

# SWANCC Green Pages

A resource guide for items not destined for the landfill

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides *Green Pages*, a useful resource for residents looking to get rid of items they no longer need.

*Green Pages* provides information on various aspects of recycling and waste, featuring sections for appliances, batteries, construction debris, electronics, office machine cartridges, metals, motor oil and many other items. The manual also lists reuse opportunities for books, clothing, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials.

There are also online avenues to divert materials from the waste stream such as [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org), [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org) and [ebay.com](http://ebay.com) that are used to post items to be purchased or picked up for free.

The following is a list of items covered in the Green Pages. If you do not find the item you would like to recycle, try these online avenues:

[1800recycling.com](http://1800recycling.com) – finds recycling locations near your zip code

[earth911.com](http://earth911.com) – provides recycling options for whatever item you specify

[ecyclingcentral.com](http://ecyclingcentral.com) – provides electronics recycling locations

[mygreenelectronics.org](http://mygreenelectronics.org) – supplies responsible electronics information and recycling locations

Help us spread the word! If you run across a new recycling source or learn about a change in the information we have provided, please contact SWANCC Staff by email at [info@swancc.org](mailto:info@swancc.org) or call (847) 724-9205. Thank you for your help!

ALUMINUM – see METALS

ANTIFREEZE – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1

## APPLIANCES

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### *Abt Electronics*

1200 N Milwaukee Ave, Glenview

(847) 967-8830

[abt.com/green](http://abt.com/green)

Thursday – Saturday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Abt also recycles cardboard, polystyrene (styrofoam), batteries, cell phones and electronics. Please bring your recyclables to the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

- Free recycling on all LG, Panasonic, Samsung, Sharp, Sony, Toshiba and Zenith electronics.
- TVs under 32 inches - \$10.00
- TVs 32 inches and over - \$30.00
- All computers, fax machines, VCRs, and DVD players—\$5
- Refrigerators - \$30.00
- Air Conditioners - \$15.00
- Batteries – 30 cents per pound (free if less than one pound)

### *Barb's Salvage Company*

38200 N Lee, Spring Grove

(847) 973-0105

\$20-\$25 to pick up any size load.

\$10 for all metal materials dropped off.

Accepts: cars, lawnmowers, bikes and anything made of metal. No wood or plastic accepted.

### *Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility*

1150 N Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

Accepts small home appliances (irons, blenders, toasters, etc.) and microwaves. No major appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, humidifiers, etc.).

### *Everlights, Inc.*

9901 S Torrence Ave, Chicago

(773) 734-9873

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

Accepts computer and electronic equipment, lamps, ballasts and microwaves. Call for pricing.

### *Salvation Army*

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston

(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago

(773) 477-1300

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

Accepts appliances in good working condition only. No electric stoves or dishwashers. Washers/dryers in pairs only.

Also accepts bicycles, clothing, books, working television sets less than 27 inches, working computers and monitors, and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays. Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

***Seattle Coffee Gear***

4210 196<sup>th</sup> St S W, Ste 3  
Lynnwood, WA 98306  
(866) 372-4734

[seattlecoffeegear.com/Articles.asp?ID=223](http://seattlecoffeegear.com/Articles.asp?ID=223)

Recycles any brand coffee maker. Call or visit website for mail-in details.

***Sims Metal Management***

2500 S Paulina, Chicago  
(773) 254-1200

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

Large quantities only.

***Steel Recycling Institute***

1-800-YES-1-CAN (937-1226)

[recycle-steel.org](http://recycle-steel.org)

Call or visit the website for a recycler near you.

Reminder: Arrange for pickup of old appliances with the store before the purchase of new appliances. Many retailers will remove them free of charge at the time of the delivery. Many haulers and scrap dealers will pick up appliances, but most assess fees for the service.

## ASBESTOS

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**For any questions related to asbestos management or removal contact:**

***Illinois Department of Public Health***

(217) 782-3517

[idph.state.il.us/envhealth/asbestos.htm](http://idph.state.il.us/envhealth/asbestos.htm)

***Illinois EPA Office of Small Business Helpline***

(888) EPA-1996 (372-1996)

[epa.state.il.us/air/asbestos](http://epa.state.il.us/air/asbestos)

***Illinois EPA Environmental Helpline***

(888) EPA-1996 (372-1996)

***Small Business Environmental Assistance Helpline***

(800) 252-3998

Also visit: [epa.state.il.us/small-business/asbestos-in-home/](http://epa.state.il.us/small-business/asbestos-in-home/) for more information.

**AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - see Attachment 1**

## AUTOMOBILE DONATION

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***American Lung Association of Greater Chicago***

(800) 583-4425

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

***Habitat for Humanity***

(877) 277-4344

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

Accepts cars, trucks, boats and RVs.

**Lambs Farm**  
(847) 990-3749  
[lambsfarm.org](http://lambsfarm.org)

**Winnetka Congregational Church  
Rummage Sale**  
(847) 446-0575  
7 days a week: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Accepts cars and boats. Call first for specifics.

## BATTERIES

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**Chicago's permanent Household  
Chemicals and Computer  
Recycling Facility**

1150 N Branch St, Chicago  
Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.  
Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)  
Accepts all types of batteries.

**Household Batteries - A, C & D Cell:  
These batteries can be disposed of safely  
in the garbage, or taken to a Household  
Chemical Waste collection.**

**Abt Electronics**  
1200 N Milwaukee Ave, Glenview  
(847) 967-8830  
[abt.com/green](http://abt.com/green)  
Thursday – Saturday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

< 1 pound - no charge  
> 1 pound - \$0.30 per pound  
No car batteries.

Abt also recycles cardboard, polystyrene (styrofoam), appliances, batteries, cell phones and electronics. Please bring your recyclables to the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

**Batteries Plus  
[batteriesplus.com](http://batteriesplus.com)**

- 1212 East Central Road, Mount Prospect  
(847) 818-0659  
Accepts all batteries, except alkaline.
- 409 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich  
(847) 550-6545  
Accepts all batteries. Also rebuilds cordless power tool batteries.

Batteries Plus will also test and do diagnostics on any batteries free of charge.

**Electronics Recycling Illinois**  
23006 Joyce Lane, Naperville  
(630) 412-8002  
[erecycleil.com](http://erecycleil.com)

Accepts all types of batteries. Also accepts PCs and peripherals, monitors, cables, stereo and video components, video game equipment, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones and telephones, typewriters, calculators and shredders. \$10 charge for monitors, \$50 charge for small pickups (less than 2 pallets).

**Everlights**  
9901 S Torrence Ave, Chicago  
(773) 734-9873  
[everlights.com](http://everlights.com)  
Accepts all batteries for a fee.

***IKEA***

1800 E McConner Parkway, Schaumburg  
(847) 969-9700

**[ikea.com](http://ikea.com)**

Accepts most types of batteries. Also accepts cell phones and compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes.

**Car Batteries (Lead- Acid Batteries):**

Also see **Automotive Products** in the Green Pages.

***Checkpoint Tire Centers, Inc.***

723 W Dundee Rd, Wheeling  
(847) 541-2122  
Customers only.

***Illinois Battery Corporation***

2453 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago  
(773) 478-2441

***Interstate Batteries of Chicagoland***

8056 N Central Park, Skokie  
(847) 673-6993  
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.  
Accepts household batteries, lead acid, Ni-Cd, lithium and alkaline batteries at no cost.  
**[interstatebattery.com](http://interstatebattery.com)**

***Service Battery***

2048 W Hubbard, Chicago  
(312) 666-2874

***Wal-Mart***

1455 Lake Cook Rd, Wheeling  
(847)537-5090  
**[walmart.com](http://walmart.com)**

**Hearing Aid/Watch batteries (button cell)  
(Lithium Ion/Mercury Batteries):*****North Shore Ecology Center***

964½ Green Bay Rd, Winnetka  
(847) 501-3750  
Accepts lead acid, Ni-Cd and rechargeable

cell phone batteries. Also accepts ink cartridges.

Also see Ni-Cd Section or check with a jeweler, watchmaker or retailer that replaces watch and hearing aid batteries.

NOTE: Lithium/Ni-Cd batteries are usually accepted at IEPA **Household Chemical Waste** collection events. Refer to the HCW Information section for the one-day collection location nearest you.

**Nickel-Cadmium Batteries (Ni-Cd)\*:  
Cordless/cellular phones, camcorder,  
power tools, rechargeable household  
batteries and laptop batteries**

\*Note: Many Ace, Best Buy, Lowes, Motorola, OfficeMax, RadioShack, Sears, Staples, Target, US. Cellular, Verizon and Wal-Mart locations accept Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries.

***Best Buy***

**[bestbuy.com](http://bestbuy.com)**

Recycling kiosks at all stores for rechargeable batteries, cell phones, ink-jet cartridges, CDs, DVDs, PDAs, smart phones and gift cards.

***Millen Do It Best Hardware***

1219 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette  
(847) 251-3060

Accepts rechargeable batteries at no charge. 10 cents per ounce for other batteries.

***Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (Call 2 Recycle)***

(800) 822-8837

**[rbrc.org](http://rbrc.org)**

Type in zip code for participating locations. Businesses, retailers and schools may participate.

***Shaver Shop***

1609 Maple Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-7755

Accepts all batteries except car batteries.

NOTE: Most Sears Automotive Centers, K-Mart, Sam's Club, and Wal-Mart stores will

accept car, motorcycle, boat\*, sump pump\* and tractor lead-acid batteries (check local phone directory for their exact locations).

\* Also check with a boating store for boat and sump pump battery recycling.

See **Automotive Products** of the Green Pages for location nearest you.

