
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Partnering with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and the City of Waukegan to Host 2021 Community Recycling Event

Waukegan, Illinois (October 11, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District is partnering with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and the City of Waukegan to host a Community Recycling Event on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10am to 1pm at Bevier Park, located at 2255 Yorkhouse Road. Confidential document shredding will also be available.

Collected items will be reused, recycled, or donated. The following items will be accepted, with some exceptions:

- Accessories (Backpacks, Belts, Duffle Bags, Hats, Purses, and Scarves)
- Clothes and Textiles
- Electronics
- Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, and Keys
- Footwear (Boots and Shoes)
- Linens (Bedding, Blankets, Curtains, and Towels)
- Musical Instruments
- Sporting Equipment

The Waukegan Park District is committed to being an environmental leader in the community with sound environmental policies, practices, and educational opportunities. In 2004, the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners adopted a policy to incorporate principles, practices, and procedures focusing on maintaining and improving the quality of the environment.

The 2021 Community Recycling Event will be contact-free. Individuals must have all items and/or bags marked in the trunk of their vehicle where staff will collect the items. More details, including a list of accepted items, are available at waukeganparks.org/recycle.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the District has 53 properties and more than 742 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year-round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District employs 64 full-time and nearly 200 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the District's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The Waukegan Park District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2021.

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