

# Kane County Recycles Green Guide 2020



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## Awareness rising around waste & resources!



Good news! Awareness is increasing around our waste problem, particularly around plastic waste and pollution. The movement to stop using plastic straws has been a poster child for the greater work being done to minimize waste and to get better at recycling. And you are a part of it all. See page 11 for how you can do more.

You help when you reconsider purchases, rethink waste, maximize reuse and repair, compost food scraps, and recycle right! Recycling goes far beyond what you can place in your curbside cart, so be sure to look at the A-Z list of recycling and reuse opportunities on pages 12-15.

The Recycling Guidelines poster on pages 8 & 9 is a statewide guide that makes it easier to understand what can and cannot be recycled in curbside programs. Please follow the guidelines closely and spread the word. It is really important to keep the NO items out of the recycling bin, and find other options for recycling or disposal. Remember when recycling at the curb: if in doubt leave it out, rather than "wish-cycling."

Food scrap composting is taking off in Kane County! The communities of Batavia, Geneva, Mill Creek, Elburn, and Kaneville can now add food scraps to their curbside landscape waste collection programs, and there are several other towns exploring the option. You can also compost in your backyard with a Soil Saver bin, see page 6.

Our thoughtful and effective response to the waste problem is to change our habits and improve how we do things. Every time we eliminate or minimize waste, it takes weight off of the avalanche of consumer-product-based trash headed for landfills, saves resources and money, and really does have a significant impact. Thank you for your awareness and your efforts!

Sincerely, Jennifer Jarland, Kane County Recycling Coordinator

## 2020 Event Dates:

- **Apr 11** - Electronics & Books only
- **Apr 25** - Document Shredding only
- **May 9** - Electronics, Books, Paint
- **May 16** - Household Hazardous Waste Special Event at alternate location.
- **Jun 13** - Electronics, Books, Document Shredding
- **Jul 11** - Annual Extravaganza (NO Shredding), Electronics, Books, Paint, Bikes, Foam, Batteries, Bulbs, Textiles, Metal
- **Aug 8** - Electronics, Books, Document Shredding
- **Sept 12** - Electronics, Books, Document Shredding
- **Oct 10** - Electronics, Books, Paint
- **Nov 14** - Electronics & Books only

For more information on these events please see page 2.

## Municipal Waste & Recycling Haulers

Hauler	Contact	City or Township Service Area
Advanced Disposal Services	630-587-8282	Batavia, Mill Creek S.S.A., Prestbury
DC Recycling Systems (a Lakeshore Recycling Systems company)	815-758-7274	Sugar Grove, Montgomery, Virgil & Plato Townships
Flood Brothers Disposal Co	630-261-0578	East Dundee, Pingree Grove
Groot Industries	877-775-1200	Algonquin, Aurora, Big Rock, Burlington, Carpentersville, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, West Dundee, Elgin Township
Lakeshore Recycling Systems	630-581-8650	Elburn, Geneva, St. Charles
MDC Environmental Services	815-568-7274	Gilberts, Huntley
Waste Management	800-964-8988	Elgin, Hampshire, Kaneville, Maple Park, North Aurora, Sun City/Del Webb, Campton Township

This list may be subject to change, check website for updates. Unincorporated County residents may contract with any of the licensed haulers operating in Kane County. See: <http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/LicensedHaulers.pdf>

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# Kane County Recycling Events

**Where:** 540 S Randall Road  
St. Charles, IL 60174

**\* Note:** 5/16/20 HHW event will be held at:  
309 N River Street, Aurora, IL 60506

## When:

Saturdays, as listed below, from 8am - 12 noon

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## Contact:

Kane County Recycling Coordinator at [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

## Website:

[countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling)

## NEW in 2020 - CLOTHES RECYCLING

**CLOTHING and TEXTILES** can now be brought to all electronic recycling events (see above) or the electronics recycling drop-off locations (p 3).

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** clothing, paired shoes, bedding, and other household textiles in any condition; towels, toys, accessories, and purses.

Kane County has partnered with **eWorks and RewearAble**, who are both non-profits that provide sustainable employment for adults with disabilities, to collect clothes for reuse.

## Books:

- Books can be of any age, in any condition, either paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse and redistributed if possible. Otherwise they are sent for recycling.
- Large quantities of magazines and sets of Encyclopedias are accepted for recycling.
- You can bring shredded documents (already shredded) in paper bags to the book area for recycling.



Book Recycling by Pacesetter Books & B and B Books

## Document Shredding:

Free confidential document shredding on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- This service provides on-site shredding trucks.
- Staples, paperclips, spiral bindings, file folders without metal, and envelope windows are fine to leave in. Please REMOVE all binder clips, three-ring plastic binders and any larger metal pieces.
- Please do not bring periodicals, magazines, and other paper that does not contain confidential information.
- We will receive documents for shredding only until the trucks are full, and may finish before 12pm.
- Quantity limit is approximately equal to 4 banker boxes (12" width x 16" depth x 10" height) full of residential documents (per vehicle).
- No business material will be accepted.



On-site document shredding by Accurate Document Destruction

## Alternative Option for Shredding

If you do not want to wait until the next shredding event, call your bank to see if they have any shredding events for their customers; they sometimes do. Otherwise, the following paper recycler and manufacturer in Aurora offers a free document destruction service and will take shredded paper: WestRock, 630-898-4231, ext. 6; [www.westrockaurora.com/docdes.html](http://www.westrockaurora.com/docdes.html)

## Electronics:

See page 3 for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, and costs for TVs and monitors. All other electronics listed are free to drop off. **Data Security:** All data on computer hard drives will be completely destroyed (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements), so there is no need to wipe your drives.



Electronics Recycling by eWorks Electronics Services

## Extravaganza:

At the annual extravaganza we take Electronics; Books; Bikes, parts, & helmets; 4-foot fluorescent tubes; Clothes, paired shoes; Styrofoam blocks and food service ware; Scrap metal; and Latex paint (per-can fee applies, see below). Check online in June for a full updated list of what we'll be taking. There will be **NO DOCUMENT SHREDDING** at this event.