**BICYCLES/ CHAINS/TIRES**

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***Goodwill Industries***

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
(847) 670-7311

**goodwillchicago.com**

Also accepts computers, monitors, small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

***The Recyclery Collective***

7628 N Paulina, Chicago  
(773) 262-5900

**therecyclery.org/support**

Operates educational programs and donates bikes to those in need. Call first to donate used bikes, bike parts, tools and office supplies.

***Salvation Army***

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
(773) 477-1300

**salvationarmy.org**

Also accepts clothing, books, working computers and monitors, working television sets less than 27 inches, small appliances and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

***Turin Bicycle***

1027 Davis St, Evanston  
(847) 864-7660

**turinbicycle.com**

Accepts bikes to benefit Family Focus, an Evanston non-profit organization.

***Working Bikes Cooperative***

**workingbikes.org**

Provides bikes to charity organizations in Chicagoland area, and ships bikes to countries in which they are the primary mode of transportation. Drop-off sites follow:

•Alberto's Cycles

661 Central Ave, Highland Park  
(847) 432-0015

•Campbell Street Bicycle Shop

13 W Campbell St, Arlington Heights  
(847) 222-7887

•Norway Cycles

56 E Northwest Hwy, Mount Prospect  
(847) 398-9427

•RRB Cycles

562 Green Bay Rd, Kenilworth  
(847) 251-7878

•Gary Gilbert's House

814 E Hackberry, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-4275

**gary.bicycles@comcast.net**

•Dan Thompson's House

2518 W Lake Ave, Glenview  
(847) 998-0647

**Bike Chains/Bike Tires:*****Liberty Tire Recycling***

1323 W Cortland, Chicago

(773) 871-6360

Accepts bike tires for recycling.

\$0.50 cents per tire.

Weekdays: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

***Resource Revival*****resourcerevival.com**

Resource Revival recycles bike chains to create new products. See website for locations and mail-in information.

**BOOKS**

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**Donation:**

Local libraries, senior citizen centers and nursing homes often have exchanges or take donations.

***Book Rescue (SCARCE)***

799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 3, Ste 7, Glen Ellyn

(630) 545-9710

**bookrescue.org/tools**Email [ecoed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ecoed@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Sponsored by SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). SCARCE's shelves display over 25,000 books. Schools or organizations working with children in need are welcome to choose books free of charge.

SCARCE also accepts school and craft supplies, calculators, desks, chairs, cabinets and shelves. Also see "Tools for Schools" section on website to donate school supplies and equipment. Please call ahead.

***Correctional Facilities***

(217) 558-2200 x 3603

**idoc.state.il.us**

All 30 correctional facility libraries in the state have academic programs and accept donated books. Call to find the nearest prison with a library. Also contact your Sheriff's office to see if the county jail can use old textbooks.

***Friends of Barrington Area Library***

505 North Northwest Highway, Barrington

Accepts donations of books in good used condition. For information, email

**friends@barringtonarealibrary.org*****Little City Foundation Used Book Sale***

1760 W Algonquin Rd, Palatine

(847) 221-7856

**littlecitcity.org**

150-book minimum. Books must be in resale condition.

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**salvationarmy.org**

Also accepts clothing, working computers and monitors, working television sets less than 27 inches, small appliances and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

**Resale and Recycling:*****Bookman's Alley***

1712 Sherman Ave (Rear), Evanston  
 (847) 869-6999  
 Hard cover only.

***Bookmarks***

718 E Northwest Hwy, Mount Prospect  
 (847) 398-7767  
[abebooks.com/home/bookmarksusedbooks](http://abebooks.com/home/bookmarksusedbooks)

***National Fiber Supply Company***

303 W Madison, Ste 1650, Chicago  
 (312) 346-4800  
[nationalfibersupply.com](http://nationalfibersupply.com)  
 Recycles books – truckloads only.

***North Park Village***

5801 N Pulaski, Chicago  
 (773) 821-1351  
[resourcecenterchicago.org/recycling.html](http://resourcecenterchicago.org/recycling.html)  
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily  
 Recycling only.  
 Also accepts aluminum and steel cans;  
 brown, clear and green glass bottles and jars;  
 plastic bottles (#1 and #2 only); newspaper,  
 magazines, office paper and cardboard.  
 Please do not drop off materials outside of  
 the posted hours.

**Textbook Reuse/Buy-Back:*****B&B Book Supply***

(800) 622-7986  
 Will pick up selected textbooks and unused  
 workbooks published anywhere in-state.  
 This is a buy-back program of multiple  
 copies of same books.

***Follett Educational Services***

1433 International Pkwy, Woodridge  
 (800) 621-4272  
[fes.follett.com](http://fes.follett.com)

A representative will provide a quote to  
 your school to buy used textbooks and sell  
 them to other schools. This is also an  
 economical and environmentally sound  
 place from which to buy textbooks.

**National and International Textbook  
Donation Options:*****Goodwill Industries***

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
 (847) 670-7311  
[goodwillchicago.com](http://goodwillchicago.com)  
 Accepts donated textbooks, workbooks and  
 library books.  
 Also accepts computers, monitors, small  
 appliances, clothing, home décor, books and  
 movies (DVD and VHS).

***Native American Schools***

(202) 208-7658  
[bia.gov](http://bia.gov)  
 Call Bureau of Indian Affairs and ask for  
 Office of Indian Education to obtain a list of  
 186 federally funded Native American  
 schools that could use your unwanted books.

***Salvation Army***

- 250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
 (847) 577-2828
- 528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
 (847) 869-3033
- 2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
 (773) 477-1300

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

Accepts donated hard cover novels and  
 personal books.  
 Also accepts bicycles, clothing, books, small  
 appliances, working television sets less than  
 27 inches, working computers and monitors,  
 and furniture in good condition.

BRASS – see METALS

BUBBLEWRAP – see PAPER PRODUCTS - Attachment 2

CAR BATTERIES – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1

CARDBOARD – see PAPER PRODUCTS - Attachment 2

## CARPET/PADDING

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### *Carpet and Carpet Padding*

Many major carpet manufacturers offer exchange programs. When purchasing a new carpet, ask your supplier about recycling your old carpet. Freecycle ([freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org)) and Habitat for Humanity ([hfhchgosouth.org](http://hfhchgosouth.org)) are other options.

### **Carpet Cushions and Supplies:**

#### *Carpet Cushions*

Accepts foam or rebound carpet padding (not wet). No residential pickup service. Paid per pound according to market need.

#### **[carpetcushions.com](http://carpetcushions.com)**

- 1520 Pratt, Elk Grove Village  
(847) 364-6760
- 3423 N Drake, Chicago  
(773) 267-7327
- 1380 Gateway St, Ste 7, Elgin  
(847) 429-0261
- 425 N Industrial Dr, Unit 121, Naperville  
(630) 369-2303

## CARTRIDGES: INKJET/TONER

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Contact your local school district for donation opportunities.

### *Affordable Inkjets*

255 William St, Bensenville  
(630) 521-9671  
Email [affordableinkjet@aol.com](mailto:affordableinkjet@aol.com) for items accepted.

### *Best Buy*

#### **[bestbuy.com](http://bestbuy.com)**

Recycling kiosks at all stores for rechargeable batteries and ink-jet cartridges. Also accepts cell phones, CDs, DVDs, PDAs, smart phones and gift cards.

### *Cardinal Cartridges, Inc.*

2100 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Melrose Park  
(800) 530-2559  
**[cardinalcartridge.com](http://cardinalcartridge.com)**

### *Cartridge World*

9336 Skokie Blvd, Skokie  
(847) 329-9096  
**[cartridgeworldusa.com](http://cartridgeworldusa.com)**  
Also accepts computers, monitors, printers and small electronics.

***Funding Factory*****fundingsfactory.com**

Educational and nonprofit fundraising organizations can earn funds for technology, classroom equipment and cash. Accepts inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones. See website for registration information.

***Hewlett-Packard*****hp.com/recycle**

HP inkjet and laser jet cartridges. Also accepts rechargeable batteries. Postage-paid return shipping labels available on website.

***Laser Recharge of Illinois***

Barrington Hills

(847) 382-4194

Refurbishes laser cartridges only. Call first for pickup.

***Laser Service***

875 Lively Blvd, Elk Grove Village

(847) 364-4446

**laserservice.com**

Laser, inkjet, toner and fax cartridges.

***North Shore Ecology Center***

964½ Green Bay Rd, Winnetka

(847) 501-3750

Accepts ink cartridges. Also accepts lead acid, Ni-Cd and rechargeable cell phone batteries.

***Pogoda Computer Supplies, Inc.***

140B Shepard Ave, Wheeling

(847) 808-8984

Laser cartridges only.

***Recycle for Breast Cancer*****recycleforbreastcancer.org**

Also accepts cell phones, printer fuser cores, PDAs, digital cameras, Ipods and other MP3 players, laptops (Pentium 1 or higher only), and most storage media. Go to website for information and pre-paid shipping labels.

***Recycle Tech Solutions***

1300 S Kostner Ave, Chicago

(773) 277-4800

**recycletech.org**

Cash-back for select inkjet cartridges and empty printer/fax cartridges.

Also accepts cell phones, GPS units, laptops, gaming systems and Ipods.

***Recycling Avenue***

(847) 951-1607

**recyclingavenue.com**

Provides support for adults with developmental disabilities. Accepts cell phones, ink cartridges, laptops, digital cameras, game consoles and MP3 players. Call for locations in Winnetka, Wilmette, Northbrook, Northfield, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Buffalo Grove and various business offices throughout the area.

***Staples*****staples.com**

Offers \$3 in Staples Rewards for select cartridges. Also offers free recycling for cell phones, PDAs, pagers, digital cameras, chargers and other small electronics. There is a charge of \$10 apiece for computers, monitors and printers. Dell-branded items are recycled free.

