duplex, and pay individually for garbage can service (not dumpster service)



may make one call per year to have up to three (3) large items collected from their residence, at no charge. The City has contracted for this service with Allied Waste Services (formerly Capitol Waste). The service is intended for specific, large items such as large furniture, mattresses and appliances. Call 522-7797 and ask to arrange for a large item pick-up. Allied staff will get your name/address, ask what large items you have for pick-up, and will ask you NOT to place these items out at the curb until the night before your scheduled pick-up.

Disposal of Gardening Items –

Materials such as unneeded dirt, rock, and sand are often cleared out this time of year.

Waste haulers do not accept these materials in residential trash.

Dirt, rock, bricks and sand are considered “clean fill” by the IL EPA, and as such, can be used to help stop erosion along hills and ditches. Call any of the area Township Road Commissioners to see if they have an area of erosion or construction in which they could use your clean fill material. Township office numbers are in the front of your phone book in the Government listings.



Landscape timbers are often made from chemically-treated lumber, or even railroad ties, and are not considered clean fill material. These are also not accepted in residential trash, unless they are very old and crumbling. These items should be disposed at a sanitary landfill. Call the Division of Waste and Recycling for details on where to self-haul and dump.

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.



Questions on waste and recycling programs? Call 789-2327