

GENERAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

Why recycle? Recycling conserves natural resources and energy, reduces waste - saving landfill space, cuts pollution and creates jobs.

The first step is to contact your local community to know what materials are accepted for recycling, how to prepare them, and when to set them out.

In most SWANCC community curbside recycling programs, the materials to the right are accepted (see chart on backside of this page):

Comingled Materials

Aluminum Cans
Glass Jars and Bottles
Steel Cans
Milk Jugs
Water and Pop Bottles
Laundry Detergent Bottles

How do I prepare materials for recycling?

- *PRECYCLE*. If it cannot be recycled, avoid buying it in the first place.
- Remove plastic lids and place in the garbage, or collect lids for craft projects and game pieces.
- Steel lids from glass jars and bottles can be recycled - remove from container before placing in your recycling bin or cart.
- Rinse out all bottles, cans and containers.
- Labels **DO NOT** need to be removed from glass, plastic or metal recyclable containers.
- Flatten bulky materials to make more room in your bin or cart for more materials.

Paper Products

Cardboard
Chipboard (cereal boxes)
Junk Mail
Magazines
Newspaper
Office Paper
Phone Books

DO NOT RECYCLE:

- **DO NOT** put broken glass, light bulbs, ceramic cups or dishes, mirrors or windowpanes in your recycling container.
- **DO NOT** put materials with food residue in your recycling container - it contaminates the load, attracting outdoor vermin and can be a health risk.
- **DO NOT** contaminate your recyclables with garbage.

Sources for more information:

- Visit SWANCC's website at www.swancc.org and click on "Green Pages" to find sources for "unique" items to recycle or reuse.
- Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity www.illinoisrecycles.com.

Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

FY2008 SWANCC Recycling Grid Recyclable Materials

Member	Paper Food Carton												Plastic												6pk 12pk					
	ac	alf	bb	c	cb	cat	ch	co	gic	g	jb	jk	mag	np	op	o	pic	pb	pz	pizza carton	plastic bag	P#1	P#2	P#3	P#4	P#5	P#6	P#7	6pk	12pk
Arlington Heights	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Barrington		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Buffalo Grove	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Elk Grove Village	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evanston	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Glencoe		X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Glenview	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hoffman Estates	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inverness		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kenilworth				X				X	X					X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lincolnwood		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Morton Grove	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mt. Prospect	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Niles			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Palatine		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park Ridge	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prospect Heights	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rolling Meadows	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Skokie	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Barrington		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wheeling		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wilmette	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Winnetka	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X