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# SPRINGFIELD

## Neighborhood News

Information Provided by the City of Springfield

### Glass Recycling Collection

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



**Saturday, October 8, 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 light bulbs, 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 8th!

### Phone Book Opt-Out

Telephone directories will soon be distributed but many people have now switched and use online directories rather than the printed books. If you would prefer NOT to receive a printed phonebook you may opt out of this by visiting their website at [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com) to select your option. Phone books of any age and

from any company can be recycled in Springfield's curbside recycling program or may be dropped off for recycling 24 hours/7days at either Lake Area Recycling, 2742 S. 6th Street or the Green Business Network of Springfield **Recycle Springfield** location at 11th and Madison.

### NEW Electronics Recycling Options

Many types of electronic items can now be recycled FREE at Goodwill, Ronald McDonald House and Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity



accepts all computers and related equipment, as well as televisions, cameras, stereos, VCRs and other electronics. This is made possible through an arrangement with Vintage Tech Recyclers of Illinois. See details on their website at: [www.habitatsangamon.com](http://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 details at their website: [www.lgi.org](http://www.lgi.org). Ronald McDonald House now accepts printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. See details of this program at [www.rmhc-centralillinois.org](http://www.rmhc-centralillinois.org).

Recycling your electronics has never been easier and this effort supports the mission of these three great non-profit organizations!

## 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. For details, call **789-2246**.

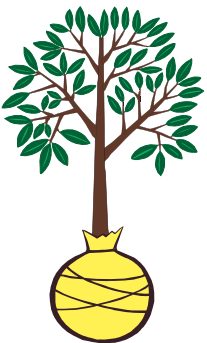


## Fall Tree Planting

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 every 4-6 weeks. To see approximately when crews will be on your



street call the Public Works garage at **789-2246** or check the City's website at [www.springfield.il.us](http://www.springfield.il.us) and see the link on the home page. 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 Public Works garage Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm (except on holidays when city offices are closed).



## CWLP recommends WaterSense label

Fall is the most popular time for bath and kitchen remodels! The CWLP Energy Services Office would like to remind you to look for the WaterSense label if you're replacing fixtures. Toilets, showerheads, faucets and aerators that have this label, use 20-30% less water than traditional ones. For a full registry of WaterSense labeled products, visit [www.cwlp.com](http://www.cwlp.com) and click on Energy Services, Water Conservation and WaterSense.



Need information on our city that you cannot find in this newsletter?



Check out our website at: [www.springfield.il.us](http://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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Energy Services Office, CWLP



Questions on waste and recycling programs? Call **789-2327**