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City of St. Charles Holiday Hours and Reminders *Christmas Tree Pick Up, Holiday Lights Recycling Information*

ST. CHARLES, III. (Dec. 16, 2025) – Below are a few reminders for the upcoming holidays.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed Dec. 24 & 25, 2025, and Jan. 1, 2026, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

No Change to Refuse Collection Schedule

Garbage and recycling will be picked up on the normal collection schedule the weeks of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, 2025.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Christmas trees will be picked up – no sticker needed – the weeks of Jan. 5 & Jan. 12, 2026. Trees will be collected on both sides of the river on refuse collection day. Remove all decorations, including tinsel and do not place trees in disposal bags. After this two-week period, a sticker will be required for pick up.

Holiday Lights Recycling

From now until Jan. 16, 2026, St. Charles residents and businesses can drop off holiday lights (working or non-working) and extension cords to be recycled.

Accepted Items

- Traditional Holiday Lights
- LED Holiday Lights
- Italian Mini Holiday Lights
- Rope Lights
- Extension Cords

Not Accepted:

- Pre-lit garland, wreaths, or trees
- Lighted lawn decorations or ornaments

Holiday Lights Recycling Drop Off Locations

Drop off is available at locations during regular operating hours, unless listed otherwise. Check location website for operating hours:

- **St. Charles Public Works Department** 1405 S. 7th Avenue Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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- **St. Charles Municipal Building** 2 E. Main Street 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., stcharlesil.gov

- **St. Charles Public Library** 1 S. 6th Avenue, scpld.org
- **Pottawatomie Community Center** 8 North Avenue, stcparks.org
- **Hickory Knolls Nature Center**, stcparks.org
- **Wasco Nursery** 41W781 Rt 64, St. Charles, wasconursery.com

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630.377.4405.

The Holiday Lights recycling program sponsored by the St. Charles Natural Resources Commission and the City of St. Charles.

About the City of St. Charles

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community*. Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at stcharlesil.gov, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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