## Paint Recycling:

Paint recycling is offered on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- Latex paint has a recycling fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or card (Quart \$1; Gallon \$3; 2-gallon \$5; 5-gallon \$10)
- We do not take oil paint at the events anymore.
- See page 6 for more on latex paint disposal and page 4 for more on oil paint disposal.



Paint recycling by ePaint Recycling Solutions

## Volunteer for these events!

To put your name on the secure email list for volunteer opportunities, please contact the Recycling Program Coordinator at 630-208-3841.

# Electronics Recycling Drop-offs

## North - West Dundee Public Works

**Location:** 900 Angle Tarn,  
West Dundee, IL 60118  
**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm

## Central - Fabyan Parkway

**Location:** 517 E. Fabyan Parkway,  
Batavia, IL 60510  
**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm

## South - Naperville Public Works

**Location:** 156 Fort Hill Drive,  
Naperville, IL 60540  
**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm

**Contact:** Kane County Recycling Coordinator  
at [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

**Unloading:** These sites are staffed, so you will have assistance unloading your equipment.

**Data Security:** All data on computer hard drives delivered to the three locations above will be completely destroyed (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements).

**Holiday Closures:** Drop-off sites are closed on most public holidays, but not all. Please check online for the current list of holiday closures.

**Things Change:** Please visit [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) to confirm before attending.

## COST for TVs and Monitors

- Cost applies at EVENTS (see pg 2) and at DROP-OFFs (above).
- Pay onsite with CASH or CARD, or online with card and bring a printed receipt.
- TVs and Monitors cost:
  - \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally) or
  - \$35 (for screens 21" and over).
- This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler, eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities.

## Electronics Recycling for Businesses

Businesses may contact any recycling company registered with the Illinois EPA, including these local firms, to assist in your ongoing electronics recycling needs:

**COM2 Recycling** - Carol Stream 630-345-0272  
**eWorks Electronics Services\*** - Elk Grove Village 847-276-8894  
**Hobi International** - Batavia 630-761-0500  
**MRK Group** - Elgin 847-468-1700  
**Sims Recycling Solutions** - West Chicago 630-231-6060  
**Supply-Chain Services** - Lombard 630-629-9344  
**Vintage Tech Recyclers** - Romeoville 630-305-0922

\*Kane County works with eWorks Electronics Services for collection events and drop-off locations.

**Note:** This list is provided as a service to residents. Please call the recycling centers to verify recycling information. Inclusion in this guide is not an endorsement of any of these companies, nor has the County purposely excluded any parties that provide these services.

## Items Accepted

Accepted at events and drop-offs.

### Accepted for Free

- Appliances (small household appliances made mostly of metal)
- Ballasts • Blenders
- Cable & Satellite Receivers
- Cell Phones / PDAs
- Christmas Lights • Circuit Boards
- Coffee Makers (not the glass pot)
- Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs, computer batteries)
- Cords & Cables • Dehumidifiers
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Digital Recorders • DVD Players
- Fans (metal fans only)
- Fax Machines • Hard Drives
- Holiday Lights • Keyboards • Mice
- Modems • Phones
- Portable Digital Music Players
- Power Supplies • Printers
- Scanners • Small Scale Servers
- Small Speakers (no wooden speakers)
- Stereos • Toasters
- Vacuums (no cloth bags) • VCRs
- Video Game Consoles • Wires
- Clothing & Textiles (New in 2020)

### Accepted for a Cost

- [See cost information to the left](#)
- Monitors (flat screen, glass tube)
- TVs/Televisions (all types, all ages, flat screen, glass tube)

### Not Accepted

- Batteries not contained in equipment (see pg 5)
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs  
(See A-Z list Fluorescent tube lights and Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs)
- Household Hazardous Waste (see pg 4)
- Large Household Appliances/White Goods (see A-Z list, Appliances)
- Smoke Detectors
- Toner cartridges, DVDs, Video and audio cassettes, and other items that are not on the list above, are not accepted in this program. These items can be disposed of with trash.
- Wooden Speakers





## Medication/ Pharmaceutical Drop-off Locations

Please do not flush your medicines down the toilet.



Expired and unwanted pharmaceutical drugs can be dropped off at the following locations, open to the general public. Take pills and capsules out of original bottles before placing them in a clear resealable bag for drop-off.

### Items NOT accepted:

- syringes/needles (see pg 5)
- inhalers (trash)
- liquids (call to check, locations differ)
- vitamins & supplements

### Geneva, Kane County Coroner's Office

Government Center, 719 S Batavia Ave., Bldg. E Geneva, IL 60134/ 630-232-3535

**Hours:** M-F 8:30am-4:30pm  
Kane County Residents Only

### Huntley Police Department

Note: Only Pills, capsules, and tablets received at this location

10911 E. Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142  
847-515-5311

**Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm (except holidays)

### Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 630-420-6095

**Hours:** Sat & Sun 9am-2pm (except holidays)

### Pingree Grove Police Department

1 Police Plaza, Pingree Grove, IL 60140  
847-464-4600 **Hours:** M-F 7:30am-2:30pm

### St. Charles, Kane County Sheriff's Office

37W755 Il Route 38 #A, St. Charles, IL 60175  
630-232-6840 **Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm

### Sugar Grove Police Department

10 S Municipal Dr., Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
630-466-4526 **Hours:** M-F 8am-4:30pm

The Police Departments below take medications from city residents only.

### Call for details:

Batavia PD	630-454-2500
Elgin PD	847-289-2500
Geneva PD	630-232-4736
South Elgin PD	847-741-2151
St.Charles PD	630-377-4435

### Walgreens

in Aurora (1221 N Lake), Elgin (1700 Larkin), Montgomery (1799 Douglas) and St. Charles (3351 W Main) have drop-offs for medications.

# Household Hazardous Waste

## Free Residential Hazardous Waste Drop-off

### Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

**Location:** 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540  
north of the Public Works building at Fort Hill Dr. and Jefferson Ave.

**Hours:** 9am - 2pm every Saturday & Sunday (except holidays)

**Contact:** Naperville Public Works (M-F) 630-420-6095 with questions.

## Free Home Collection Service (Limited areas)

Residents in the following areas may schedule one free collection per year from your home.

