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## Holiday Recycling Information

### You CAN put these Items in your Recycle Cart:

- non-metallic wrapping paper and gift bags (handles removed)
- tissue paper
- cardboard
- gift boxes and shoe boxes
- aluminum foil and food trays (rinsed to remove food)
- greeting cards, envelopes, gift cards, and tags
- old calendars (remove metal or plastic coils; staples OK)

### DO NOT put these items in your Recycle Cart:

- No foil or metal-looking wrapping paper or gift bags
- No ribbons, bows, beads, string, garland, or tinsel
- No holiday decorations (lights, bells, ornaments, etc.)
- No bubble wrap
- No plastics toys
- No batteries, electronics, or Christmas trees

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Drop-off locations for cut, real Christmas trees will be announced in January. Ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, and plastic bags **must be removed from the tree before it is dropped off**. For details, visit [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org).

**Wreaths may be placed in your garbage cart.**

## Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The Holiday Season is upon us and many of you are making Holiday plans and getting your house ready for visits, decorations, and gifts.

Preparing your home and starting your Holiday shopping can be fun, but please remember to take precautions. Although we're fortunate to live in a very safe neighborhood, the holiday season can attract criminals from any distance. Following are some crime prevention tips for home & while shopping:

### At Home:

- \* Keep all doors & windows locked when leaving your house.
- \* If leaving for an extended period of time over the holidays, leave on some lights and TV or radio to give the impression that someone is home.
- \* Hide large gifts that can be seen through windows.
- \* Don't leave a key outdoors.
- \* Do not leave your garage door open.

### While Shopping:

- \* If possible, go shopping with a friend. Criminals are less likely to approach you if you're not alone.
- \* Lock **all** valuables & purchases in your trunk **before** reaching your destination.
- \* Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle
- \* Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- \* Make sure cashiers return your credit card.
- \* Purses should be held close to the body.

## From the City

### Furnace/Air Conditioning Replacement Program Now Open

As local residents start to turn on their heat for the season, some may find their furnaces aren't working. For those who may not be able to afford a new furnace or can't take on a traditional loan, the Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services is offering zero percent interest ten-year loans for heating/air conditioning replacement projects.

Applicants must own their home, it must be their primary residence, and the home must be located within City limits. Applicants must also have a household income at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income, or \$55,050 for a family of four.

Residents should call **260-427-8585**. They will be asked a series of brief questions and then will be asked to leave their contact information on a voice mail system. Someone from the Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services will call them back to determine their eligibility.

Funding for this program comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is **limited and served on a first-come first-serve basis. The program will be closed once funds are committed.**

For more information about this program go to: [fwcommunitydevelopment.org/homeownerrepair](http://fwcommunitydevelopment.org/homeownerrepair).

## Dues Statements

Invoices for your 2020 Lafayette Place Improvement Association dues will be mailed out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2020. Dues are to be paid in full at the beginning of the year.

**Avoid legal action** - Your Statement will list any outstanding dues or liens. If you have outstanding dues and need a payment plan, call Westley at 456-1608.

## So Much To Do!

If you haven't already read about all the things going on in Fort Wayne over the Holidays, here's a **partial** list of some holiday activities you might want to attend!

### Santa & the Reindeer

Botanical Conservatory –1100 S. Calhoun St  
Saturdays Dec 7, 14 & 21  
12–4pm

### Garden in Lights

Botanical Conservatory –1100 S. Calhoun St  
Now thru January 5  
**For hours & fees call 427-6440**

### Festival of Gingerbread

History Center -302 E. Berry St.  
Dec 7 – Santa Claus  
Dec 8 – Storytelling  
Dec 14 – Science of Sugary Structures  
Dec 15 – Cookie Decorating Party  
All events - 1 – 4pm  
**For fee info call 426-2882**

### Santa's Workshop at the Community Center

233 W. Main Street  
Dec 9 – Holiday Dinner & Light Tour – 5:30-9pm  
Dec 16 – Holiday Monday Luncheon – 11:30am

**Call 427-6000 for fees & reservations**

And don't forget the FREE stuff like looking at the beautiful **Embassy Theatre Holiday Windows**. You can enjoy the traditionally animated windows along Harrison Street (at Jefferson Blvd) now through December 31.

## Enjoy the Beauty

Once again, **Don Orban** and **Jeff Prentice** have decorated the Gazebo for the Holidays. Their creativity and time are truly appreciated!!

**THANKS GUYS!**

# *Seasons Greetings*

**The LPIA Board of Directors  
wish you and your family  
safe and joyful  
Holidays**

**Christmas tree drop-off sites will be listed in the January Newsletter.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ESPLANADE**

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