

Green Pages: Reuse and Recycling Directory

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides the *Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory*, a useful resource for residents seeking outlets for items they no longer need. This guide has recently been updated to provide you with the most accurate information possible.

The Reuse and Recycling Directory lists reuse opportunities for books, clothing, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials. This guide also provides information on various aspects of recycling and waste, featuring sections for appliances, batteries, construction debris, electronics, office machines, cartridges, metals, motor oil and many other items.

There are also online avenues to divert materials from the waste stream such as freecycle.org, that are used to post items to be purchased or picked up for free.

- [1800Recycling](#)
- [Craiglist](#)
- [Earth911](#)
- [Ebay](#)
- [Ecycling Central](#)
- [Freecycle](#)
- [Neighborrow](#)
- [Yerdle](#)
- [Zealous Good](#)

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

Appliances

Abt Electronics

1200 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

(847) 967-8830

abt.com

Recycling drop-offs can be made during regular store hours at the merchandise pick-up entrance.

Recycling Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Closed: Wednesday and Sunday

Recycles most electronics, large appliances and small appliances (e.g., computers, hair dryers, microwaves, toasters, humidifiers), cardboard, paper, white polystyrene (styrofoam), batteries, wood pallets and industrial plastic packaging material. There might be a small charge on TVs depending on the size. Please bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building. Abt does not accept glass, light bulbs including Christmas lights, cd/dvd/vhs tapes, and styrofoam peanuts.

Best Buy Haul-Away and Pickup

bestbuy.com

Best Buy will remove and recycle large appliances for a \$14.99 per unit fee when a replacement appliance is delivered by Geek Squad or Best Buy Delivery. A stand-alone pickup without buying a replacement appliance at Best Buy is \$99.99. See website for further information.

Illinois Recycling Services

(708) 314-8624

illinoisrecyclingservices.com

Recycles TVs, scrap computers, appliances, and other electronics for a fee. See website for pricing and additional information.

Joe's Scrap Metal Pickup Service

(708) 300-5898

Pickup service available. Call Joe for pricing information.

Salvation Army

•[1035 E. Rand Rd.](#) Arlington Heights

•[6715 W Dempster.](#) Morton Grove

•[4335 Oakton.](#) Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Accepts appliances in good working condition only. Also accepts bicycles, clothing, household goods, tools, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), and furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair). Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Sims Metal Management

[2500 South Paulina, Chicago IL 60608](#)

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

(773) 254-1200

simsmm.com

Accepts white goods including washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers (commercial and residential), electronics, heating/cooling appliances, ferrous metals, and non ferrous metals.

Steel Recycling Institute

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

recycle-steel.org

Call or visit the website for questions about recycling

SWANCC Glenview Transfer Station

3 Providence Way, Des Plaines 60016

(847) 724-9205

swancc.org

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

In addition to disposing of refuse and debris, residents may drop off white goods such as refrigerators, washers and dryers on a fee per item basis. Call or visit the website for pricing and additional information.

The Glenview Transfer Station is located on the east side of Des Plaines River Road, just north of Central Road, directly across the street from the Maryville Academy.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

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

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

Illinois Department of Public Health

(217) 782-3517

idph.state.il.us

Illinois EPA Environmental Helpline

(800) 252-3998

epa.state.il.us

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

NO LATEX PAINT

Accepts asbestos materials (in a size that will fit in a 55-gallon drum; not in excess of 50 pounds). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See website for details.

(630) 420-6095

naperville.il.us

Small Business Environmental Assistance Helpline

(800) 252-3998

dceo.sbeap@illinois.gov

illinois.gov

Automobile Donation

1-800-Charity Cars

(800) 242-7489

800charitycars.org

Donate vehicles to struggling families. Accept vehicles in any condition and offers free towing nationwide.

American Lung Association of Greater Chicago

(800) 586-4227

lung.org

Donate cars, trucks and SUVs are accepted in any condition. For other vehicle donations (e.g., RVs, boats), they require an examination by the association before being accepted. Fill out the form or call.

Cars for a Cure

(888) 227-5500

cancer.org

Donate running and not-running vehicles to help fund research, education, advocacy, and free patient services programs.

Habitat for Humanity Cars for Homes

(877) 277-4344

habitat.org

Accepts cars, motorcycles, trucks, boats and RVs. Construction and farm equipment are also accepted.

Lambs Farm

(847) 362-4636

lambsfarm.org

Accepts cars, trucks and RVs. Free towing is available.

Salvation Army

(800) 728-7825

satruck.org

Accepts car, boat and other vehicle donations in any condition. Type of vehicles accepted varies by location. Call for donation information.

Vehicles For Veterans

(855) 811-4838

vehiclesforveterans.org

A nonprofit car donation program that benefits disabled veterans with the proceeds from donated vehicles.

Wheels for Wishes

(877) 431-9474

wheelsforwishes.org

Proceeds from the sale of your car, truck, motorcycle, SUV, RV or boat benefit the local Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Automotive Products

Arlington Heights:

Dakota Auto Repair and Tire

3450 N Old Arlington Heights Rd

(847) 398-4645

Accepts car batteries and oil, antifreeze and gasoline in small quantities at no cost; \$3.50 per average car tire.

