

EYE ON Kirkwood newsletter

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Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Participate in the Spring Bulky Item Collection Program - Register Today



The City of Kirkwood is starting its Bulky Item Collection Program this year. Bulky item collection gives Kirkwood residents the opportunity to dispose of large furniture and appliances. Bulky item collection will occur two times per year, at no charge, throughout the entire city; once in the spring and once in the fall. All residents participating in the Bulky Item Collection Program must pre-register at least one week prior to their scheduled trash/recycling service day. Bulky items must be placed curbside by the Sunday night of their scheduled bulky collection week.

Spring Collection Dates - April 5, 2021 to April 29, 2021

The City has been divided into four areas for bulky item collection: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday trash/recycling routes. This means your sanitation pickup day determines your bulky item collection week. Additionally, your solid waste (trash bill) account MUST BE CURRENT to participate in the bulky item collection program.

- Monday trash routes: April 5-8
- Tuesday trash routes: April 12-15
- Wednesday trash routes: April 19-22
- Thursday trash routes: April 26-29
- Residents must pre-register for the bulky item collection program

by calling 314-984-5927 or online by visiting kirkwoodmo.org/BulkyItem. If you miss your scheduled bulky item collection, a separate special pick-up can be scheduled for an additional fee by visiting kirkwoodmo.org/Special.

Important things to know and remember:

- Don't forget to register a week prior to your scheduled trash/recycling service day.
- Only place bulky items that are too large to fit in your trash cart at the curb.
- Acceptable items include large furniture and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, washers, dryers, microwaves, rugs, carpet, doors/windows (wrapped in cardboard), small air conditioning units, etc.
- Place no more than four (4) large items.
- Items must be placed within one (1) to three (3) feet of the curb or street pavement for collection.
- Place items curbside by Sunday night of your scheduled collection week. We make only one (1) pass on each street one (1) of the days during your collection week. You cannot schedule a particular day.
- Be sure that access to the items is not blocked by parked vehicles.

- For everyone's safety, wrap glass doors and tables, windows, and mirrors with cardboard.
- Drain all gasoline and oil from lawn mowers.

Items not accepted: Computers and related equipment (i.e. monitors, printers, fax machines, copiers), hazardous materials or chemicals, commercial items or business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris/materials, tires, auto batteries and motors, railroad ties, barrel drums, concrete, bricks, landscaping stones, boulders, rocks, dirt, or household trash. If any of these items are set out, the resident may be ticketed.

- Computers and related equipment (i.e. monitors, printers, fax machines, copiers) are not accepted, but can be donated to a local charity or recycled at the following locations:
- Red Leaf IT Asset Recovery & Recycling- 636-778-9658 or Redleafasset.com
 - Spectrum Ecycle Solutions- 314-428-0777 or info@spectrumecycle.com
 - Area Electronic Recycling Events – mrcycling.net

Kirkwood Electric Rakes in Industry Awards



Kirkwood Electric has been hard at work keeping the lights on in our community. Last month Kirkwood Electric crews worked during frigid temperatures to restore power to residents that experienced outages because of the inclement weather, and began working on the backlog of service requests that have accumulated due to the coronavirus pandemic. During this time Kirkwood Electric has been designated a 2021 Tree Line USA utility by the Arbor Day Foundation, and a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3 designation) by the American Public Power Association (APPA). They are also the recipients of the 2020 Safety Award of Excellence from the APPA. Each award, described below, is a reflection of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by Kirkwood Electric personnel every day on the job. Kirkwood Electric is committed to delivering safe and reliable electricity to the Kirkwood community, and prioritizing the health and safety of their utility workers, no matter what.

2021 Tree Line USA Utility

Tree Line USA is a national program recognizing public and private utilities for practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation. A collaboration of the Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, Tree Line

USA promotes the dual goals of delivering safe and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community trees. In order to earn this designation Kirkwood Electric must train employees in quality tree-care practices that protect and enhance Kirkwood's urban forest, educate the public about planting trees for energy conservation and help homeowners plant appropriate trees near utility lines.

RP3 Reliable Public Power Provider

The Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) program is a national designation given by the American Public Power Association. Currently, more than 265 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities hold an RP3 designation recognizing them for providing communities with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. This designation recognizes community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities that exhibit operational excellence and demonstrate leading practices in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria for designation also includes sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Kirkwood Electric has received this designation every year since 2011.

