SPRINGFIELD Neighborhood News

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Information Provided by the City of Springfield — *Timothy J. Davlin, Mayor*

Workplace Recycling Toolkit Seminar

This seminar is for businesses wishing to learn how to implement a successful workplace recycling program, as presented by the Illinois Recycling Association through a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. The seminar is cosponsored by Illinois National Bank and the Springfield Green Business Network, which will present information on this new organization and the benefits of sustainable business operations. A light lunch will be provided. The seminar is provided at no cost, but reservations are required. Reserve your space by calling the Division of Waste & Recycling at **789-2327** or email to: **wynne.coplea@cwlp.com**. Event details:

Wednesday, July 28, 2010
10 am – 2 pm
INB Center, 431 S. 4th
(corner of 4th & Jackson, behind main bank)

Branch Drop-Off

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.

You are welcome to drop off your own tree branches and brush (any woody material larger around than a pencil), and may do so free of charge with proof of city residency at the City's site located at the corner of 19th and Moffat Streets. This site is staffed and will accept branches and brush Mon – Fri from 6:00 am – 2:00 pm (during summer), except for federal holidays.

Yard Waste Bags

Paper yard waste bags of raked leaves and grass/garden clippings must display a yard waste sticker from your own waste hauler to receive service at this time of year. The City provides free collection of yard waste bags only during limited times in the spring and fall. Stickers for yard waste bag service are required at all other times of the year. Call your waste hauler to find out where to obtain their yard waste stickers.

Recycling Basics

Curbside recycling with blue bins is available at no additional cost to single family and duplex homes within Springfield city limits. There is slight variation in what the waste haulers will accept and how materials should be prepared – call your hauler for details. Service routes and days are controlled by each hauler for their own customers. This means that if you have a problem getting your material picked up, detailed information on service days or rejected materials must come from your hauler and not the city's administrative office. Check the city's website for waste haulers licensed to do business in Springfield and other recycling program details: **www.springfield.il.us/recycle.htm.**

Block Parties

Neighborhood associations wishing to hold block parties that require temporary closure of city streets are encouraged to call the city's Vehicle Parking division at **789-2211** for a list of block party requirements and registration forms, well in advance of your planned party.

Problems with Traffic Signals or Signs

To report a problem with a traffic signal or sign, i.e. signal light burned out or damaged, sign knocked down, etc. – call the Public Works Traffic Engineer at **789-2260**. If outside of business hours, call the Public Works Garage at **789-2246**.

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. (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 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 Waste first to arrange service and get details.

Remember: if you are a CWLP customer you may be able to earn $50 for turning in a working, older refrigerator or freezer you no longer want. Call 866-899-9862 for eligibility requirements.

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

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

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