Dakota K Auto Repair

1804 W Northwest Hwy

(847) 255-8511

Accepts oil and gasoline up to 2 gallons, antifreeze and car batteries at no cost; From \$2.50 to \$3.50 per tire depending on size.

O'Reilly Auto

75 W Golf Rd

(847) 758-9539

oreillyauto.com/store-services

Accepts motor oil, automotive batteries, transmission fluid, gear oil, and oil filters for no charge. For more information visit their website or call.

Pep Boys

375 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

(847) 577-8494

Accepts oil up to 5 gallons, antifreeze up to 2 gallons and car batteries 3 or less at no cost; \$2.85 per tire. Call for more information.

Chicago:

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 auto fluids (used motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze) and car batteries.

Elk Grove Village:

Elk Grove Marathon Service

1195 Rohlwing Rd

(847) 301-0058

Accepts antifreeze, gasoline, and car batteries at no cost; oil for \$1/gallon; \$4.00 per tire. Call for more information.

Evanston:

400 Super Service

1310 Sherman Ave

(847) 869-5560

Accepts oil, car batteries and gasoline at no cost.

Duxler Car Care Center

2620 Green Bay Rd

(847) 869-3200

Accepts oil, antifreeze, gasoline and car batteries at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

The Auto Doctor

2116 Ashland

(847) 491-9600

Accepts oil and gasoline at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Glenview:

C&M Auto Service

835 Milwaukee Ave

(847) 724-6311

Accepts oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline and car batteries at no cost; \$2.50 per tire.

Hoffman Estates:

Acorn Tire

100 E Higgins Rd

(847) 882-0600

Accepts tires at \$3.50 per tire. Also accepts oil, antifreeze, and car batteries for a \$2.50 charge.

Lincolnwood:

Jiffy Lube

4019 W Touhy

(847) 674-2322

Accepts oil, antifreeze and car batteries at no cost; \$2.50 per tire.

Morton Grove:

Harlem Shermer Service

9021 Harlem

(847) 965-4388

Accepts oil, gasoline and car batteries at no cost.

Just Tires

9246 Waukegan Rd

(847) 965-2757

Accepts tires only at \$4.00 per tire.

Mount Prospect:

Autozone

1735 W Golf Rd

(847) 718-1841

Accepts oil at no cost and car batteries for store credit.

Just Tires

102 E Rand Rd

(847) 392-8181

Accepts tires at \$4.00 per tire.

O'Reilly Auto Parts

1 E Rand Rd

(847) 398-3203

Accepts oil (5-gallon limit) and oil filters at no cost.

US Automotive

101 E Rand Rd

(847) 577-6525

Accepts car batteries only at no cost.

Niles:

Niles Marathon Service

7300 Waukegan Rd

(847) 647-8186

Accepts car batteries only at no cost.

Oil Express

8430 W Dempster St

(847) 827-0500

Accepts oil, antifreeze, and car batteries at no cost.

O'Reilly Auto Parts

797 Civic Center Dr

(847) 470-1317

Accepts oil, oil filters and car batteries at no cost.

Palatine:

Advanced Automotive

300 W Colfax St

(847) 776-3566

Accepts oil, antifreeze and car batteries at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Busch Auto Service

137 S Northwest Hwy

(847) 358-1234

Accepts oil, antifreeze, car batteries and gasoline at no cost; \$2.00 per tire.

Palatine Shell Service

7 E Palatine (& Plum Grove Rd)

(847) 358-4299

Accepts oil, antifreeze and car batteries at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Park Ridge:

Kris Touhy Amoco

1220 W Touhy Ave

(847) 823-0344

Accepts car batteries at a small cost; oil and antifreeze at \$1.00 per gallon; \$2.50 per tire.

Skokie:

Golf-Crawford Auto Service

9555 Crawford Ave

(847) 679-8862

Accepts small amounts of oil, antifreeze, gasoline and car batteries at no cost; \$4.95 per tire.

Oakton & Hamlin Auto

3800 Oakton St

(847) 673-3278

Accepts oil and gasoline at \$1 per gallon, antifreeze, and car batteries at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Interstate Batteries of Chicagoland

8056 N Central Pk

(847) 673-6993

Accepts car batteries at no cost.

Wheeling:

Checkpoint Tire

723 W Dundee

(847) 541-2122

Accepts car batteries \$8 per battery, tires at \$4 per tire, and oil at no charge.

Jiffy Lube

10 E Dundee Rd

(847) 229-9203

Accepts oil and antifreeze at no cost.

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Batteries

SWANCC has established a Residential Battery Recycling Program for alkaline and rechargeable batteries for member communities. Alkaline batteries may also be disposed of safely in the garbage.

Additional resources for battery recycling are listed below:

All Batteries:

Abt Electronics

1200 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

(847) 967-8830

abt.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Closed: Wednesday and Sunday

Also recycles most electronics, large appliances and small appliances (e.g., computers, hair dryers, microwaves, toasters, humidifiers), cardboard, white polystyrene (styrofoam) and plastic packaging material. There is a fee for TVs based on size, check website for prices. Large quantities of computers or other electronics will also be accepted, at a cost of \$0.40 per pound. Please bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building. Abt does not accept glass, light bulbs including Christmas lights, cd/dvd/vhs tapes, and styrofoam peanuts.

