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Village of Skokie

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Textile Recycling Program Begins Week of January 15

Skokie residents who receive curb or alley recycling collection can now participate in free curbside textile collection through the new Simple Recycling program. Textile recycling occurs on the same day as recycling collection, and Simple Recycling sent collection bags and instructions to all Skokie homes last week.

An estimated 85 percent of textiles end up in landfills, despite charitable collection centers and pick up services. The Village has contracted with Simple Recycling, an Ohio company, to provide the service that is aimed to keep textiles out of landfills. Residents that take items to local charities and thrift stores are encouraged to continue to do so.

Simple Recycling is a private company and cannot give a receipt for a tax deduction. Residents who would like a tax donation receipt or otherwise wish to contribute unwanted textiles, apparel items and household goods to a charity are encouraged to go to one of two charity centers in Skokie:

Goodwill Store and Donation Center
5518 West Touhy Avenue

Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center
4335 Oakton Street

The Simple Recycling program works like this:

1. Place textiles in the Simple Recycling plastic bag. Any textiles in any condition are accepted. Here is a list of items to recycle:
 - Men's, women's and children's clothing
 - Boot, shoes, sandals, socks, undergarments
 - Belts, ties, handbags, purses
 - Coats, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves
 - Sheets, pillow cases, pillows, blankets, comforters
 - Table linens, towels
 - Stuffed animals
2. Set the bag next to your recycling cart on recycling collection day and Simple Recycling collects the bags in a specially marked van.
3. Simple Recycling sends collected material to a thrift store facility in Chicago, where roughly 30 percent of the material goes to local thrift stores, another 30 percent is appropriate for overseas markets and the remainder is processed into fiber or repurposed as industrial rags.
4. You will receive a replacement bag after your textiles are collected. To order extra bags, go to <http://simplerecycling.com/bag-request/> or call 866/835-5068.

For more information on the Simple Recycling service, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

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