### Eligible Service Areas in the County Program:

- Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, and Plato Townships
- Unincorporated Elgin Township (City of Elgin residents, see below)
- Cities of Batavia & Geneva and Mill Creek Special Service Area

**Contact:** U.S. Ecology at 1-866-373-8357 or [curbside@usecology.com](mailto:curbside@usecology.com) to schedule an appointment, for a time slot in the next two months. If the date of a scheduled collection is not convenient, please deliver your materials to the free Naperville HHW Facility, listed above, open every weekend.

### City of Elgin residents:

**Contact:** WM At-Your-Door at 1-800-449-7587 or [www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com) to schedule an appointment.



## Items Accepted

- Aerosol products
  - Antifreeze
  - Auto fluids
  - Ballasts (non-PCB & PCB) \*
  - Batteries – auto, sump, power tool & household sizes
  - Blacktop sealer - oil based
  - Cleaning products
  - Cooking Oil
  - Fire Extinguishers
  - Flammables
  - Fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFLs)
  - Gasoline & oil/gas mixtures
  - HID (headlight bulbs) \*
  - Hobby & photo chemicals
  - Lawn chemicals
  - Mercury containing devices (thermostats, etc.)
  - Motor oil
  - Oxygen tanks \*
  - Paint (Latex) \* (also see pg 3 & 4)
  - Paint (Oil-based paints, stains, varnishes)
  - Pesticides, poisons, herbicides, insecticides
  - Pharmaceuticals/ medications \*
  - Pool chemicals
  - Propane tanks (large grill size)
  - Propane Tanks (small camping size) \*
  - Resins, Glues, Adhesives
  - Smoke Detectors \*
  - Solvents
- \* accepted at Naperville only  
\* accepted by US Ecology only

## Items NOT Accepted

- Acetylene cylinders
- Ammunition, explosives or fireworks
- Biological or medical waste
- Business generated waste
- Foam cylinders (Part A/Part B)
- MAPP gases
- Radioactive Material
- Syringes/needles (see pg 5)
- arm machinery oil

## Household Battery Recycling

The best way to reduce waste is to invest in a battery charger and rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries make better use of resources because you can use them multiple times before recycling them!

You can recycle AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V, 12V, and lithium ion batteries at the below drop-offs. Please tape over the tops of all 9V, 12V, and lithium ion batteries as they are a potential fire hazard.

If you are in areas served by the HHW Pick-up Service (pg 4) you can include batteries in that collection. Or deliver them to one of these drop-offs, which are for residential use only. No businesses please!

### Batavia Public Works Dept.

(city residents only)  
200 N Raddant Rd., Batavia, IL 60510  
Go to front entryway: M-F 7am-4pm

### Elgin Fire Station

650 Big Timber Rd., Elgin, IL 60123

### Elgin Fire District Annex

8N709 Stevens Rd., Elgin, IL 60124

### Elgin Township Garage

725 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123



## Auto Battery Recycling

Lead-acid batteries from cars, trucks, and boats can be recycled at any store that sells them, at Home Depot, or through HHW programs (pg 4).



## Safe Disposal of Sharps/ Needles/ Syringes

*Please never place loose needles or syringes in the trash or recycling.  
Follow these instructions for safe disposal.*

- Place needles, point-first, into a thick plastic bottle, like a detergent bottle.
- Store sharps in closed container with the lid on.
- Clearly label container **"DO NOT RECYCLE"** with a bold marker.
- When the container is over half full, tape lid on with duct tape and place it in the trash.



### Other Resources and Mail-In Programs:

**North American Syringe Exchange Network**, 253-272-4857, [www.nasen.org](http://www.nasen.org)

**Stericycle Mailback Program**, Lake Forest, IL, 800-355-8773, [www.stericycle.com](http://www.stericycle.com)

**Waste Management MedWaste System**, 866-699-6466, [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)

## Used Motor Oil Recycling

**Oil only, may not be mixed with gas or antifreeze.**

## Drop-Off Locations

**Auto Zone** up to 5 gallons

1283 N Lake St., Aurora  
630-966-8940

209 Randall Rd., South Elgin  
847-429-1095

1690 Douglas Rd., Montgomery  
630-844-0475  
Check your local Auto Zone!

### Cucci Ford

800 Dundee Ave., East Dundee  
847-551-1027

### Hampshire NAPA

100 W Oak Knoll Dr., Hampshire  
847-683-3000

### Naperville HHW Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville  
630-420-6095

### Rock 'N Roll Automotive

601 Route 68, Carpentersville  
847-426-0014

### Valvoline Instant Oil Change

2076 W Main St., Batavia  
630-406-7956  
175 S Randall Rd., Elgin  
847-697-1485

### Walmart automotive departments

will take any automotive fluids,  
up to 5 quarts for no fee.

### Motor Oil Pick-up

Please see HHW Free Pick-up Service (pg 4) for more information on the service available in limited areas of the County.

### For Large Quantities

(100+ gallons) contact:  
Future Environmental / 708-479-6900  
Heritage Crystal / 847-836-5670



## Stop Junk Mail for Good



### Reduce your junk mail

by half almost instantly by unsubscribing from the National Direct Mailing Lists and other distribution lists via the below links. To eliminate the remainder, call directly any distributors of junk mail as you receive each piece, and ask to be removed from their mailing list to stop junk mail for good!

### National Do Not Mail List

[directmail.com/mail\\_preference/](http://directmail.com/mail_preference/)

### DMA Choice

[dmachoice.thedma.org/PaperKarma](http://dmachoice.thedma.org/PaperKarma), an app for your phone  
[paperkarma.com/](http://paperkarma.com/)

### Stop Credit Card Offers

[optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t](http://optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t)

### Opt Out of Phone Books

[yellowpagesoptout.com](http://yellowpagesoptout.com)

### Stop Catalog Mailings

[catalogchoice.org](http://catalogchoice.org)

## Fluorescent Lights



**Free drop-off** - residential only, no businesses:

### Geneva Ace Hardware

(Kane County program)  
617 W. State Street, Geneva / 630-208-6600

### Naperville HHW Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville / 630-420-6095

### Hazardous Waste Home Collection

See page 4.

### Kane County Extravaganza event

See page 2.