Batteries Plus

•905 E Rand Rd., Mount Prospect

(847) 818-0659.

•409 S Rand Road, Lake Zurich

(847) 550-6545

Accepts Lead acid (Pb) Batteries, Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) Batteries, Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) Batteries, and Lithium Ion (Li Ion) & Lithium Polymer. See specific locations for details more details.

batteriesplus.com

Battery Solutions

(800) 852-8127

Provides pre-paid buckets for battery recycling.

batterysolutions.com

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

Residential waste only (no business/commercial sector waste)

Accepts all types of batteries, except alkaline (household). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

NO LATEX PAINT

Accepts batteries(including automotive, marine, and sump pump). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

(630) 420-4190

naperville.il.us

Car Batteries (Lead- Acid Batteries):

See also Automotive Products for service stations that accept car batteries at no cost.

Interstate Batteries of Chicagoland

8056 N Central Park, Skokie

(847) 673-6993

interstatebattery.com

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Accepts lead acid (automotive), alkaline, Ni-Cd, and lithium batteries at no cost.

Hearing Aid/Watch Batteries (button cell) (Lithium Ion/Mercury Batteries):

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 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

Recycling kiosks are available at all stores for rechargeable batteries, see website for more details.

Call 2 Recycle
(877) 273-2925
call2recycle.org

Enter zip code for participating locations.

Businesses, retailers and schools may participate. Accepts most rechargeable batteries. Also recycles cell phones.

Lowe's
lowes.com

Accepts rechargeable batteries at in-store recycling centers. Also recycles CFLs, and plastic shopping bags.

NOTE: Many 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.

Bicycles

Goodwill Industries
1551 N Dryden Ave., Arlington Heights
(847) 670-7311
amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, musical instruments, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

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, office supplies and old t-shirts (for rags).

Salvation Army

- 250 W Rand Rd. Arlington Heights

- 6715 W Dempster. Morton Grove

- 4335 Oakton. Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Also accepts clothing, household goods, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair) and appliances in good working condition only. Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

West Town Bikes

2459 W Division. Chicago

(773) 772-4870

westtownbikes.org/donate

Donate old bikes to fund and support youth bike programming in Chicago area. Call to arrange drop-off or request a pickup.

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 include:

- *Village Cycle Sport*

1326 N Rand Rd. Arlington Heights

(847) 398-1650

villagecyclesport.com

- *Wheel & Sprocket*

1027 Davis St. Evanston

(847) 864-7660

wheelandsprocket.com

- *Dan Thompson's House*

2518 W Lake Ave. Glenview

(847) 998-0647

- *Glenview Cycle*

1011 Harlem Ave. Glenview

(847) 998-5900
glenviewcycle.com

•*Phil Kaplan's House*
1527 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park
(847) 433-2453
phil@workingbikes.org

•*Trek Bicycle Store*
1925 Skokie Valley Rd., Highland Park
(847) 433-8735
trekhp.com

•*RRB Cycles*
562 Green Bay Rd., Kenilworth
(847) 251-7878
[RRB's Facebook](#)

•*Gary VanDeVusse*
1802 Wood Lane., Mount Prospect
(847) 299-4121

•*L.L. Bean, The Arboretum of South Barrington*
100 W Higgins Rd., South Barrington
(888) 552-5548
llbean.com

•*Green Bay Cycles*
999 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka
(847) 446-7433
greenbaycycles.com

Working Bikes also accepts donations of bike parts at its warehouse/shop facility at 2434 S Western Ave any time during normal business hours, 12-7pm Wednesday and Thursday, 12-5 pm Friday and Saturday. To arrange to have your donated bicycles collected, call during business hours at (773) 847-5440, ext. 2.

Bike Chains and Inner Tubes:

Alchemy Goods
alchemygoods.com

Upcycles bicycle inner tubes, into useful products. Contact Recycling Coordinator via website.

Resource Revival

resourcerevival.com

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

Books

Donation:

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

Book Rescue (SCARCE)

799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 2, Ste 108, Glen Ellyn

(630) 545-9710

scarcecoed.org

SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) accepts all books in any condition. Schools or organizations working with children in need are welcome to choose books free of charge.

See "Tools for Schools" section on website (scarcecoed.org/tools) for a list of other items needed. Please call ahead for all donations.

Discover Books

discoverbooks.com

Collects books for resale, donation to community non-profits and/or recycling. See website for bin locations.

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts bicycles, computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, musical instruments, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Lincoln Middle School

200 S. Lincoln, Park Ridge

A bin is located on the Western Avenue side of the campus near the school parking lot. Unwanted books, workbooks or textbooks, and CDs or DVDs in any condition, can be donated. Open 24 hours. Funds received from the Reuse Books organization will be used to expand recycling efforts in Lincoln's lunchroom and classrooms.

Open Books

(312) 243-9776

open-books.org

Sales of donated books (including college textbooks and encyclopedias) support literacy programs for students of all ages. Put books in drop boxes listed on website or see website for other donation alternatives. Also accepts LPs, CDs, and DVDs in good playable condition.

