

Program Changes

Effective December 1, 2023, the Skokie Health and Human Services Department will no longer accept medications for disposal due to the Drug Take Back Act, which requires that medications be disposed of at locations that can accept both controlled and non-controlled substances. **Please note: Skokie Health and Human Services will continue to accept sharps.**

Alternate disposal sites, which accept controlled and non-controlled substances (but which do not accept liquids, powders, or sharps / needles), include:

Cook County Courthouse

5600 Old Orchard Road (Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

MWRD O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant

3500 Howard Street (Daily, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

See security guard at the gate

Walgreens (3945 Dempster Street location only)

Daily, 8 a.m. - midnight

Skokie Police Department (7300 Niles Center Road)

Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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."

Holiday Light Recycling

Upgrading to a new, more energy-efficient light set this holiday season? Replacing an old, non-functional set of lights? Recycle them! **Simply drop your holiday lights and electric cords off at Skokie Public Works, located at 9050 Gross Point Road, throughout the months of December and January.** Note that the box into which you deposit light sets and electrical cords for recycling is accessible 24/7.

Connect with the SEAC

Have a question, comment, concern or suggestion for the Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission? **Send an email to Sustainability@skokie.org**

Alternatively, you can get in touch 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.

Visit the Village's new Sustainability page:

www.skokie.org/sustainability

Village of Skokie

Guide to Recycling and Disposal Programs

Effective December 2023

- General Guidelines for Recycling in Skokie
- Options for Pharmaceutical Disposal
See "Program Changes" section for important information
- Recycling and Disposal Opportunities at the Skokie Health Department
- Electronics Recycling
- Simple Recycling's Curbside Textile Recycling Program
- Options for Composting



Recycling in Skokie

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).**

Composting in Skokie

Skokie residents have a number of options when it comes to composting. Among these are the **free** food scrap compost drop-off sites, a subscription curbside compost program, and a rebate for a backyard compost bin. **Learn all about your options at www.skokie.org/830/composting.**

Electronics Recycling

Have electronics that you need to recycle? **Find permanent and one-day drop-off locations by logging onto <http://www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling>.**

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. **See “Program Changes” section for locations that accept controlled and non-controlled substances. For more information regarding the disposal options available to you, you can also visit <https://www.skokie.org/304/Household-Hazardous-Waste>**

Additional Options

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, such 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. **Please contact the Health Department at [847/933-8252](tel:8479338252) for more information about their programs.**

Additional Resources

Did you know you can find more information regarding refuse and recycling collection on the Village’s website? **Just log onto www.skokie.org/704/Refuse-Collection**

Textile Recycling in Skokie

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

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.