

BLUE BIN NEWS

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Wondering How to Recycle Holiday Lights?

Then be sure to check out Adonis Recycling's website: www.adonisrecycling.com for drop-off locations. Adonis will pay 10 cents per pound, or will make a donation to Make-A-Wish® Foundation. City residents can also put out lights on bulk pick-up day!

And Where to Recycle Your Christmas Trees?

Due to the recent extreme weather, the deadline to drop off trees has been extended through January 17th. Tree disposal is located between the gate and the recycling containers in Carondelet Park.



(Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.)

City Residents Offered Free Firewood

The City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry will offer free firewood to City of St. Louis residents on the Lower Muni Opera parking lot in Forest Park. The wood is available after 3 p.m., when any is dropped off, Monday-Friday.

All wood comes from the removal of dead or structurally damaged trees from City streets and parks. Daily wood supply is NOT guaranteed. The wood from tree maintenance operations will vary in size and species when left for citizens. It is offered on a first come, first served basis. This process ends during the first week in March 2014.

For more information or questions, please call the Forestry Division at **613-7200**.

Frequently Asked Question...

How Do I Properly Dispose of Medication?



Do not flush unused medications down the toilet or pour them down a drain. Medications may not be removed by sewage or wastewater treatment systems, and some drains empty directly into waterways (rather than through treatment plants).

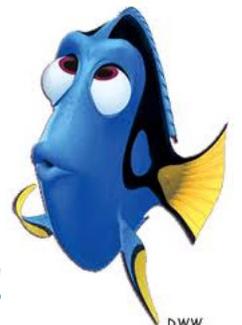
Check with your pharmacy for disposal options; they may have community pharmacy sponsored days when unused medications can be returned for destruction, or have an in-house disposal program.

If, for some reason, your pharmacist or pharmacy does not have a disposal option for you, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends the following:

- **Take the medicine out of the original container.**
- **Mix the medicine with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.**
- **Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or place in a zip-top sealable bag.**
- **Place the sealed container with the mixture in the trash. Do not flush unused medicines down the drain.**
- **Many empty medicine containers are recyclable. Before recycling, remove any personal information from the container using black permanent marker, duct tape, or peel the label off.**

***Don't Forget!* St. Louis Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program**

Make your appointment today online at www.hhwstl.com or by calling the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314.622.4800 to get rid of paints, stains, varnishes, etc!



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Reader Submissions Welcomed!

Share your waste management questions, activities, "how to" tips, calendar items, etc.

Website: <http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/recycle>.

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