They do not accept: encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauruses, sets of law books, magazines / journals, VHS tapes, or pre-college (K-12) textbooks

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Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs).

Call 1-800-728-7825 to find out the nearest drop off location or to schedule bulk pickups.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities

need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Resale and Recycling:

Abe Books

abebooks.com

Accepts all books including textbooks.

North Park Village Recycling Station

5801 N Pulaski, Chicago

(773) 821-1351

resourcecenterchicago.org

10:00 am – 4:00 pm daily

Book mobile – Donate and/or take books.

Also accepts aluminum and stainless steel cans; brown, clear and green glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles (#1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7); newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper and cardboard.

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

Textbook Reuse/Buy-Back:

Follett Educational Services

1433 Internationale Pkwy, Woodridge

(800) 621-4272

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.

Textbook Recycling

textbookrecycling.com

Buy, sell or rent textbooks. See website for details.

Carpet/Padding

Many major carpet manufacturers offer exchange programs. When purchasing new carpet, ask your supplier about recycling the old carpet. Freecycle (freecycle.org) and Habitat for Humanity (chicagolandhabitat.org) are other options.

The following public drop-offs for carpet and padding include:

C&D Recycling

2300 Carlson Dr., Northbrook

(847) 291-1222

cd-recycling.com

Accepts carpet and padding. Material needs to be clean and dry.

Open to public.

Call for pricing.

Carpet Cushions

carpetcushions.com

•1520 Pratt, Elk Grove Village

(847) 364-6760

•3423 N Drake, Chicago

(773) 267-7327

Accepts bonded urethane and prime urethane found in carpet padding, foam mattresses or cushions (foam must be uncovered). Material must be clean and dry. Call for quote on per pound pricing.

K. Hoving Recycling and Disposal

2351 Powis Rd., West Chicago

(1/8 North of Route 64 on Powis Rd)

(630) 377-7000

khoving.com

Accepts carpet and padding. Material needs to be clean and dry.

Open to public.

Call for pricing.

PCI Flortech, Inc.

910 National Ave., Addison

(630) 458-0760

pciflortech.com

Carpet reclamation program takes care of removing and transporting old flooring to their center. Call to get a quote.

Zion Landfill

701 Green Bay Rd., Zion

(847) 623-3870

Accepts carpet and padding. Material needs to be clean and dry.

Open to public. See website for pricing.
advanceddisposal.com/il/zion/zion-landfill

Cartridges/Ink Toner

Contact your local school district for donation opportunities.

Avenues to Independence (Recycling Avenue)

444 Mercantile Court, Wheeling

(847) 541-5250, x 115

avenuestoindependence.org

Provides support and job opportunities for the physically challenged. Accepts inkjet cartridges and ink toners. Also accepts a variety of electronics including, but not limited to, cell and house phones, laptops, MP3 players, cameras, GPS devices, graphic calculators, Apple products, game consoles, rechargeable batteries and radar detectors. See link for locations and information about starting a recycling campaign to benefit Avenues.

Best Buy

bestbuy.com

Recycling kiosks are available at all stores for rechargeable batteries, inkjet and toner cartridges and wires, cords and cables.

Cartridge World

744 E Dundee Rd, Palatine

(847) 202-0008

cartridgeworld.com

Accepts original equipment manufacturer (OEM) cartridges only.

Funding Factory

fundingfactory.com

Educational and nonprofit fundraising organizations can earn funds for technology, classroom equipment and cash. Accepts inkjet and laser cartridges and various electronics. See website for list of items accepted and registration information.

Garvey's Office Products "Recycle for a Reason" Program

garveys.com

Toner and electronics recycling program raises money for local charities. Recyclables are picked up when Garvey office supplies are delivered. See website for acceptable materials.

Hewlett-Packard

hp.com

Check inside HP inkjet and laser jet cartridge boxes for return materials. Postage-paid return shipping labels are also available on website. Can also be dropped off at Staples, Office Max, Walmart, or Best Buy.

Midwest Laser Cartridge Corporation

9 South Fairview Ave, Ste 204, Park Ridge

(847) 292-2274

midwestlasercartridgecorp.com

Recycles inkjet, toner and fax cartridges. Also recycles printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines and computer electronics.

Office Depot

officedepot.com

Recycling Rewards are available for recycling qualified ink/toner cartridges. See website for details.

Staples

staples.com

Offers \$2 in Staples Rewards for any brand of ink or toner cartridge, up to 10 per month. Also offers free recycling for rechargeable batteries and for older electronics. See website for items accepted.

Food Scrap/Composting/Yard Waste*Collective Resource*

847-773-7665

collectiveresource.us

Service area: East of Interstate 94/41 from Lake Forest to Hyde Park

Collects food waste and compostable products from homes, businesses, and institutions and takes them to a commercial composting site. See other compost service providers at Illinoiscomposts.org.

DK Organics

29307 N Skokie Hwy, Lake Bluff

(847) 234-5499

dkorganics.com

Accepts most organic matter including grass, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips and logs (maximum 6 feet in length). Material made into compost and mulches, available for purchase. Call for pricing.

