

# KANE COUNTY RECYCLES GREEN GUIDE 2022

## RECYCLING CENTERS OPEN YEAR-ROUND

### 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 & Sat 8am-12pm (seasonally)

### South - Aurora, VetTech (old textile building)

**Location:** 911 N Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506  
(down driveway on east side of Lake)

**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm

### West - Elburn, Electronic Waste Center

(independently operated by LRS)

**Location:** 1N138 Linlar Drive, Elburn, IL 60119

**Hours:** M-F 8:30am-2:30pm

**Accepts:** Electronics Only. Registration Required before drop off, for this location only, via phone: 844-633-3577

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES



As an added service, we now accept the delivery of electronic equipment from businesses, organizations, institutions, libraries, and municipalities at the Kane County Recycling Centers. Please identify your business to staff or bring a business card, for record keeping purposes.

### ITEMS ACCEPTED AT KANE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS:

All items are FREE to drop off (except for TVs and Monitors, which do have a cost as outlined above).

**Electronics:** TVs\*, Computers, Monitors\*, Laptops, Phones, Cords, Cables, Servers, Printers, Scanners, Keyboards, Stereos, Speakers, Battery backups, Gaming consoles, Power tools, Holiday lights, and more.

\*See "Costs" above for TVs and monitors.

**Books:** Hard cover or paperback books of any age, in any condition, for reuse or recycling.

**Paper:** Magazines, periodicals, brochures, office paper, newspaper, packing paper.

**Clothing & Shoes:** Clothing items of any kind. Paired shoes of any kind. Accessories, like hats, purses, belts, scarves. Textiles, like sheets, towels, curtains, blankets. These items can be in any condition, even if worn or torn, as long as they are clean. All will be reused or recycled.

**Scrap Metal:** Anything made of metal, like lawn furniture, BBQs, fire pits, pots and pans, hot water tanks, hardware, metal fencing, bed frames.

**Cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard (flattened).

**Shredded Paper:** Shredded paper (in paper bags, stapled shut).

**Appliances:** Household appliances, like washers, dryers, toasters, blenders, vacuums. We do not take freon-containing devices like refrigerators or air-conditioners.

**Note:** The Elburn location only accepts electronics!



### 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, printers, and cell phones 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 visiting.

### COST FOR TVS AND MONITORS

- \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally) or
- \$35 (for screens 21" and over).
- Pay onsite with CASH or CARD, or online with card and bring a printed receipt.
- This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler, eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities.



# KANE COUNTY RECYCLING EVENTS

## 2022 EVENT DATES

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

**WHEN:** Saturdays, as listed below,  
from 8am - 12 noon

**May 14** Document Shredding  
Latex Paint  
Aerosol Products  
Small Propane Canisters

**July 9** Annual Extravaganza - tentative  
Electronics, Scrap metal,  
Clothes, Shoes, Books,  
Styrofoam, Bikes, Bike  
accessories, Latex Paint, Aerosol  
Products, Small Propane Cans,  
and more! Check online for the  
full list.

**Aug 13** Document Shredding Only

**Oct 8** Document Shredding  
Latex Paint  
Aerosol Products  
Small Propane Canisters

*Please always check the website below to confirm updated details before attending any events.*



## SPECIAL ANNUAL PUMPKIN COMPOSTING EVENT

**WHEN:** Nov 5 from 9am-12pm

**WHERE:** Pushing the Envelope Farm at  
1700 Averill Rd., Geneva

*This location accepts yard waste and food scraps year-round. Call for more info 630-578-3313.*

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[recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

### WEBSITE:

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

## AEROSOL PRODUCTS & PROPANE CANISTERS

*These products are accepted on specific dates as listed on the calendar.*

- There is a cost to recycle these products, payable by the resident with cash or card.  
(Spray cans \$1 each, Small Propane Canisters \$3 each)
- Propane Canisters: only small camp-sized cans are accepted (14.1 oz - 16.4 oz) \$3/ea
- Spray paint, sealer, stains, rust control
- Insecticide, repellent, pesticide
- Inhalers (for asthma)
- Household cleaners, polishes, disinfectants, protectants
- Personal care products, for hair, face, and skin
- Cooking spray, food products, whipped cream
- Auto lubricant, starter fluid, tar remover, brake cleaner
- Please see online for the full list of accepted materials.



## DOCUMENT SHREDDING

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

- This free 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.
- This is a free public service for residents to have their confidential documents securely shredded. No businesses please.



## ANNUAL RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANA

Check online in June for a full updated list of what we'll be taking. There will be **NO DOCUMENT SHREDDING** at this event.

## LATEX PAINT

*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 \$15)
- This program is for liquid latex paint, which is recycled into reusable product.
- Please do not bring dried out paint, which can be disposed of in your regular trash (a couple cans per week in the trash can).



## VOLUNTEER FOR THESE EVENTS!

To put your name on the email list for volunteer opportunities, please contact the Recycling Program Coordinator at [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org).



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



## WHAT IS HHW?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is a term that describes waste associated with a wide variety of chemical cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, auto fluids, oil-based paint, and other toxic materials commonly used in homes, automobiles, and yards.

## GREEN ALTERNATIVES

Please consider using eco-friendly alternatives whenever possible. Look online for ideas on healthy homemade cleaners!

## LATEX PAINT

Latex paint is water-based and has a very low level of toxicity. Disposing of it as a household hazardous waste is unnecessary and expensive. Therefore, the Illinois EPA and Kane County encourage people with unwanted latex paint to use the below alternative disposal methods.

