



SPRINGFIELD

Neighborhood News

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Glass Recycling Collection

A free drop-off recycling collection for ALL COLORS of glass bottles and jars will be held soon:



Saturday, October 3, 2009

8:00 am – 12:00 noon

IL State Fairgrounds

(enter Gate 11 at Sangamon Avenue & 8th Street)

Note that other recyclables will NOT be accepted at this collection; only glass bottles, jars or jugs that food or drink came in will be accepted. Please do not bring vases, kitchenware, windowpanes, eyeglasses or other types of glass. PLEASE rinse bottles/jars/jugs clean and remove lids prior to drop-off. This collection is open to all area residents and is co-sponsored by the City of Springfield and Illinois Department of Agriculture. Bring those bottles and jars you've been saving...hope to see you Oct 3rd!

Free Mulch

Springfield Department of Public Works is offering free wood mulch, good for gardening and landscaping.

Residents

may pick up mulch from the Public Works Garage located at the corner of 17th Street & Clear Lake Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. You may pick up any amount of mulch you like.



Automatic loading may be available if you bring a truck. For details, call 789-2246.

Composting Workshop

Master Gardeners invite you to join them on Monday, October 5, 5:30 pm, for a program on "Putting the Garden to Bed." Learn how to turn plant debris into "black gold" and what to do with finished compost. Program will be held at the Compost Demonstration area in front of the U of I Extension Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds. It's

very easy to turn yard waste materials into a resource that can be reapplied to a yard. Composting, a biological process that decomposes organic material under aerobic (oxygen required) conditions, is becoming more

popular with homeowners. Many gardeners enjoy turning composted leaves, grass, and some food materials into something that can provide rich nutrients to the garden or yard.

The compost bin project is a collaborative effort of the Sangamon-Menard Extension Unit, City of Springfield Waste and Recycling, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and Illinois Department of Agriculture. For more information about this workshop contact the extension office at 782-4617 or visit their website at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/sangamonmenard/>.



Fall Tree Planting

Autumn is the best time of year to plant certain varieties of trees. During this season, plenty of dead leaves and wood chips are available to act as mulch around the newly planted tree, helping to protect it and conserve moisture. Newly planted trees put down roots during the fall season, and even into the early part of winter, until the ground becomes frozen. The key to nurturing growth in newly planted trees is plenty of water, so be sure to water your new tree/s at least twice a week during autumn, to ensure their survival over winter and their ability to thrive again in spring.

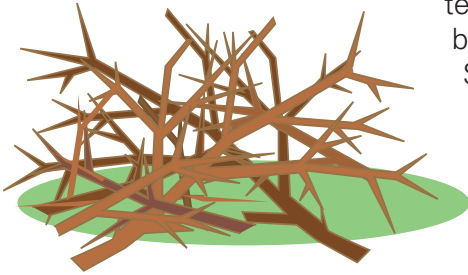


Branch Collection or Drop-Off

City Public Works crews provide branch collection throughout the city from April through November each year. **There is no need to call to receive service.** Crews will collect from your neighborhood approximately once a month, but there is no way to

tell when they will be on your street.

Should you wish to drop off your own tree branches and brush, (any woody material larger around than a pencil)



you may do so free of charge at the City's temporary site located at the corner of 19th and Moffat Streets. This site is staffed and will accept branches/brush Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm (except on holidays when city offices are closed).

Large Item Program

Do you live in a house or duplex located within the city limits, and pay for weekly garbage service? If so, you are qualified for a 1x per year call to receive free pick-up of up to 3 large items. Details are:

- Call Allied Waste to arrange service, at 522-7797
- You are allowed up to 3 large items such as a couch/large furniture, mattress/box spring or large appliance. (Note: of your 3 items, only 1 can contain Freon, e.g. 1 refrigerator or air conditioner)

- Even if you do not have the full 3 items, you are still limited to one service call per year

- Sorry, but if you have a dumpster for service, or live in an apartment/townhome or mobile home park, you are ineligible for service.

This is because city residents paying for garbage can service pay an additional waste/recycling fee, which provides this service.

- If you have more than 3 items to dispose, you may arrange for this by paying for the extra item/s and will receive the city's pricing for this service



PLEASE...do NOT place your items out on the curb for service until the night before your scheduled pick-up date! Call Allied first to arrange service and get details.

(Also, remember if you are a CWLP customer you may be able to earn \$50 for turning in a working refrigerator you no longer want. Call 789-CWLP (789-2957) for eligibility requirements.)

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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