JKS Ventures, Inc. (C&D Recycling)

3800 W. Lake Street, Melrose Park

(708) 338-3408

jksventures.com

An IEPA-approved transfer station, JKS also accepts construction debris for recycling and reuse and purchases scrap metal. Call for information and pricing.

Mr. K Garden & Material Center

1440 Higgins Rd., Park Ridge

(847) 692-2118

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. Call for pricing.

Construction/Building Material Donation

Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse

2101 Dempster, Evanston

(847) 864-9246

evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org

Non-profit organization sells reclaimed building materials at low cost, which supports education, job-training and job-development programs. See website or call for a list of accepted building materials and appliances to donate.

Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity ReStore

chicagolandhabitat.org

(312) 265-6625

The list of acceptable donations changes depending on inventory, so call or see website for list of donations accepted, hours of operation, and criteria for donations. Please call to confirm a drop-off appointment.

The ReBuilding Exchange

1740 W Webster, Chicago

(773) 252-2234

rebuildingexchange.org

The mission of the ReBuilding Exchange is to divert building materials from the waste stream and make them accessible to the public for reuse, protecting community health, creating jobs and saving resources. See website for accepted donation material and hours of operation.

Salvation Army

•[250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights](#)

•[6715 W Dempster, Morton Grove](#)

•[4335 Oakton, Skokie](#)

usc.salvationarmy.org

Accepts tools and supplies, not wood or building materials. Also accepts appliances in good working condition, bicycles, clothing, household goods, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), and furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair). Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Construction/Demolition Recycling

BlueEarth Deconstruction

(630) 200-5889

blueearthdeconstruction.com

Provides sustainable & economical deconstruction services, recovering usable building materials for reuse. Call to learn more about home deconstruction.

Crush-Crete, Inc.

[600 S Lombard Rd, Addison](#)

(630) 627-1713

crush-crete.com

Accepts waste concrete and asphalt to recycle into aggregate for roadway subbase material. Call for more information.

Cook County Demolition Sales

(847) 795-9139

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).

Davin Industries

(847) 993-3060

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

Call for pickup and pricing information.

JKS Ventures, Inc. (C&D Recycling)

2035 Indian Boundary Dr., Melrose Park

(708) 338-3408

jksventures.com

An IEPA-approved transfer station, JKS provides construction debris removal services for recycling and reuse. Company also accepts landscaping debris and purchases scrap metal. Call for information and pricing.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems

2300 Carlson Dr., Northbrook

(847) 291-1222

lrsrecycles.com

Accepts construction and demolition debris co-mingled or separated, including brick, cardboard, concrete, dirt, drywall, E-waste, glass, lumber, metal, paper, railroad ties, stone, tires, wire, and wood. Call for information and pricing.

MBL Recycling, Inc.

630 S Hicks Rd., Palatine

(847) 776-1500

mblrecycling.com

Accepts all construction and demolition material, including drywall, plumbing fixtures, concrete, brick, cardboard, wood and roofing shingles. Materials may be commingled in the same container. Call for more information and pricing.

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.

(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. Call for more information or fill out their form.

Orange Crush, L.L.C.

231 S Wheeling Rd. Wheeling

(847) 537-7900

orangecrushllc.com

Accepts clean broken concrete and clean broken asphalt with the purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt material. Call for more information and pricing.

Republic Services

2101 S Busse Rd. Mount Prospect

847-981-0091

republicservices.com

Accepts large loads of all materials depending on containers.

Salvage One

1840 W Hubbard, Chicago

(312) 733-0098

salvageone.com

Specializes in removal and deconstruction. For information, call or contact via email staff@salvageone.com.

TKG Environmental

345 Lakewood Ave, Waukegan

(847) 505-1400

<https://www.tkgservices.com/>

Order roll-off dumpsters for delivery to meet any construction or clean-up need. Call or visit website for more information or pricing.

Computer Software/Media

Contact companies for pricing and to find out exactly what is accepted at any given time.

Alternative Community Training, Inc. (ACT)

(314) 707-9474

amvacstl.com

Recycle VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs and plastic storage cases for tapes and discs through an organization that provides jobs veterans. See website for details and pricing.

Back Thru the Future

backthruthefuture.com

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

Best Buy

bestbuy.com

Recycling kiosks are available at all stores for CDs, rechargeable batteries, inkjet and toner cartridges and wires, cords and cables.

CD Recycling Center of America

cdrecycling.org

Recycle CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, cell phones, inkjet cartridges and assorted other media materials. See website for details.

Disc Replay

1418 Butterfield Rd, Downers Grove

discreplay.com

Buys and sells used tablets, digital cameras, DVD and blu-ray movies, CDs, video games, video game systems and accessories.

GreenDisk

(800) 305-DISK (3475)

greendisk.com

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

MRC Polymers

3307 S Lawndale, Chicago

(773) 890-9000

mrcpolymers.com

Accepts CDs. Call for more information.

Ripstyles

(855) 451-3702

ripstyle.com

Converts CDs to digital format. Recycles cases. Prices vary depending on volume.