### Batteries Plus

**Elgin:** 352 S. Randall Rd. / 847-289-8990

**Geneva:** 1492 S. Randall Rd. / 630-313-5700

**Note:** Fees apply at Batteries Plus.

## Composting Food Scraps and Yard Waste

**Why compost?** If landfilled, organic materials like food and yard waste release methane into the atmosphere. But if processed into compost and then applied to gardens, it increases water retention and improves soil fertility. It also saves money! Adding compost to your garden can reduce or eliminate the need to buy chemical fertilizers, and composting cuts your cost for yard waste bags & stickers.

### Backyard Composting:

You can start composting in your backyard with a **Soil Saver Compost Bin**, which you can buy for a reduced cost through the County.

### Buy a Compost Bin at the University of Illinois Extension Office

535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles • 630-584-6166 • M-F 8:30a-4:30p

**Cost:** \$70.00 cash or check, payable to Kane County Treasurer



### Residential Collection:

Nearly 50 communities in the region have residential curbside food scrap collection. In Kane County - Mill Creek, Geneva, Batavia, Elburn, and Kaneville Township all have food scrap programs built into their curbside collection contracts. The model is called a "ride-along" program because the food scraps ride along with yard waste to composting facilities for processing into nutrient-rich soil amendment.

### Commercial Collection:

Many big producers of food scrap, like businesses, restaurants, and schools contract for food scrap collection by their waste and recycling hauler.

### Learn more:

Check out the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition, a local not-for-profit organization advancing food scrap composting in Illinois, at [www.illinoiscomposts.org](http://www.illinoiscomposts.org)

## Latex Paint

Latex Paint is a non-hazardous water-based product that is not accepted at the Naperville Household Hazardous Waste facility. Please see below for disposal options.

### Buy a smaller can.

The best way to reduce waste is by buying only as much as you need.

### Use it up.

Add an extra coat or paint something else. Use an old piece of cardboard, some scrap lumber, or the inside of your garage. Let the empty can dry and recycle it.

### Recycle it.

Partially used cans of liquid latex paint can be recycled for a small cost per can at many Ace Hardware stores. Please call to check if they participate. Or bring it to a Kane County recycling event, pg 2. Per-can fee applies to both the hardware store drop-offs and events.

**Costs:** Quart \$1; Gallon \$3; 2-gallon \$5; 5-gallon \$10

### Donate or share it.

Find a friend or neighbor who needs to paint a small area.

### Dry it out.

Dried latex paint can be disposed of in your regular household trash. Add kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper and stir it in to help the paint dry more quickly. Once solidified, place cans in trash & metal lids in recycling. Place up to 2 cans in the trash per week.

### Store it for later.

If you want to save the leftover paint for touch-ups, just cover the opening with plastic wrap, and replace the lid securely by hammering it down.





# Top Recycling Tips



You may notice that several of these tips to help improve your recycling IQ are about what you cannot put in the cart. Rather than throwing your hands up in despair, be happy about the improvements you are making and the positive change you are bringing into the world!

## Plastic Bags

Do not put any kind of plastic bags in your curbside recycling cart at all - full or empty! Place recyclables in the cart loose. Plastic bags cause damage to equipment at sorting facilities. Additionally, do not put bags of plastic bags in the cart thinking they will get recycled; they won't. Instead keep them clean, dry, and empty and take them to a grocery store for recycling (p 16).

## Plastics BOTTLES, TUBS, JUGS & JARS

Recycle these four shapes of plastic only (p 8-9). Forget the number; it only tells you the resin type and does not mean it is recyclable. *Tub = a dimensional, wide-mouthed container that has a bottom and sides higher than 1-inch.*

## Cups, Lids, Straws & Utensils

Nope. Not recyclable. Please throw all of these things in the trash, or better yet avoid buying things served with single use throw-away service ware.



## Black Plastic

Black plastic of any shape is not recyclable as it is not sortable or marketable. Frozen food trays are not recyclable as they are often made of black plastic or they are too flat and cannot be sorted properly.

## Flexible Plastic Packaging

Many products come in plastic wrappers, pouches, or thin formed plastic - none of which are recyclable.

For example, chip or popcorn bags and candy wrappers; those handy new zip-top stand up pouches for snacks, rice, cereal, etc; and the formed plastic packaging you need a knife or scissors to get into, all of which should go into the trash. Avoid buying products in these kinds of packaging if possible!



## Coffee Pods

These are a hybrid of materials, and while convenient, are just not environmentally friendly. Here is my best advice:



**Plastic cups** can be nested, as in stacked inside of each other tightly, and can be recycled through a mail in program, which makes them into plastic lumber. See [recycleacup.com](http://recycleacup.com). **Foil tops** can be saved up in bulk and then wrapped in a sheet of aluminum foil, squeezed lightly into a ball shape — just enough to hold it together but not too tightly — about the size of a baseball, and then placed in your curbside recycling. **Grounds and filters** can be composted in a backyard compost OR can be thrown in the trash. Reusable filters can be found on [cafe-brew.com](http://cafe-brew.com). Or use a French press, which is zero waste, and you can compost the grounds!

## Napkins, Paper Towels & Paper Plates

Also not recyclable, though you can compost them if you have the means. Otherwise throw them in the trash, or better yet, use reusable plates and cloth napkins.

## Thermal Receipts

Thermal receipts have a plastic component and do not pulp the same as other paper, so they are NOT recyclable and need to go in the trash.

Furthermore, BPA (bisphenol A) remains in the fibers, which we do not want in recycled paper products like paper towels or tissue boxes! They should not be composted or burned either, because both processes release BPA into the environment - soil or air. Ask at the front-end of a transaction if they can NOT print the receipt.



## Frozen Food Boxes

Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrées, are impregnated with a plastic polymer to protect against freezer burn. The plastic prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process. These materials are not recyclable or compostable.

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES



For more detail please see the full "fine-print" guidelines available online.

# YES!

## Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps

## Put material in loose - Not in bags



## METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened), Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



## GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



## PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, and Jars Only



## CARTONS

# NO!



**No Plastic Bags  
No Plastic Wrap**  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood, Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam – see [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) for other recycling options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses, Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers, Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
(see [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) for other recycling options)

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois.

