

## Welcome

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 that 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 also can help by reducing the amount of waste you generate and 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 by logging onto the recently redesigned Village of Skokie website at [skokie.org](http://skokie.org).

Go to the "Your Government" tab at the top of the homepage and 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*.



A wide variety of items are accepted for reuse or recycling at Skokie's Spring Greening, which is usually held each year in April at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie, a community recycling event located in the high school's parking lot. As the items that are accepted may vary from year to year, log onto [www.skokiespringgreening.info](http://www.skokiespringgreening.info) closer to the day of the event for additional details and restrictions.

## Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

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

## Village of Skokie Recycling & Disposal Programs

Effective December 2019

- General Guidelines for Recycling in Skokie
- Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Disposal at the Skokie Police Department
- Recycling and Disposal Opportunities at the Skokie Health Department
- Pharmaceutical Disposal at the Skokie Health Department
- Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County Community Recycling Events
- Curbside Textile Recycling



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## Textile Recycling in Skokie

Skokie residents who receive curb or alley recycling collection can participate in free curbside textile collection through the Simple Recycling Program. 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).

## Electronics Recycling with SWANCC

Did you know that the *Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act* (SB2313) bans certain items, such as televisions and computer monitors, from going into Illinois landfills? There are a number of local convenient options available for you to dispose of your old, unwanted or non-functional devices, including SWANCC's permanent and one-day drop-off locations.

For additional information, including the locations and hours of both permanent and one-day drop-off locations, please visit <http://www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling>.

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## The Prescription Drug Drop Box at the Skokie Police Department

Have expired or unneeded medications just sitting around the house? Stop by the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, and drop them off in the Prescription Drug Drop Box located in the lobby. The Prescription Drug Drop Box is accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week. By disposing of unneeded or expired medications in this manner, you are helping protect the environment and helping prevent drug abuse. Never before has safe, secure and environmentally responsible disposal been so simple. **Please note that this program does not accept needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers and hydrogen peroxide.**

## Recycling and Disposal Opportunities at the Skokie Health Department

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. Call the Health Department at 847/933-8252 for more information about these programs.

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## Skokie Recycles

Did you know 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.

Examples of recyclables: aluminum (cans, foil and preformed containers); steel, tin and bi-metal cans (including dry paint cans and empty aerosol spray cans); clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars; newspapers (including slick paper inserts; magazines; phone books; catalogs; paperback books); mixed paper (junk mail; chipboard; white and colored ledger paper; brown kraft paper bags; gift wrap); corrugated cardboard and paper egg cartons.

Note that the following plastics also may be recycled: all plastic containers with #1 through #5 and #7 printed on the bottom, including #1 PET; #2 HDPE plastic containers; #3 PVC; #4 LDPE (containers, pack rings, bags and lids); #5 PP and #7 OTHER.

**Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart.  
Do not place recyclables into plastic bags.**