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Neighborhood News

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Electronics Banned from Garbages

Effective January 1, 2012, most consumer electronics will be banned from Illinois landfills, meaning they can no longer be placed in the trash. The list of banned items includes:

- ✗ Televisions
- ✗ Monitors
- ✗ Printers
- ✗ Scanners
- ✗ Electronic Mice
- ✗ Computers (incl. tablet computers)
- ✗ Videocassette Recorders
- ✗ Portable Digital Music Players
- ✗ Electronic Keyboards
- ✗ Facsimile Machines
- ✗ Digital Video Disc Recorders
- ✗ Video Game Consoles
- ✗ Small Scale Servers
- ✗ Digital Converter Boxes
- ✗ Cable Receivers
- ✗ Satellite Receivers

Fortunately, we have several electronics recycling options in Springfield, including some new opportunities that support local non-profit agencies. Whether from your business or your home, please plan to recycle your electronic items at the following locations:

Habitat for Humanity accepts all computers and related equipment, as well as televisions, cameras, stereos, VCRs and other electronics. This is made possible by arrangement with Vintage Tech Recyclers of Illinois. See Habitat's website at: www.habitatsangamon.com and click on News/Events.

Goodwill accepts all used computers and related equipment such as monitors, hard drives, software, printers, and ink and toner cartridges through a program with Dell Reconnect. See their website: www.llgi.org.

Ronald McDonald House now accepts printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling, which supports their mission. See details of this program at www.rmhc-centralillinois.org.

BLH Computers of Springfield accepts from residents or businesses any and all types of electronics of any age, in any condition, for recycling. See their website at: <http://www.blhcomputers.com>.

ComputerBanc is a local non-profit organization that refurbishes and provides computers to children with learning disabilities and families in need, helping to close the "digital divide". See their website at: <http://computerbanc.org>.

Recycle At Work....FREE!

A new recycling project has recently opened for local businesses to utilize. Recycle Springfield is a commercial, recycling project that is facilitated by the Green Business Network of Springfield (GBNS), a local not for profit created to promote commercial sustainability. DTK, LLC, a co-worker with GBNS in Recycle Springfield, is processing traditional recyclables at the corner of 11th and Madison streets in Springfield. Utilizing SPARC workers as part of their crew to sort and consolidate materials, DTK offers free collection of a full range of recyclables from places of business in and around the city. Acceptable materials include: cardboard, mixed paper of all types, used dry cell batteries (place in a sealed, plastic bag), plastic and aluminum beverage containers, steel cans and scrap, wood pallets and more. Residents may also use the DTK site to drop off their recyclables, 7:30 – 5:30, seven days a week.

To request more information about Recycle Springfield, DTK or find out how you can get started recycling at work, call 836-5000 or visit the GBNS at www.gbns.org. GBNS also offers a Sustainability Certification Program for its members through an online forum and database to record sustainable businesses practices. Access their website, enter data for your company and check your sustainability score today!

Christmas Tree Collection



Public Works crews will be collecting holiday trees from Springfield city residents during the first two weeks after the first of the new year, January 2 – 13. Simply place your tree (free of flocking, tinsel, decorations and lumber

base) in the area between the sidewalk and street. There is no need to call to receive this free service. City residents wishing to take their tree to the city's branch site may do so at no charge: corner of 17th & Clear Lake Avenue, Mon – Fri, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: no flocked trees are accepted at curbside or drop-off).

The 9th Annual Central Illinois Composting Symposium

This year's event will be held at Lincoln Land Community College from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. This year's symposium theme is "Composting for a Sustainable Community: From Back Yards to Farms." The symposium includes presentations on composting at homes, schools, farms and municipalities. A Build Your Own Bin workshop will follow the Symposium at 5:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about vermi-composting and make their own small worm composting bin for use at home or at work. Great speakers and friendly attendees make this an event not to miss!



This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Land Community College Green Center, City of Springfield Division of Waste and Recycling, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, University of Illinois Extension, and Illinois Department of Agriculture. For more information, contact LLCC Green Center Manager Julie Bates at 217.786.2434 or julie.bates@llcc.edu. To register online, visit www.llcc.edu/greencenter.

Donate your Used Holiday Greeting Cards

The St. Jude's Ranch for Children accepts and reuses greeting cards as a fundraiser. Accepted are holiday cards, but they especially need birthday and thank you cards with no writing on the reverse

of the cover (note: Hallmark, Disney and American Greeting cards are not accepted). Ask family and friends to donate their cards and package them for shipping to:

St Jude's Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude's Street
Boulder, NV 89005

Of course, you may also be interested in purchasing the refurbished cards. Please check their website or call: www.stjudesranch.org, 877-977-7572. Reusing is even better than recycling!

Holiday Wrap and Box Recycling

Boxes (corrugated and single-ply chip board) are accepted for recycling at recycling drop-off centers located in Springfield. Please DO NOT put gift wrap, boxes or ribbons in your blue curbside bin, these will be rejected. Take boxes to either: Lake Area Recycling, 2742 S. 6th Street, open 24 hours, 7 days a week, or take to: DTK, LLC, corner of 11th & Madison, open 7:30 – 5:30, 7 days a week.

Heat Pump Rebate

The City Water, Light & Power Energy Services Office provides customers with technical advice and a variety of rebate programs to help customers make efficiency improvements in their homes and/or businesses. If you are in need of a new heating system this year, consider a GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP. Geothermal systems use energy from the earth to heat and cool your home or business with energy savings up to 40% when compared to a conventional system. The same system can also provide hot water, greatly reducing water heating costs. To learn more about geothermal heat pumps and our heat pump rebate visit www.cwlp.com and click on the Energy Services tab, or call 789-2070 to speak with an Energy Expert.

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Check out our website at:
www.springfield.il.us
If you still cannot locate the answer to your question, call the City's information hotline at
789-2468.

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Questions on waste and recycling programs? Call 789-2327