To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling), or contact [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

Also see the EPA online resource at

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>





# DIRECTRICES PARA EL RECICLAJE

**NEW FEATURE**

# ¡SÍ!



## METAL

Envases de acero/aluminio y papel de aluminio



## PAPEL

Cartón (aplanado), papel de oficina, periódico, revistas

**Limpios y vacíos**  
**DEJE LAS TAPADERAS PUESTAS**



**ENVASES DE CARTÓN PARA ALIMENTOS Y BEBIDAS**



## VIDRIO

Botellas y frascos solamente



## PLÁSTICO

Botellas, jarras, y recipientes de plástico solamente

# ¡NO!



**No coloque los reciclables en bolsas**



**No bolsas ni envolturas de plástico**

(Limpie y regrese estas al comerciante donde las obtuvo)



**No a los artículos que se enredan**

(Ganchos, mangueras, alambres, cordones, cuerdas y cadenas)



**No comida, líquidos, pañales, baterías ni agujas/jeringas**



**No artículos grandes**

(Electrónicos, madera, tanques de propano, deshecho metálico, o unisel - Para otras opciones de reciclaje, visite a [swalco.org](http://swalco.org) y consulte a nuestra guía en línea "Where Do I Recycle This?" (¿Dónde reciclo esto?)



**No artículos de ropa, textiles ni zapatos**

(Visite a [swalco.org](http://swalco.org) para una lista de los sitios de colección de ropa, textiles, o sitios de colección de zapatos para reutilización)

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

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Also see the EPA online resource at

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# Drop-off Locations

## Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

### Batavia - Advanced Recycling Transfer Station

**Location:** 766 Hunter Dr., Batavia, IL 60510  
**Contact:** 630-762-8002  
**Hours:** M-F 6am-5pm; Sat 6am-10am  
**Accepts:** Recycling - Household recycling, cardboard, containers, paper, etc.  
Mulching - Yard waste, branches, leaves  
Landfilling - Household garbage, treated lumber  
**Cost:** Saturday (6-10am) special pricing for Residential bulk drop-off: \$45 for mixed acceptable materials up to a quantity equal to a level pickup truck bed-full; cash or credit card only.

## Household Recycling

### Aurora- Assoc. for Individual Development (AID)

**Location:** 309 W. New Indian Trail Court, Aurora, IL 60506  
South end of building near garage doors.  
**Contact:** 630-966-4145, [www.the-association.org](http://www.the-association.org)  
**Hours:** M-F 9:30-3:30  
**Accepts:** Aluminum, scrap metal, cans, pairs of shoes in good condition, and electronics (NO TVs or Monitors)  
**Does NOT Accept:** Plastic containers, plastic bags, glass containers, paper or cardboard, TVs or computer monitors, slippers, boots, heels, or damaged shoes.

### Carpentersville - Village Hall

**Location:** 1200 Besinger Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110  
**Contact:** 847-426-3439  
**Hours:** 24/7  
**Accepts:** All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 8-9)

### Elgin - Waste Management (Elgin residents only)

**Location:** 1225 Gifford Rd., Elgin, IL 60120  
**Contact:** 847-608-7543, [www.cityofelgin.org](http://www.cityofelgin.org)  
**Hours:** M-F 6am-4pm, Sat 6-10:30am  
**Accepts:** All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 8-9)

### Virgil Township - Township Office

**Location:** 49W181 Winters Rd., Maple Park, IL 60151  
**Contact:** 815-827-3383  
**Hours:** 24/7  
**Accepts:** Cardboard, mixed paper, cans, and bottles

## Paper Recycling

**Paper Retriever** has green parking lot bins throughout Kane County for large quantities of newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail. To find a bin nearest you, call 630-587-1300.

## Yard Waste & Organics

### Elgin - Midwest Compost/ DuPage Yard Waste

**Locations:** Midwest Compost • 1320 Spaulding Rd., Elgin, IL 60120 • 847-931-2900  
DuPage Yard Waste • 1195 W Washington St., West Chicago 60185 • 630-876-8900  
**Website:** [www.midwestcompostllc.com](http://www.midwestcompostllc.com)  
**Hours:** M-F 7-4, Sat 7-12 (mid-April to mid-December)  
**Accepts:** Clean residential yard waste: Leaves, grass, branches, sod, dirt in brown paper bags, or in bulk.  
**Cost:** \$2/bag or equivalent; cash, credit or check.

### Geneva - Pushing The Envelope Farm

**Location:** 1700 Averill Road, Geneva, IL 60134  
**Contact:** 630-578-3313 (please call)  
**Hours:** M-F 9-5  
**Accepts:** Leaves, grass clippings, and other non-woody clippings (no branches); Larger tree limbs for firewood; Food Scraps (no meat); Old pumpkins!  
**Cost:** Free of charge

## Building Material Re-use

### Aurora - ReStore - Habitat For Humanity

**Location:** 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora  
**Contact:** 630-585-5508  
**Hours:** Tu-F 10-8 / Sat 10-6 / Sun Noon-6/ Mon closed  
**Accepts:** Used building materials and furniture

### Elgin - ReStore - Habitat For Humanity

**Location:** 800 N State St., Elgin (Rt 31)  
**Contact:** 847-742-9905, [www.habitatnfv.org](http://www.habitatnfv.org)  
**Hours:** Tu-Sat 9-5 / Sun-Mon closed  
**Accepts:** Used building materials and furniture

*Construction and Demolition Waste is mostly recyclable.  
More info at [countyofkane.org/Recycling](http://countyofkane.org/Recycling);  
click on "Construction and Demolition Recycling."*

**Donate:** ReStore accepts donated new and gently used home improvement materials (tax deductible) from individuals, contractors, retailers, distributors and manufacturers that may otherwise go into landfills. Please call before bringing materials and understand that ReStore reserves the right to decline the item if it is felt it cannot be resold. We Pick Up!

**Purchase:** ReStore is open to the general public. Donated home improvement materials are sold at greatly reduced prices and the funds generated support the local home construction of Habitat for Humanity.

