

## Program Change in 2023

Please be aware that the Village will transition to a once-weekly refuse collection program on May 1, 2023. This once-weekly program is for all Village of Skokie residents living in single-family homes and in housing with four or fewer units. Each single-family household is provided with a 95-gallon refuse container for storage of up to 200 pounds of household refuse.

**Refuse collection will occur on the same day as your existing recycling collection day. View the new refuse collection map, and learn more about how to reduce waste, at <https://www.skokie.org/704/Refuse-Collection>.**

**Note: Residential service for buildings with five or more units and commercial service will remain unchanged.**

Additional information may be found on the Village's website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). To view a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), scroll down to the bottom of the homepage, click on "FAQs" and then click on "Public Works – Once-Weekly Refuse Collection."

**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."

## 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*.**

## Connect with the 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.

**Visit the Village's new Sustainability page:**

[www.skokie.org/sustainability](http://www.skokie.org/sustainability)

## Village of Skokie

### *Guide to Recycling and Disposal Programs*

**Effective March 2023**

- **General Guidelines for Recycling in Skokie**
- **Options for Pharmaceutical Disposal**
- **Recycling and Disposal Opportunities at the Skokie Health Department**
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## 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://skokie.org).**

## Composting in Skokie

Skokie residents have a number of options when it comes to composting. Among these are the five newly launched **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](http://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. 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>**

## 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. 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.**

## 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](http://www.skokiespringgreening.info).**