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December 24, 2025



Refuse and Recycling: No Changes for Upcoming Holidays

There will be no changes to Village's refuse and recycling collection during the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Please remember to place garbage and recycling at the curb for collection by 6:30 am and do not place Groot carts in the street.



Christmas trees and wreaths can be placed at the curb on your regular collection day during December and January.

For more info visit Refuse & Recycling or contact Environmental Health at 847-359-9042.



Holiday Overnight Parking

The Village is suspending its Village wide overnight parking restrictions during the holiday period from Monday, December 22, 2025 through 6:00 a.m. Sunday, January 4, 2026. You may park vehicles on the street overnight during this time.

This suspension DOES NOT include commercial vehicles. The Village's Code of Ordinances defines commercial vehicles as "any motor vehicle used by or for a business or service which may or may not bear any sort of advertising for that business or service."

Please Note: *In the winter season, it is unlawful to park on Village streets for 24 hours after a 2" or more snowfall event, during which time overnight parking is prohibited, even with this prior approval."*



Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Village of Palatine is pleased to offer a Holiday Light Recycling Program now until January 31, 2026.

Holiday string lights can be dropped off at the Palatine Village Hall, Village Services Counter (first floor), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Accepted Items:

- Holiday string lighting (minilights, C7 & C9, rope, and LED)
- Extension cords

Not Accepted:

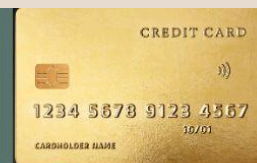
- Wreaths, garlands, or other holiday decorations

Important: Do not place string lights or extension cords in your recycling cart.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042.

Protect Your Credit Cards from Skimming

Card skimming continues to be a common crime throughout the year, especially during the holiday season. The Palatine Police Department would like to remind the



PROTECT YOUR CARDS

BEWARE OF SKIMMERS

Criminals may place concealed devices on payment terminals — such as ATMs, gas pumps, and point-of-sale machines — to illegally capture your card data. Staying alert and following simple precautions can significantly reduce your risk.

STAY SAFE:

- Inspect the terminal before inserting your card. If the card slot, keypad, or surrounding area looks loose, damaged, or unusual, do not use it.
- Cover the keypad when entering your PIN to prevent hidden cameras from capturing your information.
- Use well-lit, high-traffic ATMs, preferably inside banks or monitored locations.
- Enable account alerts through your bank or credit card provider to quickly detect unauthorized transactions.
- Monitor your statements regularly and report any suspicious activity immediately.
- Use contactless or mobile payment options when available, which reduce the risk of skimming.

If you suspect your card information has been compromised, contact your bank immediately and file a report with the police department.



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Visit the **FBI website** to learn more.

Recycle Your Leftover Paint

SWANCC has a new, easy option to recycle paint with **PaintCare** at more than 250 drop-off sites across the state.

The **PaintCare** program is Illinois's new initiative that makes it easier to recycle or safely dispose of leftover latex and oil-based household paint. Funded through a small fee added to the purchase of new paint, the program sets up **FREE**, convenient drop-off sites where residents and businesses can bring unused paint instead of throwing it away. Once collected, the paint is sorted, reused, recycled, or disposed of responsibly, helping reduce waste and protect the environment.



Find a drop-off location near you and recycle that old paint. Participating locations accept up to 5 gallons per visit (*some may take more*), contact your preferred location to confirm hours and requirements. You will not be charged to drop off acceptable paint at participating locations.

[Learn More](#)

Simple Recycling

Need to make room for all those new holiday gifts? Textile recycling is available, free, to Palatine residents through Simple Recycling. Textile recycling is a way for residents to recycle used clothing items instead of throwing them away. This program diverts clothing and textile items from landfills, assists the local community, and supports the environment and planet.

Schedule your **FREE** pickup with **SimpleRecycling.com** and have them pick up directly from your door!

Let Your Clothing Be Loved Again!

[Schedule a Pickup](#)

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.

Bingo

American Legion
Saturday, December 27, 6:00 p.m.

Noon Years Eve Party

Salt Creek Sports Center
Wednesday, December 31, 10:30 a.m.

Beetlejuice Jr. (Cricket Youth Theatre)

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center
Saturday, January 3, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 4, 2:00 p.m.

Squirrel Door Project Pick-Up

Palatine Park District
Tuesday, January 6, 6:00 a.m.

(click on the event name for more details)

*** January 11, 2026 8:00am - 12:00pm**
Winter Brunch
 All proceeds go to support Explorers.

*** Brunch will include your choice of:**

- Eggs
- Bacon
- Pancakes
- Orange juice
- French Toast
- Coffee
- Sausage
- Water

Adults \$13
 Ages 5-10 \$6
 Under 5 Free

Come join us at
American Legion Hall
122 W PALATINE RD
PALATINE, IL



Join the Palatine Fire Dept. for their Explorers Winter Brunch on Sunday, January 11, 2026, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at the American Legion Hall (122 W. Palatine Rd.)

Bring the family out for a delicious winter brunch while supporting a great cause! All proceeds directly benefit the Palatine Fire Department Explorers Program, which gives young people hands-on experience in fire service, leadership, teamwork, and community service.

The Explorer program introduces teens to firefighting skills, emergency response training, and real-world mentoring from Palatine firefighters. It's an incredible opportunity for youth interested in public safety careers—and your support helps keep this program growing!



Dog Park Memberships

Dog Park Memberships for 2026 are available for Palatine Park District's Dog Park located at Plum Grove Reservoir, located on the Harper College Campus.

The fenced-in dog park is 2.2 acres in size and can be found on Algonquin Road, south of Harper College. It has separate areas for large and small dogs. The dog park season begins in January and lasts through December for the year. Registration is accepted year-round and registration forms can be downloaded online or obtained from Birchwood Recreation Center, Community Center, and Falcon Park Recreation Center.

[Learn More](#)



Park District Outdoor Ice Rink

The Palatine Park District Outdoor Ice Rink, located on the basketball court closest to the amphitheater, is open weather permitting during the months of December, January and February.

Monday-Friday

Free Skating: 9AM-7PM

Hockey: 7PM-10:30PM

Saturday-Sunday

Free Skating: 9AM-6PM

Hockey: 6PM-10:30PM

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