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Public Information Division

Village Christmas Tree Pickup and Holiday Light Recycling Program

Weather permitting, Village of Skokie Public Works crews will pick up Christmas trees during the first two weeks in January. The trees are then chipped and prepared for mulch which is available to Village residents after the New Year’s holiday.

After these initial collections, Village refuse crews will collect trees during normal garbage collections. The mulch pick-up area is located on the south side of Church St in the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way property which is just east of Terminal Ave.

To have your tree picked up for recycling, place it in the alley or at the curb where refuse is collected. Do not put the tree in a bag or container, and please remove all decorations. Wreaths are not collected with the trees and should be disposed with the regular household garbage.

Additionally, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Elgin Recycling and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, now through January 29, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Elgin Recycling is processing the material, www.elginrecycling.com.

Exterior holiday decorative lighting is a festive way to enjoy the holiday season, but please remember to remove holiday decorations and lighting early in the New Year. In accordance with the Village of Skokie adopted 2008 National Electric Code section 590.3 (B), temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224.

For more information on recycling, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

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