**CASSETTE TAPES – see COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA**

## CELL PHONES AND ACCESSORIES

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### *AT&T*

**wireless.att.com/about/community-support/recycling.jsp**

Website lists AT&T-operated stores and participating dealer stores for dropping off cell phones, chargers, handsets, and NiCd, lithium-ion, SSLA and NiMH batteries. You also have the option of downloading a postage-paid mailing label or requesting a postage-paid mailing envelope through the website. Program supports Cell Phones for Soldiers.

### *Best Buy*

**bestbuy.com**

Recycling kiosks at all stores for cell phones, rechargeable batteries, inkjet cartridges, CDs, DVDs, PDAs, smart phones and gift cards.

### *Cell Phones for Soldiers*

**cellphonesforsoldiers.com**

Go to the website to print a free postage-paid shipping label.

### *Desert Wireless Recycling, Inc.*

**desertwr.com**

(352) 624-2253

Offers fundraising programs for organizations and scrap recycling and asset recovery for businesses. Also accepts cellular handsets and PDAs.

### *Funding Factory*

**fundingfactory.com**

Educational and nonprofit fundraising organizations can earn funds for technology, classroom equipment and cash. Accepts inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones. See website for registration information.

### *IKEA*

1800 E McConner Pkwy, Schaumburg  
(847) 969-9700

**ikea.com**

Also accepts batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs.

### *Motorola's Race to Recycle Program*

**racetorecycle.com**

Printable pre-paid postage shipping labels are available on the website. Earn money for your company, school or organization by mailing in cell phones.

### *RadioShack*

**radioshack.com**

Drop off cell phones at any RadioShack store. For every phone refurbished and resold, \$1 will be contributed to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

### *Recycle for Breast Cancer*

**recycleforbreastcancer.org**

Also accepts inkjet and laser toner cartridges, printer fuser cores, PDAs, digital cameras, Ipods and other MP3 players, laptops (Pentium 1 or higher only), and most storage media. Go to website for information and pre-paid shipping labels.

### *Recycling Avenue*

(847) 951-1607

**recyclingavenue.com**

Provides support for adults with developmental disabilities. Accepts cell phones, ink cartridges, laptops, digital cameras, game consoles and MP3 players. Call for locations in Winnetka, Wilmette, Northbrook, Northfield, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Buffalo Grove and various business offices throughout the area.

***Recycling for Charities***

Accepts cellular phones, PDAs, Palm Pilots, digital cameras, and iPods for value that is then donated to the charity of choice.

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

***Sprint Stores***

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

Pick up free postage-paid envelope at participating stores or print one from the website.

***Staples***

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

Offers free recycling for cell phones, PDAs, pagers, digital cameras, chargers and other small electronics. Also offers \$3 in Staples Rewards for select inkjet and toner cartridges. There is a charge of \$10 apiece for computers, monitors and printers. Dell-branded items are free to recycle.

***T-Mobile***

[t-mobile.com](http://t-mobile.com)

Drop off wireless phones, batteries, PDAs and accessories at most T-Mobile stores.

***Verizon***

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

Hopeline program refurbishes and recycles any brand cell phones. With funds raised, Verizon donates wireless phones and airtime to victims of domestic violence. Go to website to print free postage-paid label.

***Wireless Alliance***

(866) 366-5791

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

Value of recycled phone donated to charity of your choice.

***Wireless Foundation's "Call-to-Protect" Collection Program***

(888) 901-SAFE (7233)

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

Aids victims of domestic abuse. Go to website for a collection point in your area.

CDs– see COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA

## CLOTH DIAPERS

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***Bottoms Up Dy-Dee Wash Diaper Service***

201 N Greenbay Rd, Waukegan

(847) 336-0040

Offers a cloth diaper service as an alternative to using disposable diapers.

## CLOTHING

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Many of the shops listed also accept toys, books, jewelry, household items, small appliances and some furniture. Items should be clean and in useable condition. Call ahead for specifics.

**Donation:**

***Amvets***

700 McHenry Rd, Wheeling

(708) 388-7800

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

Donations accepted 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. No furniture.

See website for pickup service.

***Bottomless Closet***

445 N Wells, Ste 301, Chicago  
(312) 527-9664

**[bottomlesscloset.org](http://bottomlesscloset.org)**

Accepts ready-to-wear professional women's clothing and accessories for distribution to women on assistance and working-poor women. Also accepts office equipment and supplies.

***Christ Church of Winnetka***

470 Maple St, Winnetka  
(847) 446-2850

**[christchurchwinnetka.org](http://christchurchwinnetka.org)**

Weekdays: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Weekends: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

***Clearbrook (Practically Perfect)***

1815 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-0267

***Encore & More***

1107 Central Ave, Wilmette  
(847) 853-8888

***Glenview Community Church Resale Shop***

1000 Elm St, Glenview  
(847) 724-2638

**[gccucc.org/resale.html](http://gccucc.org/resale.html)**

Accepts clothing and small housewares.  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

***Goodwill Industries***

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
(847) 670-7311

**[goodwillchicago.com](http://goodwillchicago.com)**

Also accepts computers, monitors, small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

***Kenneth Young***

1108 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg  
(847) 891-0978

**[kennethyoung.org](http://kennethyoung.org)**

***Lamb's Farm Thrift Shop***

14245 W Rockland Rd, Libertyville  
(847) 362-4636

**[lambsfarm.org](http://lambsfarm.org)**

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Also accepts bedding and furniture in good condition.

***ORT Resale Store***

800 Central Ave, Highland Park  
(847) 433-1697

No furniture or computers.

***Purple Heart***

(708) 396-8990

Pickup service available.

***Salvation Army***

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
(773) 477-1300

**[salvationarmy.org](http://salvationarmy.org)**

Also accepts bicycles, books, working television sets less than 27 inches, working computers and monitors, and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

***Save a Pet Thrift & Gift***

4446 Oakton St, Skokie  
(847) 677-8805

No furniture.

***Second Time Around***

4123 Oakton St, Skokie  
(847) 673-3172

**[shores2ndtime.com](http://shores2ndtime.com)**

***Sparrow's Nest***

275 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine  
(847) 705-6852

[www.homeofthesparrow.com](http://www.homeofthesparrow.com)

Accepts donations Wednesday – Saturday:  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

***Thrift House of Junior League***

920 Chicago Ave, Evanston  
(847) 328-5778

[jle-ns.org](http://jle-ns.org)

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Accepts clothing, housewares, books and  
small electronics.

***Treasure Chest/Resale St. Mary's  
Episcopal***

306 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge  
(847) 823-4126

Open October - May only. No furniture.

***Unique Thrift Store***

(708) 371-4242

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

With 17 locations in Chicagoland area, most  
merchandise consists of unwanted clothing  
purchased in bulk from local and national  
charity fundraisers. See website for store  
and drop-off locations.

***U'SAgain***

1555 W Hawthorne Lane, Ste 4W, West  
Chicago (800) 604-9533

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

A textile recycling company which recycles  
most donations as secondhand clothing. The  
remainder is recycled as polishing cloths or  
converted into fiber to be remade into  
recycled textile products.

***Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.***

(708) 371-4418 for pickup.

No furniture, TVs or computers accepted.

***Village Treasure House***

1460 Paddock Dr, Northbrook  
(847) 832-1030

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

Home furnishings and accessories.

***WINGS Resale***

•8349 W Gold Rd, Niles  
(847) 965-1454

•756 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine  
(847) 963-0861

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

Accepts donations Wednesday – Saturday:  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

***Winnetka Congregational Church  
Rummage Sale***

(847) 446-0575

Sunday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
Furniture pickup available on Fridays. Also  
accepts vehicles, cars and boats. Call for  
specifics.

Check with other sources:

***Winnetka Thrift Shop***

992 ½ Green Bay Rd, Winnetka  
(847) 446-8060

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

Donations accepted Monday – Saturday:  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

***Women's American Ortique Resale Shop***

915 Chicago Ave, Evanston  
(847) 864-6099

Check with other sources:

- your township or county Human Services  
Department
- local shelters
- churches
- hospitals
- community organizations (Lions Club,  
Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, etc.)
- local schools or libraries

**Consignment and Resale Shops:*****Anne's Unique Boutique***

16 S Bothwell St, Palatine  
(847) 991-1976

Accepts items Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
No furniture.

***Bearly Used Inc.***

401 Linden Ave, Wilmette  
(847) 256-8700

Newborn/children's, teens, some women's clothing.

***Encore Resale***

1027 N Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge  
(847) 698-0908

***Glen Cote Thrift Shop***

372 Hazel Ave, Glencoe  
(847) 835-0026

***Hand-Me Downs Inc.***

614 Dempster, Evanston  
(847) 475-0803

Newborn to pre-teen clothing, toys, books, baby equipment. Call for appointment.

***Mint Boutique***

15 E Miner St, Arlington Heights  
(847) 506-1552

Women's clothing.

***New For You***

1915 Plum Grove Rd, Rolling Meadows  
(847) 358-7899

***The Catch Penny***

118 E Main St, Barrington  
(847) 381-7721

Accepts items Monday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## COMPOSTING

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***DK Organics***

30088 N Skokie Hwy, Lake Bluff  
(847) 234-5499

Accepts most organic matter including grass, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips and logs (maximum 6 feet in length). No stumps or food. Material made into compost and mulches, available for purchase.

***Land and Lakes***

1300 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling  
(847) 825-5000 or (847) 520-1857

Weekdays: 6:00 am – 5:30 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am – 3:30 pm

Accepts freshly cut grass and landscape material for composting; you can also purchase prescreened and unscreened compost. Do not tie or put in plastic bags. Logs accepted 3-4 feet in length and up to 34 inches in diameter.