# Use LESS. Use WISELY.

## ENERGY

- **Use ENERGY STAR** rated appliances to conserve energy: dishwashers, refrigerators, and laundry machines.
- **Stop idling** your vehicle: Idling wastes fuel and money, is unnecessary for most modern vehicles, and contributes to air pollution.
- **Use lighting, heating, and cooling modestly**, taking advantage of natural lighting and using a “smart” thermostat. Turn off when not in use.
- **Insulate:** particularly in attics and basements where most heat is lost. Use door draft stoppers in winter.
- **Bike, walk, or use public transportation** when possible: Reducing single-passenger vehicle miles travelled drastically reduces fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.



## WATER

- **Use WaterSense** rated fixtures to conserve water: faucets, toilets, shower heads, and irrigation systems.
- **Water wisely:** Water lawns deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root growth. Ideally, your lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week.
- **Install a rain barrel and rain garden:** This conserves potable water and replenishes groundwater supplies.
- **Salt sensibly:** Excessive road salt during winter months is harming our water resources. Shovel first, then apply salt wisely.
- **Protect:** Only rain down the storm drain. Keeping household chemicals, cleaners, and lawn chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, & fertilizers) from being dumped into or washed down storm drains.



## RESOURCES



- **Move toward reusables:** Mugs, bags, food storage, service ware, toiletries... this list is endless. Specifically, avoid single-use plastics and plastic packaging.
- **Utilize organics:** Reduce waste and compost food scraps to return nutrients to the soil rather than send them to a landfill, where they become unusable waste and create methane gas emissions.
- **Conscientious purchasing:** Buy only what you need, being conscious of what the product is made of, how far it travelled to reach you, and how long you will use it for.



**Does one disposable cup matter? One straw? One bag? The answer is definitely – yes.**

The choices of each individual matter. After all, with 7.7 billion people in the world and approximately 535,000 of those people in Kane County, those “ones” add up to be a detriment to the planet... or a lifeline, if we all make one more decision to be conscious of the resources we use and waste we create. That is one LESS plastic bag, or disposable, unnecessary item multiplied by <you decide this number> because of your choices.

If each person in Kane County refused one straw, we could eliminate the equivalent of 76 miles of straws.

*-Jessica Mino, Resource Management Coordinator for the Division of Environmental and Water Resources*



## Kane County Spring Rain Barrel Sale

Details will be available at:  
[www.countyofkane.org](http://www.countyofkane.org)  
– Division of Environmental and Water Resources webpage



Learn more about going solar at a **Solar Power Hour** near you, expected to begin in April 2020. Presented by: Kane County, the Citizens Utility Board, and **Midwest Renewable Energy Association**. Details can be found at: [growsolar.org/chicagoland/](http://growsolar.org/chicagoland/)



# A-Z Listings of Reuse

**Air Conditioners:** The Crusher\*.



**American Flags:**

Ace Hardware, 1901 W Wilson, Batavia, 630-879-1330. VFW at 645 S River (Rt.25), Batavia, 630-879-9630. VFW at 117 S First Street, West Dundee, 847-428-9006. SCARCE\*.

**Ammunition and Gunpowder:**

Riverside Sports, 26 N. Bennett (Rt.25), Geneva, 630-232-7047, call for hours.

**Appliances:**

Small appliances - like blenders, coffee makers, fans, microwaves, toasters, and vacuums - are now accepted in the Electronics program (p 2-3). For large appliances/white goods - like washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and air-conditioners, - please call your waste hauler (p 1) or the Crusher\*. If the appliance is reusable please take it to a thrift store or list it on Craigslist or Freecycle.

**Ballasts:** Elgin Recycling, 847-741-4100.

**Batteries: (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V):** See p 5.

**Batteries (auto):**

Lead-acid batteries from autos, boats, sump pumps can be recycled at any store that sells them, at Home Depot, or through HHW programs (p 4).

**Bicycles:**

See [workingbikes.org](http://workingbikes.org) for drop-off locations, or call 773-847-5440. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).



**Blenders:** See Electronics (p 2-3).

**Books:** See p 2. Also SCARCE\*.

**Bowling Balls:** SCARCE\*.

**Bubble Wrap:**

Shipping and packing stores will reuse clean bubble wrap with no tape on it. Call your local UPS or FedEx store. Also see plastic bag recycling (p 16).

**Building Supplies:** See p 10.

**Carbon Monoxide (CO):**

Detectors can be disposed of in the regular trash (remove batteries).

**Cardboard:** See Recycling Guidelines (p 8&9).

**Car seats:**

Target & Walmart sometimes run drop-off events, call your local store for details. Otherwise they can be disposed of in the garbage.

**Carpet, Carpet padding:**

currently no recycling options. Landfill trash.

**Cars:**

Google Kars4Kids, Wheels for Wishes, Veteran's car Donations, Goodwill Car Donation.

**CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, floppy discs, cases:**

Unfortunately there are almost no local recycling programs for these items currently and they may go in the trash.

SCARCE\* will take discs without the cases.

Mail-in program: [cdrecyclingcenter.org](http://cdrecyclingcenter.org)

**Cell phones:**

Batavia Public Library\*. SCARCE\*. Also see Electronics (p 2-3).

**CFLs - Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs:**

Drop-boxes at most Home Depot, and other hardware stores.

Call to confirm. Deliver used CFLs in a resealable plastic bag.

**Chemicals, cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides:** See p 4.

**Christmas lights:** See Electronics (p 2-3).

**Christmas Trees:**

Contact your city, township, or waste hauler for current information. Or see the [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) Christmas tree page in December & January.

**Clothing:** See Textiles.

**Coffee Makers:** (not the glass pot) see Electronics (p 2-3).



**Computers and computer equipment:**

See Electronics (p 2-3).

**Confidential Document Shredding:**

See events & WestRock information box on p 2.

**Construction and Demolition Debris:**

See complete list at [www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/CDRecyclingFlyer.pdf](http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/CDRecyclingFlyer.pdf).

**Containers:** See Recycling Guidelines (p 8&9).

**Can't find your item here?**

See [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) for the full A-Z list  
Or try [earth911.com](http://earth911.com)

# & Recycle Opportunities

## Cooking Oil:

See HHW (p 4). See permanent drop off location list at [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org). Or call Hopkins Grease Company at 847-458-1010, for information on times for drop-off at 9150 Pyott Road, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156. Or freeze it and put it in the trash on trash day (for landfill disposal).

