



# Community Connection

VILLAGE OF ITASCA

## HOLIDAY DISPOSAL GUIDE

As the holidays get closer, the Village is sharing a few **FREE** services that will make the clean-up afterward a lot easier. From tangled lights to trees and used cooking oil, here's what you can take advantage of once the celebrations are over.

### Holiday Lights Recycling: *December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Holiday lights do not always make it through the season, but recycling them has never been simpler. The Village's Holiday Lights Recycling Program with Elgin Recycling runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mini lights, C7 and C9 strands, rope lights, LED strands, and extension cords can be left in the 24-hour bin outside the Itasca Police Station or taken to Public Works during weekday hours.

### Christmas Tree Pickup: *Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>*

Once the holidays are over, the Village makes it easy to say goodbye to your Christmas trees. Place your tree in the parkway with the trunk facing the street and be sure all lights, ornaments, and tinsel are removed before collection. Wreaths, garlands, and other natural décor are not accepted.

### Cooking Grease: *Drop-off anytime*

After cooking your holiday meals, don't pour used oil down the drain, instead recycle it! The Village offers a year-round cooking oil drop-off outside Public Works. Simply bring your used oil in a sealed container and place it in the collection bins by the entrance. The bins are open 24/7, making it easy to dispose of oil safely and responsibly.

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING

*Where and How to Recycle Your Old Lights*



## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS



When snowfall is forecasted to reach one inch or more, residents are asked to help the Village keep the streets clear. This begins with moving cars off the street so plow drivers can make a clean pass through each block without weaving around parked vehicles.

Refuse totes should also be placed on the driveway apron or in a cleared area of the parkway instead of along the curb.

## OVERNIGHT PARKING

### Overnight Park Restrictions Lifted December 18<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Santa's on his way, and the Itasca Police Department is making room for him! Overnight parking rules are lifted from December 18<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents and their guests can park between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. without calling in their vehicle.

Just a reminder, do not park in front of fire hydrants, and move cars off the street whenever an inch or more of snow falls to keep streets safe and passable.



# DINE LOCAL, SAVE BIG

This winter, take your taste buds on a food adventure through Itasca. Visit local restaurants, enjoy special discounts, and collect a stamp at each participating location.

Pick up a passbook at participating businesses listed at [itasca.com](http://itasca.com), Village Hall, the Park District, or the Library, and return your completed card by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for a chance to receive a gift card from one of our participating restaurants.

Only in **ITASCA**

# PLATES & PERKS

## Winter Dining Adventure

## HAT & MITTEN TREE

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Village Hall Lobby**

The Village invites you to spread holiday cheer through our annual Hat and Mitten Tree event. Stop by the Village Hall lobby during business hours to donate a new hat, scarf, or pair of gloves and mittens, and receive a treat as a thank you. All donations will benefit the Itasca Food Pantry, helping local families stay warm this winter.

## VILLAGE OF ITASCA HAT AND MITTEN TREE

**Village Hall Lobby**  
**December 1st - January 2nd**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**



## PICTURES WITH SANTA

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**FREE EVENT!**

Santa will be at the Usher Park Gazebo, ready to spread holiday cheer! Bring your camera to capture this special moment and take home a festive holiday keepsake. Consider donating new toys for Toys for Tots or non-perishable food items for the Itasca Food Pantry to help those in need this season.



## LUMINARIA PICK-UP

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Village Hall Parking Lot**

The Itasca Lions invite residents to pick up their Luminaria kits at the Itasca Village Hall parking lot. On Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, participants are encouraged to light their candles at 5:00 p.m. (rain date is December 25<sup>th</sup>). Donations are welcomed during kit pickup or via Venmo at @ItascaLionsTreasurer to support the Lions Club's work in helping neighbors and the community.

**FREE EVENT!**



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