Also see **Yardwaste** section of Green Pages Service Directory

## COMPUTERS - DONATION

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### *Assistive Technology Exchange Network*

(800) 476-2836

**ucpnet.org**

A program of United Cerebral Palsy Association. Refurbishes working and non-working computers and electronics (computers, monitors, peripherals, stereos, VCRs, cell phones) for individuals with disabilities. Call for drop-off sites and collection events.

### *Free Geek Chicago, Inc.*

3411 W Diversey, Chicago

(773) 451-7130

**freegeekchicago.org**

Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Free Geek Chicago is a 501-C-3 non-profit corporation in the state of Illinois.

Accepts computer donations (no other electronics). Donations are rebuilt for needy families. What cannot be used is environmentally recycled.

### *Goodwill Industries*

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

**goodwillchicago.com**

Also accepts small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

### *National Cristina Foundation*

(203) 863-9100

**cristina.org**

Accepts computers, peripherals and software from corporations and individuals for people with special needs.

### *Recycling Avenue*

(847) 951-1607

**recyclingavenue.com**

Provides support for adults with developmental disabilities. Accepts cell phones, ink cartridges, laptops, digital cameras, game consoles and MP3 players. Call for locations in Winnetka, Wilmette, Northbrook, Northfield, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Buffalo Grove and various business offices throughout the area.

### *Salvation Army*

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston

(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago

(773) 477-1300

**salvationarmy.org**

Working computers and peripherals only.

Also accepts bicycles, books, working television sets less than 27 inches and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

### *World Computer Exchange*

**worldcomputerexchange.org**

WCE is a global educational and environmental organization looking for donations of working Pentium 3 or newer computers. For donation information, email:

**JODonnell@worldcomputerexchange.org**

### *Youth Organizations Umbrella, Inc.*

*(Y.O.U.)*

1027 Sherman Ave, Evanston

(847) 866-1200

**youevanston.org**

Neighborhood-based program that provides academic, social and emotional support to local youth. Call or see website for items needed.

## COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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### *Abt Electronics*

1200 N Milwaukee Ave, Glenview  
(847) 967-8830

[abt.com/green](http://abt.com/green)

Thursday – Saturday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Abt also recycles cardboard, polystyrene (styrofoam), batteries and cell phones. Please bring your recyclables to the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

- Free recycling on all LG, Panasonic, Samsung, Sharp, Sony, Toshiba and Zenith electronics.
- TVs under 32 inches - \$10.00
- TVs 32 inches and over - \$30.00
- All computers, fax machines, VCRs, and DVD players—\$5
- Refrigerators - \$30.00
- Air Conditioners - \$15.00
- Batteries – 30 cents per pound (free if less than one pound)

### *Best Buy*

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

Stores accept most consumer electronics, including TVs and monitors up to 32 inches, computer CPUs and notebooks, small electronics, VCRs and DVDs, keyboards, mice and remotes. \$10 per unit for items with screens is offset with a \$10 Best Buy gift card. Tech Trade-In program allows consumers to exchange select gently used electronics for a Best Buy gift card. Recycling kiosks at all stores for rechargeable batteries, cell phones, inkjet cartridges, CDs, DVDs, PDAs, smart phones and gift cards.

### *Cartridge World*

9404 Skokie Blvd., Skokie  
(847) 329-9096

### [cartridgeworldusa.com](http://cartridgeworldusa.com)

Also accepts inkjet cartridges, monitors, printers and small electronics.

### *Chesapeake Recycling*

1600 S US 35, Winamac, IN 46996  
(866) 946-6602

Primarily for businesses; electronic recycling and document destruction.

### *Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility*

1150 N Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

Accepts all computer-related equipment (monitors, mice, hard drives, CPUs, computer cables, keyboards, laptops, etc.) Also accepts answering machines, calculators, fax machines, printers/copiers, scanners, all stereo components, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, non-working TVs, VCR and DVD players.

### *Com2 Computer and Technologies*

•195 E Kehoe Blvd, Carol Stream

•1196 S Main St, Lombard

(630) 544-1708

[com2computer.com](http://com2computer.com)

Free for schools and non-profit organizations.

Call for information.

**Costco****costco.gazelle.com**

The Costco Trade-In Program is a service provided to Costco customers by Gazelle. Eligible products qualify for Costco Cash or recycling. Shipping charges are pre-paid by Gazelle. See website for details.

**Dell Inc.****dell.com/recycle**

Donate to the National Cristina Foundation or recycle Dell computers and peripherals free at any Staples store.

**Electronics Recycling Illinois**

23006 Joyce Lane, Naperville  
(630) 412-8002

**erecycleil.com**

Accepts PCs and peripherals, monitors, cables, stereo and video components, video game equipment, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones and telephones, typewriters, calculators and shredders. \$10 charge for monitors, \$50 charge for small pickups (less than 2 pallets). Also accepts all types of batteries.

**Epson Recycling Program****epson.com/cgi-bin/Store/Recycle/RecycleProgram.jsp**

Service costs \$10 per item, which includes shipping and recycling costs. You will receive a \$5 coupon per item returned, good on your next purchase at the Epson Store. You may also choose to donate hardware to benefit the National Cristina Foundation.

**Gateway Product Trade-in****gateway.eztradein.com/gateway**

Customers can get cash for pre-owned, working technology products, or computers and electronics will be recycled using environmentally sound practices.

**Everlights, Inc.**

9901 S Torrence Ave, Chicago  
(773) 734-9873

**everlights.com**

Accepts computer and electronic equipment, lamps, ballasts and microwaves. Call for pricing.

**FASTPACE Business Services**

3815 N. Ventura Drive, Arlington Heights  
(847) 398-5757 x 601

Accepts computer-related equipment only. \$5 per load dropped off, plus \$5 per monitor.

**Gazelle****gazelle.com**

Buys electronics. Items received with no market value are responsibly recycled. See website for information.

**Hewlett-Packard****hp.com/recycle**

Recycle HP hardware, inkjet and laser jet cartridges and rechargeable batteries. See website for details.

**Intercon Solutions**

1001-59 Washington Ave, Chicago Heights  
(708) 756-9838 or (888) 452-5642

**interconrecycling.com**

Microwaves are also accepted.

**LifeSpan Technology Recycling**

(888) 720-0900

**lifespanrecycling.com**

Large- and small-scale technology recycling, including computers, printers, monitors, telephone gear and fax machines.

**Maine Scrap Metals**

1274 Rand Rd, Des Plaines  
(888) 824-3175

Monitors, \$15 each, TVs \$25 each.

**Office Depot****officedepot.com**

Buy a tech recycling box in-store and fill with as many acceptable items as will fit, including CRT and LCD monitors, fax machines, desktop and laptop PCs, printers, scanners, computer peripherals, telephones, digital cameras, video cameras, VCRs, DVD players, MP3 players, small TVs, cables.

Small box      8”H x 15”D x 18”W \$5  
 Medium box    20”H x 16”D x 16”W \$10  
 Large box      24”H x 18”D x 18”W \$15

**Panasonic Corporation of North America**

5201 Tollview Drive, Rolling Meadows  
 (847) 637-4899

**mrmrecycling.com/collection\_il.htm**

Drop off hours: Monday –Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please park in Visitor Parking. Leave your recyclables in your vehicle and proceed to the security desk inside the main entrance. The guard will provide further instructions  
 Products accepted for no fee:

- Panasonic branded consumer electronic products
- Technics & Quasar branded consumer electronic products
- Sharp branded consumer electronic products
- Toshiba branded televisions

***There may be a charge for recycling other brands or products.***

**RadioShack Corp.****radioshack.com/tradein**

Receive an estimate of the trade-in value of your portable electronics, including global-positioning units, MP3 players, wireless phones, digital camcorders, car radios, digital cameras, notebook computers and video game consoles. Send items to

RadioShack, using a pre-paid shipping label, and the company will mail a RadioShack gift card in the amount of the trade-in.

**Sam's Club Mail-in Program**

The Sam's Club Trade-In and Recycle Program is available only to members of Sam's Club who elect to trade in or recycle any qualifying consumer electronic product currently offered by the program. The list of qualifying products is displayed on the trade-in platform home page. Based on the configuration and condition of your item, Sam's Club will offer to purchase your item at the value displayed by the trade-in value estimator. All trade-in valuations are subject to final evaluation by our technical staff. If your item does not qualify for any trade-in value, you will be offered the opportunity to recycle your item for free. Our recycling program employs a zero tolerance landfill policy meaning all of the material that is subject to recycling is disassembled by hand, carefully separated and eventually utilized as feedstock for various raw material extraction processes (including smelting and refining). Shipping for both trade-in and recycle items is free.

**recycleortrade@econewonline.com**  
**www.econewonline.com/samsclub**

**Samsung Recycling Direct****samsung.com**

Check website for information on recycling Samsung products. Options include drop-off, at-home pickup or free pre-paid UPS shipping labels.

**SIMS Recycling Solution/United Recycling**  
**simsrecyclingsolutions-na.com**

1600 Harvester Rd, West Chicago  
 (630) 231-6060

Also accepts cell phones, office equipment, consumer electronics and microwaves. Call for details and pricing.

***Software Plus***

400 W Dundee, Unit #10, Buffalo Grove  
(847) 520-1717

[sales@softwareplusnorth.com](mailto:sales@softwareplusnorth.com)

Accepts computers and laptops only. Call or email for pricing.

***Staples***

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

Accepts all brands of computers, monitors, laptops, printers, scanners and fax machines for a fee. Dell-branded items are recycled free.

Also offers free recycling for cell phones, PDAs, pagers, digital cameras, chargers and other small electronics. Offers \$3 in Staples Rewards for select cartridges.