Second Spin

secondspin.com

Buys and sells used CDs, DVDs and games.

Vintage Vinyl Records

[925 Davis St, Evanston](http://925DavisStEvanston.com)

(847) 328-2899

vymo.com

Buys and sells records – no CDs or DVDs.

Cell Phones/Accessories

AT&T

wireless.att.com

Website lists AT&T-operated stores and participating dealer stores for dropping off cell phones, accessories and batteries for recycling, regardless of manufacturer or carrier. AT&T customers may trade in old phones and tablets for AT&T promotion cards, to be used for AT&T goods and services.

Avenues to Independence (Recycling Avenue)

[444 Mercantile Ct, Wheeling](http://444MercantileCtWheeling.com)

(847) 541-5250, x115

avenuestoindependence.org

Provides support and job opportunities for the physically challenged. Accepts inkjet cartridges and ink toners. Also accepts a variety of electronics including, but not limited to, cell and house phones, laptops, MP3 players, cameras, GPS devices, graphic calculators, Apple products, game consoles, rechargeable batteries and radar detectors. See link for locations and information about starting a recycling campaign to benefit Avenues.

Best Buy

bestbuy.com

Recycling kiosks at all stores for rechargeable batteries, inkjet and toner cartridges and wires, cords and cables.

Cell Phones for Seniors Program

(708) 974-6042

cookcountysheriff.org

Sheriff Tom Dart is collecting used cell phones to distribute as 911 Emergency phones for at-risk Cook County senior citizens. Call or visit website for drop-off locations.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

(678) 580-1976

cellphonesforsoldiers.com

Donated gently-used mobile phones are sold to recycling partner Mindful eCycling. Money received is used to purchase calling cards and other communication tools for the U.S. military.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

[1150 N North Branch St, Chicago](http://1150NNorthBranchSt.Chicago)

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Funding Factory

fundingfactory.com

Educational and nonprofit fundraising organizations can earn funds for technology, classroom equipment and cash. Accepts inkjet and laser cartridges and various electronics. See website for list of items accepted and registration information.

Lowe's

lowes.com

Accepts all used cell phones at in-store recycling centers. Also recycles CFLs, rechargeable batteries, plastic shopping bags and plastic plant trays and pots.

Motorola Race to Recycle Program

motorola.com

Accepts all brands of mobile phones, tablets and accessories for recycling. You can also return Motorola brand cordless phones, modems and routers. Printable pre-paid postage shipping labels are available on the website.

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.

Sell My Cell Phones

sellmycellphones.com

Independent comparison engine finds the best price for cell phones by comparing prices among a variety of reputable cell phone recycling companies.

Sprint Stores

sprint.com

Sell or donate your phone to help the Sprint Foundation that provides free mobile devices to 1 million low-income, U.S. high school students that lack reliable internet access at home.

Staples

staples.com

Also offers free recycling for rechargeable batteries and for older electronics. See link for items accepted.

T-Mobile

t-mobile.com

Bring any carrier's cell phones, accessories, tablets and notebooks to a T-Mobile store for free recycling.

Verizon

verizon.com

Hopeline program refurbishes and recycles any brand cell phones and accessories. With funds raised, Verizon donates wireless phones and airtime to victims of domestic violence. Used phones can be returned to any Verizon Wireless store, or go to website

to print free postage-paid label. Phones may also be traded in for Verizon wireless electronic gift cards.

Wireless Alliance

thewirelessalliance.com

Accepts all cell phones, chargers, batteries and accessories. See website for details.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Cloth Diapers

Green Diaper Babies

2021 W. Fulton St. K-107, Chicago

773-DIAPERS (773-342-7377)

greendiaperbabies.com

Green Diaper Babies is a weekly delivery service, bringing clean diapers to the doorstep for both city and suburb families of Chicago. We do the dirty work for you! We are a friendly, family oriented business hoping to benefit the environment and each family we work with. Join us in our attempt to reduce waste, reuse, and improve the health of babies in Chicagoland.

Green Lil' Bums

210 Penny Ave, East Dundee

(815) 529-1293

greenlilbums.com

Weekly cloth diaper delivery service that delivers clean diapers and launders used diapers. Call or see website for more information.

Clothing/Textile Recycling

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

Donation:*Amvets*

(708) 388-7800

amvetpickup.com

Call or see website for pickup service information.

*Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe*7710 W Touhy, Chicago

(773) 631-6230

avenuestoindependence.org

All proceeds from the shop support residential and work programs for developmentally disabled adults. Donations of clothing and household items accepted at the back door Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. See the website for more details.

*Christ Church of Winnetka*470 Maple St, Winnetka

(847) 446-2850

christchurchwinnetka.org

Drop off room will be reopened on Monday, October 23.

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Annual rummage sale benefits 60 charities in the Chicagoland area.

Call to schedule furniture pickups.

Dress for Success

70 E. Lake Street, Suite 900, Chicago

(312) 527-0925

dressforsuccess.org

Accepts ready-to-wear professional women's clothing and accessories for distribution to low-income women to help them gain employment. See website for donation days and wish list.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago Savers Programepilepsyfoundation.org

The Foundation offers counseling and educational services to people with epilepsy and their families.