## Corks:

Peaceful Parlor, 212 3rd St., Geneva, 630-232-6300 or some locations of Whole Foods and Target, Call to ask. Also see [www.recork.org](http://www.recork.org) to find restaurants with drop boxes.

**Couches:** See Furniture.

**Crayons:** SCARCE\*.

## Crutches:

Goodwill will generally take mobility devices. Call to check.

## Dehumidifiers & Humidifiers:

The Crusher\* or Electronics (p 2-3).

**Document Shredding:** See p 2.

**Electronics:** See p 2-3.

## Eye glasses:

Batavia Public Library\*. SCARCE\*. Lions Club Drop Boxes, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), 630-571-5466.



**Clothing:** See Textiles.

**Fans (metal fans only):** See Electronics (p 2-3).

## Fluorescent tube lights:

See Fluorescent Lights on p 6, HHW (p 4), and Extravaganza (p 2).

## Food Scraps:

See Composting (p 6) and Organics Drop-offs (p 10). See [www.illinoiscomposts.org](http://www.illinoiscomposts.org).

## Furniture and Household items:

Furniture and other household items that are reusable can be taken to ReStore in Elgin. See Building Material Reuse (p 10). Also Thrift stores. Or list it on Craigslist or Freecycle.

## Gardening plant pots, plastic trays, tags:

Drop-off at all Lowes Gardening Centers.

**Gasoline:** See HHW (p 4).

## Glass:

See Recycling Guidelines (p 8&9). Glass windows or other glass objects, if broken, are trash. Also see Windows.

## Hangers (clothes):

Many dry cleaners will take these, check with your local cleaner.

**Hazardous Waste:** See p 4-5.

**Hearing aids:** Batavia Public Library\*.

**Holiday Lights:** See Electronics (p 2-3).



## Junk Mail:

Remove any plastic inserts & recycle the paper. See info on stopping junk mail (p 6).

**Landscape Waste:** See Yard Waste.

**Latex Paint:** See p 6.

## Lawn mowers:

Gas mowers are scrap metal. Empty the gas (to take to HHW) and take the mower to scrap metal drop-offs. You can try setting it out at the curb on the night before trash day for a metal scrapper to take. If it is working or repairable, you could put it at the curb at any time with a FREE sign on it.

## LED bulbs:

See Fluorescent Tube Lights. Light bulbs (incandescent): not recyclable, trash.

## Magazines:

Reuse - SCARCE\* (takes National Geographic only). Recycling - Place in household recycling. Large quantities can also be brought to an event and recycled with books (p 2).

## Mattresses:

Most thrift stores do not accept mattresses. If reusable, list on Craigslist or Freecycle. If beyond use, contact your waste hauler for curbside collection.

**Medications:** See p 4.

**Mercury thermostats:** See HHW (p 4).

## Metal:

There are many Scrap Metal Recycling facilities on the online Drop-off list at [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling).

## ReUse!

Use [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org) or [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) to list unwanted items

# A-Z Listings of Reuse

## Microwaves:

See Electronics (p 2-3), or The Crusher\* for recycling.

OR St. Charles Scrap,  
3N780 Powis Rd.,  
West Chicago, IL 60185,  
800-697-2727.

OR at the curb for landfill, call your waste hauler for costs. Despite what they may tell you, they CAN take microwaves, as they are NOT one of the 17 electronic items banned from landfills.



**Motor Oil:** See p 5.

**Musical Instruments:** SCARCE\*.

**Needles:** See p 5.

**Office, art and craft supplies:** SCARCE\*.

**Oil:** See Motor Oil or Cooking Oil.

**Oxygen tanks:** Full or Empty: The Crusher\*.

## Packing peanuts:

Shipping and packing stores will reuse clean, bagged and unmixed foam peanuts. Call your local UPS store. Or contact the Peanut Hotline [www.epspackaging.org](http://www.epspackaging.org), 800-828-2214.

## Paint:

See p 2 & p 6 (for latex paint), and p 4 (for oil).

## Photographs:

No recycling options known. Place in household trash.

**Paper:** See Recycling Guidelines (p 8&9).

**Pharmaceuticals:** See p 4.

**Phones:** See Electronics (p 2-3).

## Phone Books:

Place in household recycling, see Recycling Guidelines (p 8&9). To opt out, see Junk Mail (p 6).

**Plastic grocery bags and plastic film:** See p 16.

## Propane gas tanks (full or empty):

Small camp sized propane cylinders and 30-gallon sized tanks: The Crusher\*.  
30-gallon sized tanks only: Naperville HHW (p 4).  
Naperville does not accept small camp sized tanks.



## Record Albums (vinyl):

For reuse as a craft item - SCARCE\*. Otherwise trash; no known recycling program for these. Cardboard covers can be recycled.

## Refrigerators / Large household Appliances:

Call your waste hauler for collection. Also refrigerators can be taken to The Crusher\*. Check with your local electric utility for rebate takeback programs.

**Sharps:** See p 5.

## Shingles (Roofing):

See Construction and Demolition Debris.

## Shoes:

USAgain recycles clothes and shoes.  
See [www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com) for a drop-box near you.  
Also see: [www.shoe4africa.org](http://www.shoe4africa.org).



**Shredded paper:** Drop off at the book recycling station at events (p 2).

## Smoke detectors:

These are not banned from the landfill, so you are allowed to throw them into the regular trash. Or you can return used smoke alarms to the supplier - address is usually listed in the product warranty or user's manual.

## Styrofoam, polystyrene, styrene:

Dart Container Corp, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora, 630-896-4631, [www.dart.biz](http://www.dart.biz). Recycle Drop-Off is open 24/7. List of accepted items: block foam #6, clean food containers. NO straws, cup lids, paper, or packing peanuts. If dropping a large load please call for an appointment. See Packing Peanuts. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

## Sump Pumps:

The Crusher\*. For large loads, please make an appointment.

