

## Nice to Meet You!

This guide has been designed to highlight the various recycling programs that are available to residents within the Village of Skokie. Among these are the Prescription Drug Drop Box at the Skokie Police Department, various Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) recycling events, Simple Recycling's Textile Recycling Program and much more.

Please note the details and availability of programs listed in this brochure are subject to change.

### Helpful Hint:

*While recycling is one way you can help protect the planet today and for future generations, and while it is far preferable to simply disposing of items with your household waste, you can also help by reducing the amount of waste you generate, as well as by reusing or donating items whenever it is safe to do so.*

Never donate recalled or otherwise unsafe items.

This guide is brought to you by the Village of Skokie's Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission.

Learn more online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

Go to the "Your Government" tab at the top of the homepage, then click on "Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission" under "Boards & Commissions F-Z."

## Free Holiday Light Recycling

Upgrading to a new, more energy-efficient light set this holiday season? Replacing an old, non-functional set of lights? The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and its member communities usually offer a free Holiday Light Recycling Program, from the beginning of December through the end of January. Consult [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) in December for additional information, or look for additional information in the Village newsletter, *NewSkokie*.

## Skokie Recycles

Did you know that the Village of Skokie provides weekly pick-up of recyclables from residences? By recycling at home, work, or school, you can do your part to help divert waste from the landfill, protecting and preserving the environment upon which we all depend.

If you require additional information or guidance on recycling in the Village of Skokie, please visit the Refuse, Recycling & Yard Waste Collection webpage at <https://www.skokie.org/285/Refuse-Recycling-Yard-Waste-Collection>.

### Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Please recycle this brochure if you no longer need it, or feel free to pass it along to somebody who does.

# Village of Skokie Recycling & Disposal Programs

Effective May 2021

- General Guidelines for Recycling in Skokie
- Options for Pharmaceutical Disposal
- Recycling and Disposal Opportunities at the Skokie Health Department
- Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County Community Recycling Events
- Simple Recycling's Curbside Textile Recycling Program
- NEW PROGRAM:  
Compost with Collective Resource



### *General Guidelines for Recycling*

Only put containers – bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars in your recycling cart. Why aren't we recycling by number anymore? Many films and bags have numbers that are considered recyclable, but they cannot be recycled. They are considered tangles that can damage the recycling processing equipment. Do not place plastic bags or films in the recycling cart. Instead, please log onto [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org) and enter your zip code for locations that accept plastic film. **Please note caps and lids should be rinsed and placed back onto the original container and recycled. Recyclables should be loose, not bagged.**

### *Compost with Collective Resource*

Following a franchise agreement with Collective Resource Compost Inc., a compost a food scrap pickup service based in Evanston, Skokie residents and business owners can now subscribe to door-to-door pickup of food scraps. **Learn more at <https://www.skokie.org/831/Start-or-Stop-Curb-Side-Food-Scrap-Collec>**

### *Electronics Recycling with SWANCC*

Have electronics that you need to recycle? **Find permanent and one-day drop-off locations at which you can recycle a wide variety of devices at <http://www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling>.**

### *Know Your Options for Proper Pharmaceutical Disposal*

Have expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals at home? There are a number of options available to Skokie residents that help ensure that they are disposed of in a manner that prevents drug abuse and ensures they do not find their way into the environment, where they could harm both human and environmental health. One of these is a dropbox that is accessible 24/7 at the Skokie Police Department (7300 Niles Center Road). Additional options include the Skokie Health Department, CVS, Walgreens, MWRD, the Skokie Courthouse, and other locations around the community. Please note there may be restrictions on the types of items that are accepted. For instance, the Skokie Police Department does not accept needles/sharps, syringes, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers, or hydrogen peroxide. **For more information on all of your options, please visit <https://www.skokie.org/304/Household-Hazardous-Waste>**

### *Recycling & Disposal Opportunities @ the Health Dept.*

The Skokie Health Department, located on the lower level of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, has a variety of recycling and disposal programs available to residents. These include expired and unused medicine disposal, as well as rechargeable and lithium battery recycling. The Health Department also provides "sharps" containers for proper disposal of used syringes, and accepts properly contained syringes for disposal. **Contact the Health Department at [847/933-8252](tel:8479338252) for more information about these programs.**

### *Simple Recycling's Curbside Textile Recycling Program*

Skokie residents who receive curb or alley recycling collection can participate in free curbside textile collection through Simple Recycling. Textile recycling occurs on the same day as recycling collection and Simple Recycling provides collection bags and instructions to all Skokie homes.

Residents who take items to local charities and thrift stores are encouraged to continue to do so.

**For more information, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or contact Public Works at 847/933-8427. To order extra bags, please contact Simple Recycling at 866/835-5068 or log onto their website at [www.simplerecycling.com/bag-request](http://www.simplerecycling.com/bag-request).**



A wide variety of items are accepted for reuse or recycling at Skokie's Spring Greening, a community recycling event that is typically held each April.

**For more information, including the location of Skokie's Spring Greening, and additional details and restrictions on the type of materials that will be accepted, please log onto [www.skokiespringgreening.info](http://www.skokiespringgreening.info).**