Savers accepts clothing, small appliances, household goods, books, sporting goods and small items of furniture. See website to schedule pick-ups and for acceptable items for donation. Locations for drop-off bins are also listed.

Glass Slipper Project

glassslipperproject.org

Accepts gently-used prom dresses, jewelry, shoes, and accessories which are distributed at "boutiques" each prom season. To donate, bag dresses and accessories, label the bag "PROM" in permanent marker, and drop-off donations in any USAgain donation bins. For bin locations visit usagain.com.

Glenview Community Church Resale Shop

[1000 Elm St, Glenview](#)

(847) 724-2638

gccucc.org/resale.html

Accepts clothing, jewelry and small housewares during business hours.

Goodwill Industries

[1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights](#)

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, musical instruments, bicycles, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Lucille Resale

[1101 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights](#)

(847) 749-2928

shoplucille.org

Donations of quality clothing, furniture and household items benefit Holy Family grade school. Donations are accepted during store hours and free furniture pickup service is available. See website for more details.

Lamb's Farm Cedar Chest Thrift Shop

[14245 W Rockland Rd, Libertyville](#)

(847) 327-9053

lambsfarm.org

Daily Donations Accepted: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Also accepts housewares, home decor and furniture in good condition. See website for more information to what is acceptable.

Northshore Exchange

372 Hazel Ave. Glencoe

(847) 835-0026

northshoreexchange.org

Accepts donations of high-end clothing, housewares and furniture. Call first.

Salvation Army

•250 W Rand Rd. Arlington Heights

•6715 W Dempster. Morton Grove

•4335 Oakton. Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Also accepts bicycles, household goods, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair) and appliances in good working condition only. Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Second Time Around

4123 Oakton St. Skokie

(847) 673-3172

shores2ndtime.com

Benefits SHORE Community Services, which provides services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Please call first.

Sparrow's Nest

275 E Northwest Hwy. Palatine

(847) 705-6852

homeofthesparrow.org

Provides housing and support services to homeless and low income women and children.

Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Thrift House of Junior League*920 Chicago Ave., Evanston

(847) 328-5778

jle-ns.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Accepts clothing, housewares and small furniture.

*Twice Blest Thrift Shop*27 E Northwest Hwy., Palatine

(847) 934-1140

misericordia.com

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Proceeds benefit Misericordia.

Accepts clothing, housewares, books (no textbooks or encyclopedias), small electronics and furniture (no pickup service).

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

(800) 459-8387

vva.org

Call or visit website to schedule pickup. Clothing, shoes, household items, and more accepted.

WINGS Resale

Helps homeless and abused women and children.

8349 W Golf Rd., Niles

(847) 965-1454

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

1302 N. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights

(847) 963-0861

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

300 W. Golf Rd., Schaumburg

(847) 884-7411

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wingsprogram.com

(847) 519-7820 x 353

Call individual store, Jan, or visit website for more information.

Winnetka Thrift Shop

992 Green Bay Rd, Winnetka

(847) 446-7787

Proceeds benefit the counseling and psychotherapy program at Family Service.

familyservicewn.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, home decor and books are accepted.

Please call first.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Check with other donation sources:

- 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:

Crossroads

1730 Sherman Ave, Evanston

(847) 492-9400

crossroadstrading.com

Consign or trade gently used clothing. Call or see website for more information.

My Sister's Closet

5413 W. Devon Ave, Chicago

(773) 774-5050

<http://mysistersclosetchicago.com/consign>

Consign gently used clothing. Call or see website for more information.

New For You

1915 Plum Grove Rd. Rolling Meadows

(847) 358-7899

Consignment only. Call first.

Textile Recycling:

Chicago Textile Recycling

(708) 544-7247

chicagotextilerecycling.com

Conducts fundraisers for recycling clothing and household textiles. Gently worn clothing is wholesaled or exported, while worn/damaged articles are recycled into wiping cloths or fibers. Website details items needed.

USAgain

usagain.com

A for-profit 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. Shoes in any condition are also accepted. See website to find a collection bin.

Grease Trap

Keeping grease and cooking oil out of sewer systems benefits both residents and municipalities by reducing the costs associated with oil and grease build-up in the systems. Cooking oil sticks to sewer pipes, causing clogs and breaks that are costly for homeowners and municipalities to fix. Oils and grease also interfere with processes at wastewater treatment facilities.

The following businesses offer grease trap and fryer oil collection services. Please call for further details concerning time of operation and permissible materials.

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 US Hwy 14. Crystal Lake

(847) 639-2700, x6

Accepts residential cooking oil. Also accepts used motor oil that is free of chlorinated solvents and not combined with anything else.

Last Saturday of month from April - October, 8:00 am till noon.

A & J Sewer

1055 Courtesy Ln., Wheeling

(847) 537-9090

ajsewer.net

Grease trap services. Also accepts residential cooking oil when dropped off at address above.

Aurora Tallow Inc.

(630) 393-6806

aurorataallow.com

Disposal of vegetable and cooking oil only. Primarily geared to business/commercial, but residents may email aurorataallow@live.com for sites to dispose of large amounts of residential cooking oil.