***Supply-Chain Services, Inc. (SSI)***

250 W North Ave, Lombard  
(630) 629-9344

[supply-chainservices.com](http://supply-chainservices.com)

Accepts computers, monitors, printers and TVs. Call for pricing.

***Think Green From Home***

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

Delivers electronic recycling kit in choice of three sizes, with a return-shipping label. See website for prices and information about types of electronics accepted.

## COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA

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**Contact companies for pricing and to find out exactly what is accepted:**

***ACT Recycling***

[actrecycling.org/donations](http://actrecycling.org/donations)

Recycle videotapes and floppy disks through an organization that provides jobs to individuals with disabilities.

***Back Thru the Future***

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

Recycles CDs, DVDs and hard drives at no cost except shipping. See website for instructions.

***Best Buy***

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

Recycling kiosks at all stores for CDs, DVDs, PDAs and smart phones, as well as rechargeable batteries, cell phones, inkjet cartridges and gift cards.

Stores also accept most consumer electronics, including TVs and monitors up to 32 inches, computer CPUs and notebooks, small electronics, VCRs and DVDs,

keyboards, mice and remotes. \$10 per unit for items with screens is offset with a \$10 Best Buy gift card. Tech Trade-In program allows consumers to exchange select gently used electronics for a Best Buy gift card.

***Com2 Computer and Technologies***

•195 E Kehoe Blvd, Carol Stream

•1196 S Main St, Lombard

(630) 544-1708

[com2computer.com](http://com2computer.com)

Free for schools and non-profit organizations.

Call for information.

***Computer Recycling Center, LLC.***

(815) 455-6300

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

Free shipping for laptops. Call for more information.

***Disc Replay***

•5455 W Touhy Ave, Skokie

(847) 568-0773

•13 W Golf Ctr, Hoffman Estates

(847) 882-7660

Buys and sells used DVD movies, video games, video game systems and CDs.

***GreenDisk***

(800) 305-DISK (3475)

**greendisk.com**

Accepts all electronic media or computer-related accessories and supplies. Mail-in instructions on website for small and bulk amounts.

***MRC Polymers***

3535 W 31st St, Chicago

(773) 890-9000 x 5526

**mrepolymers.com**

Accepts CDs, DVDs and their cases.

***Plastic Recycling, Inc.***

2015 S Pennsylvania

Indianapolis, IN 46225

(317) 780-6100

Accepts videocassettes, CDs and CD cases.

***Recycle for Breast Cancer***

**recycleforbreastcancer.org**

Go to website for pre-paid shipping labels. Also accepts cell phones, inkjet/laser toner cartridges, and most types of storage media.

***Recycle for Breast Cancer***

Accepts most storage media. Also accepts cell phones, printer fuser cores, PDAs, digital cameras, Ipods and other MP3 players, laptops (Pentium 1 or higher only). Go to website for information and pre-paid shipping labels.

***Ripstyles***

(866) 391-8447

**ripstyles.com**

Converts albums, tapes and CDs to digital format. Recycles cases. Prices vary depending on volume.

***Vintage Vinyl Records***

925 Davis St, Evanston

(847) 328-2899

**vvmo.com**

Records, books, posters – no CDs or DVDs.

## CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING MATERIAL – DONATION

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***Construction Material Depot/The Rebuilding Exchange***

3335 W 47<sup>th</sup> St, Chicago

(773) 818-8025

**cmdepot.com**

A bulletin board for buying and selling excess construction material, tools and equipment. Site also lists locations of “reuse” stores for donating materials to benefit Habitat for Humanity. All donations must be pre-approved. Call or email for donation guidelines.

***Habitat for Humanity***

Call (847) 249-3160 (distribution center) for list of items needed. Accepts building materials, construction tools, pallet jacks, cabinets, siding, tile, paintbrushes.

***Salvation Army***

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

Accepts tools and supplies, not wood or building materials.

## CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIAL – DISPOSAL

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### *SWANCC Residential Construction Debris/ Refuse Drop-off Program*

(847) 724-9205

Glenview Transfer Station

1151 N River Rd, Des Plaines

[swancc.org/gts/residentialwaste.html](http://swancc.org/gts/residentialwaste.html)

Located on east side of Des Plaines/River Rd; north of Central Rd - directly across the street from Maryville Academy.

Hours: Monday - Friday: 6:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Cost for ½ ton of material or less = \$32.50;  
\$65 per ton or more.

Only major credit cards accepted.

NOTE: Household chemical waste (paint, cleaning products, motor oil or automotive batteries), any type of landscape waste, concrete, asbestos, asbestos roofing shingles and materials or medical/ liquid range is not permitted.

### *SWANCC Roll-off Program*

[swancc.org/gts/rolloffprogram.html](http://swancc.org/gts/rolloffprogram.html)

Rent a 10-yard roll-off for \$299.

Holds 2-4 tons of waste material. Next day delivery available. For residents only. Major credit card, check or cash accepted. Call SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 to order.

## CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIAL – RECYCLING

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### *Crush-Crete, Inc.*

600 S Lombard Rd, Addison

(630) 627-1713

Accepts clean broken concrete and asphalt.

Call For pricing.

### *Cook County Demolition Sales*

(847) 795-9139

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

The goal of Cook County Demolition Sales is to keep as much building material out of the landfills as possible in the Chicagoland area in both commercial and residential sales. The sales are typically conducted over a weekend to allow customers to browse sales and to remove the items for purchase. All sales are conducted on the site of the property to be demolished. Demolition sales typically include all types of building materials such as : hardwood floors, windows, doors , hardwood trim, plumbing fixtures, furnaces, hot water heaters,

plumbing fixtures (non-water saving toilets, tubs, sinks). Mature outdoor plants and landscaping are available at very reasonable prices.

### *Groot*

1759 Elmhurst Rd, Elk Grove Village

(773) 569-3010

Accepts asphalt, brick, concrete, wood, scrap metal. \$55.00/ton. 1 ton minimum.

### *MBL Recycling, Inc.*

630 S Hicks Rd., Palatine

(847) 776-1500

Accepts all construction and demolition material, including metals, non-ferrous materials, concrete, brick, cardboard, wood and roofing shingles.

***Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.***

347 N Kensington, LaGrange Park  
(708) 352-4111

**murco.net**

Conducts demolition auctions at houses prior to demolition or major household renovations. Redistributes items such as kitchen cabinets, appliances, bathrooms, flooring, doors, mechanicals, landscaping and more, thus diverting items destined for landfills back into the community.

***National Recycling Service/Allied***

2608 S Damen, Chicago  
(312) 733-1255

**alliedwaste.com**

Accepts large loads of all materials.

***Orange Crush Recycle Co.***

- 507 Rock Rd, Dundee
- 3219 Oakton St, Skokie
- 231 S Wheeling Rd, Wheeling

(708) 544-9440 for all 3 locations  
Accepts separated asphalt, concrete and clean dirt for a fee.

***Ravenswood Disposal***

221 N Washtenaw, Chicago  
(773) 722-3043  
Drop off asphalt, concrete, brick and wood.  
Charged by ton. Dumpsters available.

***Republic Services/Loop Recycling***

2351 S Laflin St, Chicago  
(312) 226-1226  
Accepts large loads of all materials.

## CRAYON RECYCLING

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***Crazy Crayons, LLC***

Ship to:

721 Village Road  
Pelican Lake, WI 54463  
(800) 561-0922

**crazycrayons.com**

Pack crayons securely when shipping to company. See website for instructions.

## DAIRY BOTTLES

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Returnable dairy bottles:

***Farm Fresh Home Delivery, Inc.***

Palatine, IL  
(847) 202-3955

**FarmFreshDairy.com**

***Oberweis Dairy Locations:***

**oberweisdairy.com**

- 9 E Dundee Rd, Arlington Hts  
(847) 368-9060
- 1405 Palatine Rd, Hoffman Estates  
(847) 776-1987

- 6469 N Lincoln, Lincolnwood  
(847) 983-4514
- 80 E Northwest Hwy, Mt. Prospect  
(847) 577-6100
- 101 S Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge  
(847) 692-9840
- 1735 W Algonquin Rd, Rolling Meadows  
(847) 290-9222
- 967 Waukegan Rd, Glenview  
(847) 729-8700

DEHUMIDIFIER – see APPLIANCES

DVDS – see COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA

ELECTRONICS – see COMPUTERS and ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

## EYEGLASSES

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Most LensCrafters and Pearle Vision stores,  
Wal-Mart Vision Centers and Lions Clubs

accept used eyewear for donation to people  
in need. Check local listings for locations.

## FILM and CANISTERS

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### Film:

#### **3M**

(570) 654-5511

#### **3M.com**

Ship used transparency film to:

3M Recycle Program

c/o Gemark

99 Stevens Lane

Exeter, PA 18643

or go to website for shipping label.

#### ***Wal-Mart***

1455 Lake Cook Rd, Wheeling

(847) 537-5090

Accepts old film.

### **Canisters:**

#### ***Helix Camera***

223 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park

(847) 831-1000

#### ***Jewel/ Osco Food Stores***

Some stores accept film canisters. Check  
local phone directory for nearest store.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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Contact product manufacturer to see if there is a recycling program in effect. Fire extinguishers are under pressure, and have the potential to explode in combination with some materials. They cannot be discarded curbside and are not accepted at Household Chemical Waste collections.

Earth911 suggests disposing of fire extinguishers as follows:

### If it's not empty:

1. Check pressure gauge: The extinguisher should have a gauge saying whether it's overcharged, at the correct pressure or in need of a recharge.
2. Call Your fire department: You might be able to exchange your extinguisher or get it recharged.
3. Take it to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event: Extinguishers with contents remaining are considered hazardous, so find your nearest HHW collection event or program.