### Recycle it.

1. Recycle any empty metal paint cans and lids. It's OK to have a thin layer of dried paint on the inside of can.
2. Recycle liquid latex paint at a Kane County Recycles Collection Event: A per-container recycling fee will apply at the events, payable by the resident, with cash or check. The paint will get recycled again as liquid latex paint. See the list of event dates on page 2.
3. Recycle it at hardware stores: Ace Hardware stores often participate in a liquid latex paint recycling program. Call your closest locations to check if they participate.

**Or Dry it out.** You can open the can and stir in kitty litter, saw dust, or a paint-dry product to solidify the paint. Then dispose of the open cans (with paint dried completely solid) in your trash can, a couple cans per week over time.

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; 7am-4pm) 630-420-6095.

FREE

## HOME COLLECTION SERVICE (LIMITED AREAS)

Residents in the following areas may schedule one free collection per year from your home. If the date of collection is not convenient, please deliver your materials to the free Naperville HHW Facility, listed above, open every weekend.

### Eligible Service Areas in the County Program:

- Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, and Plato Townships
- Unincorporated Elgin Township (City of Elgin not included, see below)
- Cities of Batavia & Geneva and Mill Creek Special Service Area

**Contact:** See: [countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/hhw.aspx](http://countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/hhw.aspx)  
In 2022, Kane County may be transitioning to a new contractor for this service. To schedule an appointment, please go to the website above for the most up to date contact information.

### 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



# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!



## METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines

## Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps

**Put material in loose  
- Not in bags**



## 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. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

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

# ¡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 unice - 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)

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# TOP RECYCLING TIPS

## CARDBOARD

Cardboard should always be flattened for recycling, including tissue and cereal boxes (paperboard) and delivery boxes (corrugated cardboard).

Cut the tape, flatten, and fold into a size that fits in the cart. If they are too big, cut them down with a box cutter. Place them neatly in the cart so they will slide out smoothly. Do not jam them in.



## 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.

## COFFEE PODS

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

**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!

## 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!

You may notice that several of these tips are about what you cannot put in the recycling cart. That is because these materials either have no value in the commodities market or they cannot be sorted with current technology. Please follow these guidelines to recycle right!

## 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.

## 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. Please place receipt in the trash, not the recycling.



## 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. See plastic bag recycling info to the right.



## PLASTICS BOTTLES, TUBS, JUGS & JARS

Recycle these four shapes of plastic only. 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. If your plastic object is not one of these shapes, do not recycle it. Do not recycle plastic utensils, plastic wrap, plastic packaging, plastic toys, etc.





# USE LESS. USE WISELY.

## ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

- Use **ENERGY STAR** rated appliances to conserve energy.
- **Stop idling** your vehicle: Idling wastes fuel and money, and contributes to air pollution. If schools are interested in getting "Please Don't Idle" signs for your drop-off and pick up areas, please reach out to the resource management coordinator at the contacts below.
- Look into your energy provider's **energy efficiency programs and opportunities** to use renewable energy.
- Check out <https://www.countyofkane.org/sustainability/Pages/solar.aspx> for updates on local **residential solar opportunities**.
- **Bike, walk or use public transportation** when possible.
- **Move toward reusables and avoid single-use plastics.**
- **Utilize organics** by composting food and lawn scraps.
- **Purchase consciously:** think about the lifecycle of each purchase you make.



## WATER

- **Use WaterSense:** Help conserve our drinking water by using WaterSense rated fixtures to reduce water use in your 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 can harm our rivers and streams. Shovel first, then apply salt sparingly, one cup is enough for your entire driveway.
- **Protect:** Only rain down the storm drain. Keep household chemicals, cleaners and lawn chemicals (pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers) from being dumped into or washed down storm drains.



**Contact:** Resource Management Coordinator, at [Kleelvy@co.kane.il.us](mailto:Kleelvy@co.kane.il.us) or **630-208-8665**.

For more sustainability information, please visit [www.countyofkane.org/sustainability](http://www.countyofkane.org/sustainability).

## 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.

### 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



## COMPOST BINS & RAIN BARRELS

Will be available at Kane County's Spring Sale! More details in early 2022 at [countyofkane.org](http://countyofkane.org) on the Division of Environmental and Water Resources webpage.

**Questions? Call 630-208-8665**

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## 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.

## MUNICIPAL WASTE & RECYCLING HAULERS

| HAULER                            | CONTACT      | CITY OR TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Flood Brothers Disposal Co</b> | 630-261-0578 | East Dundee, Hampshire, Pingree Grove  |
| <b>Groot Industries</b>           | 847-734-6400 | Algonquin  |
|                                   | 630-892-9294 | Aurora, Big Rock, North Aurora   |
|                                   | 877-775-1200 | Burlington, Carpentersville, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, West Dundee, Elgin Township   |
| <b>LRS (aka DC)</b>               | 844-633-3577 | Elburn, Geneva, Kaneville, Mill Creek SSA, Montgomery, St.Charles, Sugar Grove, Campton Township, Kaneville Township, Plato Township |
| <b>MDC Environmental Services</b> | 815-568-7274 | Gilberts, Huntley  |
| <b>Waste Management</b>           | 800-964-8988 | Batavia, Elgin, Maple Park, Prestbury, Sun City/Del Webb   |

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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