**Syringes:** See p 5.

**Televisions:** See Electronics (p 2-3).

## Textiles:

Clothes, shoes, linens, curtains, towels, blankets, and more will be received at the all electronics recycling events (p 2) and drop-off locations (p 3). Thrift Stores take all reusable textiles. Drop-boxes take reusable textiles as well as worn or torn items. USAgain has over 25 drop-boxes in Kane, [usagain.com](http://usagain.com), 630-293-1239. Credential Wholesalers 630-659-8449.

## Thermostats:

Drop bins located at Ace Hardware stores in Elgin (215 N Spring) and Geneva (617 W State Street).



# & Recycle Opportunities

## Tires:

Most local tire retailers take back old tires for a small fee. Large quantities, call Treadstone Tire Recyclers at 815-726-4644.

**Toasters:** See Electronics (p 2-3).

## Toilets:

If under 5 years old and reusable, see ReStore under Building Materials on the Drop-off page (p 6). If old or broken, please dispose of at the curb. Contact your Waste & Recycling Hauler (p 1) for cost, and please separate the bowl and cistern so that it is in two pieces for pick-up.

## Trophies:

DeKalb Iron & Metal,  
900 Oak St. DeKalb, IL 60115,  
815-758-2458.



**TVs:** See p 2-3.

**Vacuums (no cloth bags):** See Electronics (p 2-3).

## Video Tapes, Cassettes, Floppy discs:

Unfortunately there are almost no local recycling programs for these items currently and they can go in the trash. Mail-in program: [cdrecyclingcenter.org](http://cdrecyclingcenter.org).

## Windows:

If new, complete w/ unbroken, insulated glass (or under 5 years), see ReStore under Building Materials on the Drop-off page (p 10). If old or broken, please dispose of at the curb. Contact your Waste & Recycling Hauler for cost, and please duct tape an X on both sides of glass for pick-up.

## X-rays:

Drop-off: SCARCE\*, [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org), 630-545-9710  
Pick-up (for 50 lbs. or more): B.W. Recycling, Inc., 877-217-7020,  
[www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm](http://www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm).

## Yard waste:

Collection Programs are managed by towns and waste haulers (p 1). Also see Drop-offs (p 10) and section on composting (p 6).

## Hard-to-recycle Items

**TerraCycle** offers a variety of mail-in programs through which you can recycle other hard-to-recycle materials (those that cannot go in the curbside recycling carts or be dropped off locally), everything from plastic chip packets to garden pots to old albums. The zero waste box system is as easy as 1-2-3: order the box, fill it up, and then mail it back in, assured that the material will be recycled into new products. Please visit their website for more information: [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

## \* One-stop Drops

### Batavia Public Library

10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510, 630-879-1393, ext. 310.

**Accepts:** cell phones, eye glasses & hearing aids.

### The Crusher

651 W Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185, [theautocrusher.com](http://theautocrusher.com), 630-231-6888.

**Accepts:** appliances, air conditioners, cars, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers, freezers, lawn mowers, microwaves, propane tanks (all sizes), refrigerators, & scrap metal. For large loads, please make an appointment.

### SCARCE

799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn, [scarce.org](http://scarce.org), 630-545-9710.

**Accepts:** All books, like-new school and office supplies, like-new art & craft supplies, any & all crayons, any & all musical instruments, cords (iPhone, computer), eyeglasses & sunglasses, plastic bread tags, discs (CD, DVD, laser/video game), films (x-ray, MRI, lithographic), any and all LP records, like-new writing utensils, like-new yarn, keys (household, luggage, car), holiday lights, 35mm film canisters, hearing aids, corks, shredded paper, like-new greeting cards. Plus TerraCycle programs.

## Minimize Waste

The root problem of waste is consumerism — our demand for faster, more convenient and cheaper service (which includes a lot of packaging, especially for food and beverages) and the newest best things. Planned obsolescence (manufacturers making things that will quickly become obsolete so you buy more) is a huge contributor to the growing waste stream. Recycling is an important practice, but the solution lies with each and every person RETHINKING our purchases, and reducing our consumption of materials.

Buy things with recyclable (or no) packaging. Aim for zero waste and see how close you can get. Use your own cup for coffee, use reusable grocery bags, use cloth napkins and towels, compost your food scraps and throw in any soiled napkins, tissues or paper towels.

Email Kane County Recycling Coordinator at [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) with ways that you have reduced your waste footprint.



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Kane County Recycling Office:  
(630) 208-3841

[recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org)

Thank you.

## Things Change:

This is an annual guide published once a year.

Please always refer to the website for the most updated and accurate information!

[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)

## Kane County Connects



Please sign up for the Kane County Connects newsletter, which includes Recycling Tips based on questions from residents. To get connected go to [countyofkane.org](http://countyofkane.org), click on Kane County Connects Newsletter Signup, bookmark our blog at [KaneCountyConnects.com](http://KaneCountyConnects.com), and like us on Facebook at Kane County Connects.

## How2Recycle Label:



Look for the How2Recycle label on the packaging of many products, which will help you to recycle right!

## Mailing list:

Please call 630-208-3841 or email [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) to sign up to be mailed a paper copy of the Guide each year.



# Recycling Plastic Bags and Plastic Film

Please do not place plastic bags or film in your household recycling! They are recyclable but only at grocery store drop-boxes. Check your local store for their drop-box and to verify acceptable materials. Please visit [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org) for more information.



All images are of accepted materials

### Accepted Materials:

- All clean, clear bread bags labeled with a #2 or #4
- Bubble wrap (clean and free of tape)
- Grocery bags
- Plastic dry cleaning bags
- Plastic newspaper bags
- Plastic mailers (with the "how2recycle" label)
- Paper towel and toilet paper plastic wrap
- Retail bags (hard plastic and string handles removed)
- Zip-lock bags (clean, dry, empty bags only & cut the zip strip off and throw it in the trash)

### Do NOT Recycle:

The following are considered contaminants and could jeopardize recycling programs:

- **NO** receipts, deli stickers, or cling wrap
- **NO** frozen food bags
- **NO** film that has been painted or has excessive glue
- **NO** bio-based or compostable plastic bags
- **NO** random plastic that is not specifically listed on the Accepted Materials list.