### If it's empty:

1. Squeeze the lever above the handle, ensuring that all contents are discharged.
2. Remove the head: This will let whoever disposes of the extinguisher know that all contents have been removed.
3. Recycle the steel body: Once the head is removed, your community should accept fire extinguishers with the rest of your ferrous metal.

In either case, make sure to follow any instructions on the fire extinguisher.

Following are a few recycling options for fire extinguishers:

#### ***Aurora Tri-State Fire Protection***

1080 Corporate Blvd, Aurora  
(630) 978-0600

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

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

#### ***Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility***

1150 N Branch St, Chicago  
Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)  
Accepts small fire extinguishers, non-refillable cylinders (NCRs) and propane tanks.

#### ***Dependable Fire Equipment Inc.***

60 Lebaron, Waukegan  
(847) 541-2080

#### ***Henrichsen's Fire & Safety Equipment Company***

563 N Wolf Rd., Wheeling  
(847) 459-7877

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

Recharges and maintains fire extinguishers, which may also be dropped off for disposal.

**Reliable Fire Equipment Company**  
12845 S Cicero, Alsip  
(708) 597-4600  
[reliablefire.com](http://reliablefire.com)

Recharges and maintains fire extinguishers, which may also be dropped off for disposal.

Check details for these **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** programs.

## FLAGS

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Flags can be dropped off at some local VFW. posts for proper burying/burning disposal. Many American Legion posts conduct “Disposal of Unserviceable Flag Ceremonies” on June 14, Flag Day. Check local directory for locations.

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

Website also provides details for proper disposal of flags.

## FLUORESCENT BULBS AND HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMPS

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Many Ace Hardware, Do it Best Hardware and Home Depot stores accept compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) only for recycling. Check local listings for locations, and call individual stores for specifics

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Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste).  
Accepts CFS bulbs and lamps.

**Everlights, Inc.**  
9901 S Torrence Ave, Chicago  
(773) 734-9873  
[everlights.com](http://everlights.com)

**Fluorecycle, Inc.**  
27780 W Concrete Dr, Unit A  
Ingleside, IL 60041  
(815) 363-4411  
[fluorecycle.com](http://fluorecycle.com)

**IKEA**  
1800 E McConner Parkway, Schaumburg  
(847) 969-9700  
[ikea.com](http://ikea.com)  
Also accepts batteries and cell phones.

**Retrofit Recycling, Inc.**  
Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 381-0628  
[retrofitcompanies.com](http://retrofitcompanies.com)  
Serves Chicago area.

**SWANCC Member Communities: See also SWANCC's CFL Drop-Off Program at [swancc.org/recycling/cflprogram.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/cflprogram.html)**

## FURNITURE

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### *Goodwill Industries*

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
(847) 670-7311

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

Also accepts computers, monitors, small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

### *H.O.M.E.*

(Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly)

5414 B West Roosevelt Rd, Chicago  
(773) 921-3200

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

Accepts furniture, small appliances and household goods, which may be dropped off at the address listed weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please call first for items accepted.

### *Salvation Army*

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
(773) 477-1300

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

Also accepts some appliances, clothing and books in good condition. Working computers, monitors and TVs less than 27 inches are also accepted.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587) for pickup.

### *World Relief*

(773) 681-8586

Benefits refugees being resettled in the Chicago area.

Also accepts coats, jackets and household items.

Pick-up only.

Email [furniturechicago@wr.org](mailto:furniturechicago@wr.org) for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

**GASOLINE – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1**

## HEARING AIDS

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### *North Suburban Hearing Services*

7638 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles  
(847) 966-0060

Box is located in the office.

Most local Lions Clubs also accept donations.

## HEALTH CARE AND CONVALESCENT EQUIPMENT

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Materials accepted include crutches, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, portable toilets, hospital beds and other health care items. Call organization first to see which items are needed, as most are constrained by lack of space.

### *Arlington Heights Nurses Club Lending Closet*

1801 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 797-5315  
Monday: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Tuesday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Wednesday – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### *Lending Closet*

Skokie Office of Human Services  
5120 Galitz, Skokie  
(847) 933-8208  
Walkers, wheelchairs and canes. Call first.

### *Nurses Lending Closet*

200 E Wood St, Rm 266, Palatine  
(847) 934-3016  
Open Wednesday and Saturday: 10:00 am -

11:30 am  
No beds.

### *Vernon Township*

3050 N Main, Buffalo Grove  
(847) 634-4600  
Accepts shower chairs and benches,  
crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs.

### *Wheelchair Recycling Project*

•2554 Advance Rd, Madison, WI  
(608) 243-1785  
•3540 N 126<sup>th</sup> St., Unit F, Brookfield, WI  
(Greater Milwaukee area)  
(262) 439-8248  
[wrp.org](http://wrp.org)  
Call to make arrangements for delivery.  
Sender pays shipping charges.

## HEATING OIL/HEATING TANK REMOVAL

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### *Cicero Oil Company*

6259 S Kenneth Ave, Chicago  
(773) 581-2041

### *400 Super Service*

1310 Sherman Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-5560  
Recycles heating oil. Call for pricing.

## HELIUM TANKS

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To dispose of helium tanks do the following:  
While outdoors, close valve tightly.  
Unscrew and remove nozzle by hand or with  
a 3/4 inch wrench, then open valve  
completely to release any residual pressure

in tank. Write “EMPTY” on the tank in  
permanent marker. Take tank to a steel  
recycling center or place with curbside  
recycling pickup. If necessary dispose with  
trash.

## JUNK HAULERS

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***1-800-GOT-JUNK***  
**1800gotjunk.com**

*A - ABF Hauling*  
 Skokie  
 (847) 568-1328

*A - Affordable Hauling*  
 Glenview  
 (847) 657-9926

***Circle M Dumpster Service***  
 Northbrook  
 (847) 564-9097

***Clavey's Light Hauling***  
 Glenview  
 (847) 729-3444

***Direct Source Material Handling Service***  
 Spring Grove  
 (815) 675-0363

***Environmental Services***  
 Morton Grove  
 (847) 917-3631  
 Estate cleanouts, antiques hauling.

***National Recycling Services***  
 Chicago  
 (312) 733-1255

***RJ Biagini Light Hauling***  
 Buffalo Grove  
 (847) 215-2938

***Stellar Waste Services LLC***  
 Mount Prospect  
 (847) 788-1300

## JUNK MAIL

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**Request that your name be removed from their direct-marketing files:**

***Direct Mail***  
 (888) 690-2252  
**directmail.com**

Register to be put on the National Do Not Mail List to have your name removed from mailing lists.

***Consumer Credit Reporting Industry***  
 (888) 567-8688

Call to add or remove your name to stop receiving offers of credit or insurance based on your credit report with Equifax, Experian or TransUnion.

***Direct Marketing Association***

Mail Preference Service removes name from mailing, telemarketing and/or email lists for a three-year period.

**[dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php](http://dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php)**

***GreenDimes/Tonic Mailstopper***  
**mailstopper.tonic.com**

Eliminates unsolicited mail, and lets you choose which catalogs you want to receive. See website for fees.

**Request that your name be removed from their mailing list:**

***Haines & Co.***  
 850 Freedom Ave NW  
 North Canton, OH 44720  
 Attn: Data Processing  
 (800) 843-8452

***Harte Hanks Direct Marketing/ List Maintenance***

3344 N Torrey Pine Ct.  
La Jolla, CA 92037  
(800) 456-9748

[contactus@harte-hanks.com](mailto:contactus@harte-hanks.com)

***Val-Pak Direct Marketing System Postal Affairs***

[valpack.com/corporate/pages/contact.jsp](http://valpack.com/corporate/pages/contact.jsp)

LEAD ACID BATTERIES – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1

LEAD-BASED PAINT – see PAINT

LITHIUM ION BATTERIES – see BATTERIES

**MAKE-UP CONTAINERS**

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***Kiehl's Cosmetics***

Return empty Kiehl's containers to free-standing Kiehl's stores and get a "Recycle and Be Rewarded" card stamped for complimentary samples.

***M.A.C. Cosmetics***

To receive a free M.A.C. lipstick, return six M.A.C. containers to a M.A.C. counter or log onto M.A.C. online: [maccosmetics.com](http://maccosmetics.com)

***Return to Origins Recycling Program***  
**[origins.com](http://origins.com)**

Bring clean, empty cosmetics bottles, jars, tubes, etc. to Origins retail stores or department store counters for recycling. Origins will accept packaging from an cosmetic company. See website for additional information.

**MEDICAL WASTE**

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**Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications:*****Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility***

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Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

No sharps accepted.

**Sharps:**

Most local pharmacies have sharps disposal programs. Call your local pharmacist for details.

***LB Medwaste***

(888) 526-3392

**lbmedwaste.com**

Pickup contracts available.

***Stericycle***

(866) 783-7422

**stericycle.com**

Pickup contracts available.

**SWANCC Member Communities: See also SWANCC's Prescription Drug/Sharps Disposal Program at [swancc.org/recycling/medicinedropoff.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/medicinedropoff.html)**

Also see **Health Care and Convalescent Equipment** section.

## MERCURY

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NEVER use a vacuum to clean up mercury.  
If you have a mercury spill contact immediately for cleanup procedures:

***Illinois Department of Public Health***

(217) 782-5830

For any questions related to mercury spills, management or removal contact:

**•*Illinois Department of Public Health***

(217) 782-5830

**•*Illinois EPA Collection***

(217) 524-3300

Also visit:

**[idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/mercury spills.htm](http://idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/mercury spills.htm)** for more information.

Mercury is taken at **Household Chemical Waste collections**. Locations are added every fall and spring by the IEPA.

