

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.

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 in December for additional information, or look for additional information in the Village newsletter, *NewSkokie*.

Connect With the Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)

Have a question, comment, concern or suggestion for the Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission? [email us at Sustainability@skokie.org](mailto:Sustainability@skokie.org).

Alternatively, you can get in touch with us via U.S. Mail by addressing your correspondence to:
Village of Skokie
Attn: Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission
5127 Oakton St.
Skokie, IL 60077

Please note you can also leave your correspondence, clearly addressed to the SEAC, in the Village's drop box located near the public entry to Village Hall.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle
Please recycle this brochure if you no longer need it.

Village of Skokie Recycling & Disposal Programs

Effective February 2022

- 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
- Program Change (See Inside for Info)
- Compost with Collective Resource



General Guidelines for Recycling

Skokie households receive a 65 gallon cart that is serviced by Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS).

Collection of recyclable materials occurs every week in single-family residential areas. The total weight of the filled cart should not exceed 150 pounds. Please flatten large boxes and place them next to the cart. Do not mix garbage or landscape waste in the recycling cart. In curbside collection areas, set out recycling containers by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup, but not before 6 p.m. the night before collection. **Please note that recyclables should be loose, not bagged. For more guidance and info, please consult [skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).**

Compost with Collective Resource

Following a franchise agreement with Collective Resource Compost Inc., a compost and 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-Curbside-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

Program Change in 2022

Skokie's partner for textile recycling is a company called Simple Recycling. They will be transitioning to scheduled pick-ups in 2022. Scheduled pick-ups are environmentally friendly because the program will reduce emissions by traveling fewer miles. **Please call [866/835-8068](tel:8668358068) to schedule a pick-up. Pick-ups will now occur at the front door. You no longer need a special orange bag – just use your own boxes and bags.** A list of accepted items may be found online at: <https://simplerecycling.com/illinois-clothing-recycling-pickups/>.

Residents who take items to local charities and thrift stores are encouraged to continue to do so. Never donate recalled or otherwise unsafe items.



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.