



**OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**Dave Fuchs
Director**

Springfield, Illinois - The City of Springfield's Office of Public Works will pick up natural fir and evergreen Christmas trees and wreaths within the corporate city limits of Springfield that are set out at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024. Trees are to be placed at the curb for pick-up and not impede traffic flow. City crews will make one pass through the neighborhoods beginning January 9 and continue throughout the month until all trees and wreaths are collected.

Please note: Waste Management and Republic Services will not pick up or dispose of real Christmas trees. Lake Area Disposal will pick up natural fir and evergreen trees after the City's pick-up has concluded if their customers contact the company directly. Lake Area Disposal will charge a fee for this pick-up service.

Trees cannot have any ornaments, tinsel, decorations, nails or screws, or wooden tree stands nailed to the bottom of the trees. Likewise, garlands and wreaths with wire will not be accepted. Flocking (synthetic dust or powder that makes the tree look as if it has snow on the branches) on Christmas trees cannot be recycled, so the flocking must be removed as much as possible.

Please be mindful of where you place your Christmas trees for residents awaiting curbside pick-up. City crews may utilize equipment during the collection process. Consequently, any structures around or underneath the tree may be damaged during collection. The City asks all residents to look out for and avoid placement in the following locations. This will help maintain the structural integrity and safety of our crews

- Utility holes
- Handholes
- Junction Boxes
- Meter Pits
- Inlets
- Drains
- Poles/Posts
- General Equipment or Structures
- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes
- Boulevards

If you have questions about this program, contact the City's Office of Public Works at 217.789.2255