**Thermometer, switch and thermostat disposal:*****Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility***

1150 N Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

**Full-service environmental management company:*****R3 Environmental***

(847) 488-1492

1050 East Chicago Avenue, Elgin

**[r3environmental.net](http://r3environmental.net)**

**SWANCC Member Communities: See environmentally-friendly thermometer exchange program at [swancc.org/recycling/thermometers.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/thermometers.html)**

## METALS

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### *Acme Refining*

3357 S Justine St, Chicago  
(773) 523-4500

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

Industrial-based.

### *American Aluminum Recycling/Elgin Recycling/Crystal Lake Recycling*

[elginrecycling.com/residential/default.aspx](http://elginrecycling.com/residential/default.aspx)

Accepts all metals, including all-metal clothes hangers.

- American Aluminum

20477 N Rand Rd, Palatine

- Elgin Recycling

660 Schiller St, Elgin

(847) 741-4100

- Crystal Lake Recycling

5114 Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake

(815) 455-7700

### *C & R Scrap Iron & Metal*

- 251 E Dundee Rd, Wheeling

(847) 459-3433

- 4619 S Knox, Chicago

(773) 585-3030

Accepts all metals.

### *Maine Scrap Metals*

1274 Rand Rd, Des Plaines

(888) 824-3175

Accepts all metal, including all-metal clothes hangers. Also accepts computers (\$15) and television sets (\$25).

### *North Park Village Recycling Station*

5801 N Pulaski Rd, Chicago

(773) 821-1351

[resourcecenterchicago.org/recycling.html](http://resourcecenterchicago.org/recycling.html)

9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily

Accepts aluminum and steel cans.

Also accepts brown, clear and green glass bottles and jars, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, newspaper, magazines, office paper and cardboard.

Please do not drop off materials outside of the posted hours.

### *Service Battery*

2048 W Hubbard, Chicago

(312) 666-2874

Accepts non-ferrous metals.

### *Sims Metal Management*

2500 S Paulina, Chicago

(773) 254-1200

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

Accepts sheet iron, cars. Call for pricing.

### **Steel:**

### *Steel Recycling Institute*

(800) YES-1-CAN (937-1226)

[recycle-steel.org](http://recycle-steel.org)

Check website for steel recycling locations.

**MICROWAVE – see APPLIANCES**

## MISCELLANEOUS

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### Crafts:

#### *Kohl Children's Museum*

2100 Patriot Blvd, Glenview

(847) 832-6600

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

Accepts the following items for children's creative art projects: cardboard cones, fabric scraps, plastic film containers, thread spools and plastic bottles. Call to arrange drop-off or to ask what additional materials might be needed.

### Greeting Cards:

#### *St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program*

1-877-977-SJRC (7572)

Mail card fronts from all occasion cards to the following address:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children

Card Recycling Program

100 St. Jude's Street

Boulder City, NV 89005

### Jewelry:

#### *Cash Converters*

1125 N Roselle Rd, Hoffman Estates

(847) 781-0890

Buys gold jewelry.

### Legal Issues:

#### *IEPA Hotline*

(888) 372-1996

### Water Filters:

Recycle Brita water filters at the following Whole Foods locations:

- 1111 Chicago Ave, Evanston
- 1331 North Rand Rd, Palatine

## MOTOR OIL (BULK)

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#### *Illinois Recovery Systems, Inc.*

P. O. Box 203, Wheeling

(847) 297-0255

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

Special waste hauler for used waste oil, antifreeze, coolants, waste water.

See **Automotive Products** for service stations that recycle small to medium quantities.

**MOTOR OIL (RESIDENTIAL) – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1**

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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### *Goodwill Industries*

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
(847) 670-7311

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

Also accepts computers, monitors, small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

### *Salvation Army*

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
(773) 477-1300

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

Also accepts clothing, books, working TVs less than 27 inches, working computers and monitors, and furniture in good condition. Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays. Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

## OFFICE EQUIPMENT

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### *Bottomless Closet*

445 N Wells, Ste 301, Chicago  
(312) 527-9664

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

Accepts office equipment and supplies. Also accepts ready-to-wear professional women's clothing and accessories for distribution to women on assistance and working-poor women.

### *LifeSpan Technology Recycling*

(888) 720-0900

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

Large- and small-scale technology recycling, including computers, printers, monitors, telephone gear and fax machines.

### *Midwest Copier/Office Equipment Exchange*

3300 W Washington St, Waukegan  
(847) 682-6093

Buys back and picks up office equipment for recycling. No furniture. Call for pricing.

### *Refurbished Office Environments*

905 S Menard Ave, Chicago  
(773) 379-5222

Buys large quantities only.

### *Second Systems, Inc.*

1040 W Thorndale, Itasca  
(630) 250-7555

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

Buys and sells new and used office furniture.

### *SIMS Recycling Solutions*

1600 Harvester Rd, West Chicago  
(630) 231-6060

[simsrecyclingsolutions-na.com](http://simsrecyclingsolutions-na.com)

Also accepts cell phones, consumer electronics, and microwaves. Call for details and pricing.

Also see the **Furniture** section

## OIL TANK REMOVAL

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### *Cicero Oil Company*

6259 S Kenneth Ave, Chicago  
(773) 581-2041

## OXYGEN TANKS

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Oxygen tanks used for medical purposes in the home should be returned to the supplier or manufacturer. Check the neck of the tank for an address.

Dive tanks can usually be sold back to the dive shop. Before purchasing any compressed gas tanks, ask the supplier about proper disposal methods.

PACKING PEANUTS – see PACKAGING PRODUCTS - Attachment 2

## PAINT

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### **Latex Paint:**

*Latex paint will not be accepted at Household Chemical Waste collections. It can be disposed of at home because it does not contain toxic material.*

The easiest way to dispose of paint is to use it up completely. Apply a second coat to your project or use it up on a piece of old cardboard or scrap wood. Let the can dry out and dispose of it in your regular garbage. If this isn't an option, continue reading for further instructions.

You can add shredded newspapers, kitty litter or Waste Paint Hardener (available at most hardware stores) to your latex paint. Let the paint dry out completely. This should be done in a well-ventilated area and away from children and pets. After the paint has dried, put the container in your garbage with the lid off so the garbage hauler knows the can is empty.

Many local theatre groups, churches and housing authorities will accept leftover paint and put it to good use. If you have a significant amount of paint that is usable, contact the following:

### *Construction Material Depot/The Rebuilding Exchange*

3335 W 47<sup>th</sup> St, Chicago  
(773) 818-8025

**cmdepot.com**

A bulletin board for buying and selling excess construction material, tools and equipment. Site also lists locations of "reuse" stores for donating materials to benefit Habitat for Humanity. All donations must be pre-approved. Call or email for donation guidelines.

***Habitat for Humanity***

(800) 643-7845

If your paint is not usable and you are unable to dry it out yourself, the hardware stores listed below recycle latex paint for the following fees:

**•*Millen Do It Best***

1219 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette  
(847) 251-3060

**•*Palatine Ace Hardware***

239 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine  
(847) 358-8100

**•*Schaumburg Ace Hardware***

560 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg  
(847) 895-9292

**•*Sherwin Ace Hardware***

1705 W Campbell, Arlington Heights  
(847) 255-3113

**•*Skokie Ace Hardware***

5035 Oakton Street  
(847) 724-3444

**•*Earth Paints Collection Systems***

132 Allen Ave, Grayslake  
(847) 231-6044

**earthpaintscs.com**

Recycles latex paint and paint cans for a fee.

**Oil Paint:*****Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility***

1150 N Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

Accepts oil-based paints, paint thinners and aerosol paints. NO latex paint accepted.

Learn about **Household Chemical Waste** disposal.

**Check details for these LATEX PAINT programs.**

## PAPER RECYCLING

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***Paper Retriever Recycling*****paperretriever.com**

This program places bins at schools, churches and other non-profit organizations, which are paid for paper products recycled by community members. Website lists locations of recycling bins and acceptable materials for recycling.

**SWANCC Member Communities: See seasonal document destruction program information at [swancc.org/recycling/documentdestruction.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/documentdestruction.html).**

## PAPER SHREDDING

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### *Accurate Document Destruction*

Managed by Groot Industries  
2500 Landmeier Rd, Elk Grove  
(800) 407-4733

[shredd.net](http://shredd.net)

Provides on- or off-site shredding services.

### *Acme Document Destruction*

3357 S Justine St, Chicago  
(773) 523-4500

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

Provides on- or off-site shredding services.

### *Cintas*

2600 S 25th Ave, Broadview  
(708) 345-8392

[cintas.com/documentmanagement](http://cintas.com/documentmanagement)

### *Citadel Information Management*

827 Blackhawk Dr, Westmont  
(630) 323-1540

Onsite mobile shredding and material drop-off. Also recycles plastic materials.

### *Shred First, Inc.*

530 E Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines  
(847) 390-9133

Onsite mobile shredding and material drop-off.

## PLASTIC BAGS

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Most Jewel/Osco, Dominick's Finer Food, Wal-Mart and Whole Food stores have bins for recycling plastic bags. Check local listings for locations and program verification.

## POLYSTYRENE/STYROFOAM

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The same properties that make polystyrene an excellent packaging material - its light weight, low cost and strength - make it difficult to recycle. The cost of trucking polystyrene to a recycling plant is cost-prohibitive and it has low scrap value. Because styrofoam food containers are usually contaminated, they require cleaning before they can be processed for recycling, another factor which makes recycling generally infeasible.

### *Abt Electronics*

1200 N Milwaukee Ave, Glenview  
(847) 967-8830

Also see **Packing Peanuts** section. Some UPS store locations will accept clean packing peanuts for recycling.

### [abt.com/green](http://abt.com/green)

Thursday – Saturday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Abt also recycles cardboard, batteries, cell phones and electronics. Please bring your recyclables to the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

### *Dart Container Corp.*

310 Evergreen Dr, North Aurora  
(630) 896-4631

Dart operates a polystyrene foam recycling plant, open to the public.