2020 Safety Award of Excellence

The American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2020 is awarded to utilities that have demonstrated that they have made the health and safety of their employees a core value. 329 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2020. The incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2020, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). As one of the most competitive awards, the APPA gives out, this is among the hardest to get. The last time Kirkwood Electric received this award was in 2018.

Congratulations to Kirkwood Electric! Our residents are proud of all the work you do to keep the lights on. Keep up the great work!

Election Day is April 6, 2021 – Information You Should Know



Municipal Elections are happening on April 6, 2021. Polling places are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm. Remember, if you are in line by 7:00pm you are entitled to vote. Use the information below to be prepared on Election Day. If you have any additional questions regarding voting in the April 6th municipal elections you may call 314-615-1800.

Polling Locations

You can find your polling place by visiting the St. Louis County Election Board website at www.stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections/ and selecting "Polling Place Lookup and Line Count. Even though you are assigned a polling place, St. Louis County voters are allowed to vote at any polling location in the county. Polling locations in the City of Kirkwood are as follows:

- Greentree Community Church - 100 Kirkwood Pl.
- Kirkwood Community Center - 111 S Geyer
- Keyser Elementary - 725 N Geyer
- STLCC Meramec PE Lobby - 11333 Big Bend Rd.
- Tillman Elementary - 230 Quan Ave.
- Hough Technology Learning Center - 106 N Sappington Rd.
- Robinson Elementary - 803 Couch Ave.
- Kirkwood School District Office - 11289 Manchester Rd.

Identification to Vote

You must show an acceptable form of identification (it doesn't have to be photo ID) to get your ballot. Acceptable forms of ID are as follows:

- ID issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state
- ID issued by the U.S. Government, such as a military ID
- ID issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located in Missouri
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that has your name and address on it

If you do not have any acceptable forms of ID, you may vote using a provisional ballot.

Sample Ballots

You can view and print a sample ballot by visiting the St. Louis County Election Board website at www.stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections/ and selecting "Sample Ballot Lookup." We recommend reviewing the items on your ballot prior to election day to reduce the time it takes to cast your ballot.

Voting Assistance

If you have limited mobility you may be able to vote "curbside" or outside the polling place. You should go to your polling place and ask someone to go in and ask poll workers to bring a ballot out to you. The poll workers should bring you a ballot within a reasonable period of time. Additionally, every polling place in St. Louis county will have an accessible voting system for individuals with disabilities including audiovisual accessibility. Accessible systems include an audio ballot to make selections or the ability to enlarge text so that you can read the on-screen ballot with ease.

If you have any issues voting on election day, call the Voter Protection Hotline at 866-687-8683.

At the Community Center

2021 Aquatic Center Season Passes are on Sale Now!

Season passes are available online at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org, if you need a little help with our online registration give us at call at 314-822-5855 and we will be happy to help you!

The Aquatic Center will also be offering swimming lessons this summer. Swimming lessons are Monday through Thursday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings all summer. Sign up at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. More information can be found at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org/things-to-do/parc-shupe-scholarships.

NEW! Pilates with Angie

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:15-6:00pm beginning April 13

This mat class will focus on exercises that strengthen the core while increasing flexibility and postural alignment. Bring a mat to class. Choose the classes that fit your schedule! \$6 per class for residents and \$8 per class for non-residents.

Dog Egg Hunt

Saturday April 3, 2021

It's a dog egg hunt, with a socially distanced twist! Your doggie bag, along with some treats hidden in eggs, will be hidden in one of our Kirkwood parks, but you won't find out until the day before the hunt! You will be notified via email. Arrive anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 AM to sniff out your treat bag to take home for your pup(s). Pre-registration required at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org. \$7 per dog.

Learn to Tap Workshops at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center

Saturday April 3, 2021 & Sunday May 23, 2021

Ages 4-6 - 1:00 to 3:00pm

Ages 7-12 - 3:30 to 5:30pm

If you've ever wanted to learn to tap dance, here's your chance to try it out and have some fun on stage! Tap workshops will be taught by Michelle Westerman of Shine Bright Dance Project on the mainstage of the new Kirkwood Performing Arts Center (210 E. Monroe). Parents are welcome to attend a short performance 15 minutes before the conclusion of the workshop. No prior dance experience required. Tap shoes encouraged but not required. Workshops are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non residents. Sign up at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org.