## PROPANE TANKS

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### *Amerigas*

- 522 S Vermont, Palatine  
(800) 398-1354  
\$3 fee per tank.
- 4158 Division, Hillside  
(708) 544-1131  
No charge.
- 310 N Sangamon, Chicago  
(312) 997-2300  
No charge.

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Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)  
Also accepts all computer-related equipment, household chemical waste, electronics, answering machines, calculators, fluorescent lamps and bulbs, fax machines, printers/copiers, scanners, all stereo components, fire extinguishers, non-working TVs, VCR and DVD players.

### *Coleman*

[coleman.com/coleman/recycle/cylinder\\_dis.asp](http://coleman.com/coleman/recycle/cylinder_dis.asp)

Provides information about proper disposal of propane tanks.

### *Ferrellgas*

4809 W Lake, Melrose Park  
(630) 231-0105  
[ferrellgas.com](http://ferrellgas.com)  
\$10.00 per tank.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES – see BATTERIES

## RECYCLING HOTLINE

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Log onto *Earth 911* recycling web site: [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) or call the nationwide hotline:  
**(800) CLEAN-UP (253-2687)**

This service provides recyclers with locations to take old newspapers, magazines,

scrap paper, aluminum cans, glass bottles, tires and other materials to be collected for recycling. It also provides information about source reduction, reuse opportunities and community environmental events. This hotline is a recording.

REFRIGERATOR – see APPLIANCES

RESALE SHOPS – see CLOTHING

## RUBBER/TIRES

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### *Lakin Environmental Industries (also see Liberty Tire Services)*

2044 N Dominick St, Chicago  
(773) 871-6360

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

Industrial only.

### *Land and Lakes*

801 E 138<sup>th</sup> St, Dolton

[land-and-lakes.com](http://land-and-lakes.com)

Contact Amanda Miller at (708) 720-7028  
Excessive oversized tires not accepted  
(maximum tire size – Series 1100).

### *Liberty Tire Services*

1323 W Cortland, Chicago

(773) 871-6360

Industrial only.

Also, see the **Automotive Products** page for locations to take tires and other automotive equipment.

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

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### *Tools for Schools*

799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 3, Ste 7, Glen Ellyn  
(630) 545-9710

[bookrescue.org/tools](http://bookrescue.org/tools)

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sponsored by SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). Accepts school and craft supplies, calculators, desks, chairs, cabinets and shelves. Also see “Book Rescue” section on website

For further information, contact [ecoed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ecoed@sbcglobal.net).

SCRAP METAL – see METALS

## SHARPS DISPOSAL

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Most local pharmacies have sharps disposal programs. Call your local pharmacist for details.

### *LB Medwaste*

(888) 526-3392

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

Pickup contracts available.

### *Stericycle*

(866) 783-7422

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

Pickup contracts available.

**SWANCC Member Communities: See also SWANCC’s Prescription Drug/Sharps Disposal Program at [swancc.org/recycling/medicinedropoff.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/medicinedropoff.html)**

## SHOES

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### **Athletic Shoes (Used) Drop-Off Collection:**

Call the SWANCC office at (847) 724-9205 or visit

[swancc.org/education/athleticshoerecycling.html](http://swancc.org/education/athleticshoerecycling.html) to find where to drop off old gym shoes in your area for SWANCC's Spring 2010 gym shoe collection. Only old gym shoes will be accepted – no dress shoes, boots, sandals or shoes with metal.

Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program recycles worn-out athletic shoes into material used in sports surfaces and playgrounds.

Learn more about the **Nike Reuse-A-Shoe** program and school and business shoe collections.

#### **For on-going shoe recycling:**

#### *Algonquin Township Road, District Parking Lot*

(blue container in middle of lot - next to the MCCD Hollows Conservation Site)

#### **Map**

3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake  
Questions? Contact Bob or Anna Miller at (847) 639-2700 x 6

Drop-off - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
For large amounts, please bring during business hours.

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please remove laces and place loose shoes in bin (no bags).

Do not bring shoes with metal eyelets, zippers or cleats, spikes, “fashion lights” or any non-court-type athletic shoes (like sandals, heels, boots, pool shoes, soccer shoes, etc.)

#### *Nike*

•Woodfield Shopping Center, Schaumburg  
(847) 240-0134

No cleats or heels.

#### **You can also mail your athletic shoes straight to Nike:**

Nike Recycling Center  
c/o Nike Reuse-A-Shoe  
26755 S W 95th Ave  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

#### **Shoes - Matchmaker Organizations:**

This program helps people who need only one or different-sized shoes:

#### *National Odd Shoe Exchange*

162 W Boxelder Place, Suite 4  
Chandler, AZ 85225-7173  
(480) 892-3484

#### **oddshoe.org**

Exchange accepts unworn shoes, boots, socks and laces. See website for mailing instructions.

**Note: Please DO NOT mail shoes to SWANCC's office.**

## SMOKE DETECTORS

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Most smoke detectors contain small amounts of radioactive materials. Intact detectors pose little threat, but can be a health hazard if broken open. By federal regulation, all smoke detectors contain the mail-back address to send used units with radioactive chips. Call the companies prior to sending packages for fees and mailing instructions and brands accepted for disposal. Mark all packages “For Disposal Only”.

### *BRK Electronics*

(800) 323-9005

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

Call first. Accepts BRK, First Alert and American Sensor brands. Will accept four free, then \$1.00 per unit.

### *Dicon Global, Inc.*

ON, Canada

(800) 387-4219

Only accepts Dicon and American Sensor brands. Call first for reference number.

SOFTWARE – see COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT

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### *Goodwill Industries*

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights  
(847) 670-7311

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

Also accepts computers, monitors, small appliances, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS).

### *Play It Again Sports*

•1325 N Rand Rd, Palatine  
(847) 221-2072

•Brookside Plaza, 525 Waukegan,  
Northbrook  
(847) 564-9180

•1127 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg  
(847) 895-8914

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

### *Salvation Army*

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 577-2828

•528 Kedzie Ave, Evanston  
(847) 869-3033

•2270 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago  
(773) 477-1300

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

No exercise equipment.

Also accepts bicycles, clothing, books, working television sets less than 27 inches, working computers and monitors, and furniture in good condition.

Bulk pickups may be scheduled for Saturdays.

Call (888) 5-PICKUP (574-2587).

STEEL – see METALS

STOVE – see APPLIANCES

SUMP PUMP BATTERIES – see BATTERIES

SYRINGES – see SHARPS

## TELEPHONE BOOKS

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### *Yellow Pages*

[yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/stop-yellow-pages/](http://yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/stop-yellow-pages/)

Remove your home and/or office from receiving printed telephone directories.

**All SWANCC communities can recycle phone books in curbside bins.**

Also, see **Recycling Drop-off Centers**

TEXTBOOK REUSE – see BOOKS

## THERMOSTAT RECYCLING

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### *Chicago's permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility*

1150 N Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Call (312) 744-7606 for more information.

Tuesdays: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

1st Saturday of month: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste).

Also accepts thermometers and switches.

### *G & O Thermo Supply Company*

•51 W Seegers Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 439-5242

•5435 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago  
(773) 763-1300

(800) 621-4997

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

Honeywell brands only.

### *GW Berkheimer*

4 E College Dr, Arlington Hts  
(847) 259-5596

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

Wholesale only.

Must be intact. Do not remove bulb.

### *Midway Supply*

5747 W Howard St, Niles  
(847) 588-2421

TIRES – see AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS - Attachment 1

TOOLS – see CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING MATERIAL - DONATION

## TOYS

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## TRANSPARENCIES

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### *3M*

(570) 654-5511

[3M.com](http://3M.com)

Ship used transparency film to:

3M Recycle Program

c/o Gemark

99 Stevens Lane

Exeter, PA 18643

or go to website for shipping label.

### *Wal-Mart*

1455 Lake Cook Rd, Wheeling

(847) 537-5090

Accepts old film.

VIDEO CASSETTES – see COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MEDIA

## VIDEO SYSTEMS/GAMES

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### *GameStop Stores (EB Games)*

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

See website for store locations to trade in old games and accessories

WASHER/DRYER – see APPLIANCES

## WOOD RECYCLING

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### *Davin Industries*

1881 Commerce Dr, Ste 108, Elk Grove Village

(847) 593-8100

Recycles wood pallets, engineered wood and crates, construction and lumber trim, and all untreated wood. No logs are accepted.

### *D K Organics*

30088 N Skokie Hwy, Lake Bluff

(847) 234-5499

Accepts brush, branches, wood chips and logs (maximum 6 feet in length). No stumps, pallets, engineered wood or construction

lumber. Material made into mulches available for purchase.

### *Land and Lakes*

1300 N Milwaukee Ave, Buffalo Grove

(847) 825-5000 or (847) 520-1857

Weekdays: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am – 2:00 pm

Accepts freshly cut grass and landscape material for composting; you can also purchase prescreened and unscreened compost. Do not tie or put in plastic bags. Logs accepted 3-4 feet in length and up to 34 inches in diameter.

## YARDWASTE

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### *D K Organics*

30088 N Skokie Hwy, Lake Bluff

(847) 234-5499

Accepts most organic matter including grass, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips and logs (maximum 6 feet in length). No stumps or food. Also accepts clean fill (must be separated from other organic material.)

### *Mr. K Garden & Material Center*

1440 Higgins Rd, Park Ridge

(847) 692-2118

\$20.00 per cubic yard

Accepts fresh grass, thatch, chips, leaves, branches and brush. Also accepts (but must be separated) branches > 3" in diameter, concrete, rock and dirt. Does not accept old grass.

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