Black Gold Septic

Batavia

(630) 879-3743

blackgoldseptic.com

Grease trap only.

Darling Restaurant Services

(708) 388-3223

darlingii.com

Grease trap only.

Kaluzny Bros. Inc.

2324 Mound Rd., Rockdale

(815) 744-1453

Grease trap only.

Mahoney Environmental

712 Essington Rd., Joliet

(800) 892-9392

mahoneyenvironmental.com

Collects used cooking oil, food processing liquids, and fat/bone collections.

M.W. Hopkins & Sons, Inc.

9150 Pyott, Lake in the Hills

(847) 458-1010

hopkinsgrease.com

Individual residents may drop off used cooking oil at above address free of charge, or call to find closer available sites.

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

NO LATEX PAINT

Accepts peanut oil. This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

(630) 420-4190

naperville.il.us

Tierra Environmental & Industrial Services

3821 Indianapolis Blvd, East Chicago, IN

(888) 551-1998

tierra-environmental.com

Grease trap only.

Crayon Recycling

Crazy Crayons, LLC

(952) 847-0455

crazycrayons.com

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

Super Crayons (SCARCE)

799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 2, Ste 108, Glen Ellyn

(630) 545-9710

scarcecoed.org

Sponsored by SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). Using donated broken crayons, volunteers create large crayons for children with special needs.

SCARCE also accepts any and all books in any condition. Schools or organizations working with children in need are welcome to choose books free of charge.

See "Tools for Schools" section on website (scarcecoed.org/tools) for a list of other items needed. Please call ahead for all donations.

Miscellaneous**Bubble Mailers and Cushion Wrap (Scotch brand):**

scotchbrand.com

Recycle Scotch brand mailers and cushion wrap by mailing to:

Scotch Recycling Program

3131 Cincinnati Dayton Rd

Middletown, OH 45044

or see website for drop-off locations.

Candy and Cookie Wrappers:

terracycle.net/zerowaste

See website for details.

Corks:

Whole Foods Market has partnered with Cork ReHarvest to collect and recycle some of the 13 billion natural corks produced each year. Call individual store regarding participation.

Dairy Product Tubs:

terracycle.net/dairytubs

See website for details.

Disposable Diaper Packaging (Huggies):

terracycle.net/disposable diapers

See website for details.

Drink Pouches:

terracycle.net/drinkpouches

See website for details.

Glue Containers:

terracycle.net/gluecontainers

See website for details.

Legal Issues:

IEPA Helpline

(888) 372-1996

Lunch Kits:

terracycle.net/lunchkits

See website for details.

Preserve "Gimme 5" Plastics:

Locations of bins for recycling #5 plastics (e.g., yogurt containers, hummus tubs) are provided:

preserve.com/gimme5

Tape Dispensers and Cores:

terracycle.net/dispensers

See website for details.

Vases:

chicago.randomactsofflowers.org

Accepts medium sized vases which are used for bouquets delivered in the community.

See website for details.

Water Filters:

Select Whole Foods locations recycle Brita water filters. Call individual stores for details.

Whirlpool has partnered with g2 Revolution to recycle refrigerator water filters.

g2.com

Writing Instruments:

terracycle.net/writinginstruments

See website for details.

Electronics Donation

Assistive Technology Exchange Network (E-cycling Central)

7550 W 183rd St., Tinley Park

(708) 444-8460, x231

ecyclingcentral.com

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

Avenues to Independence (Recycling Avenue)

444 Mercantile Court., Wheeling

(847) 541-5250, x115

avenuestoindependence.org

Provides support and job opportunities for the physically challenged. Accepts inkjet cartridges and ink toners. Also accepts a variety of electronics including, but not limited to, cell and house phones, laptops, MP3 players, cameras, GPS devices, graphic calculators, Apple products, game consoles, rechargeable batteries and radar detectors. See link for locations and information about starting a recycling campaign to benefit Avenues.

eWorks Electronics Services, Inc.

1201 Estes St., Elk Grove Village

(855) 213-8348

eworksesi.org

Provides green-tech jobs for people with developmental disabilities. This unique program offers companies an opportunity to benefit the disabled and responsibly

recycle end-of-life assets simultaneously. The mission is to teach, support and advocate for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to make life choices, exercise independence and develop responsibility. Call or visit website for services provided, materials accepted and to schedule pickups.

Free Geek Chicago, Inc.

3411 W Diversey, Chicago

(773) 342-6205

freegeekchicago.org/donate

Not-for-profit organization recycles used computers and parts to provide computers, education and job skills training. They accept computers, tablets, keyboards, cell phones, and other items which are rebuilt. What cannot be used is environmentally recycled. See website for hours of operation, items accepted and applicable charges.

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles). Also accepts small appliances, bicycles, toys, musical instruments, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

National Cristina Foundation

(203) 863-9100

cristina.org

Supports training for people with special needs.

Accepts computers, peripherals and software from corporations and individuals. Donors choose non-profit for donation of equipment. See website for donation process.

Salvation Army

•250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

•6715 W Dempster, Morton Grove

•4335 Oakton, Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Accepts working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old). Also accepts appliances in good working condition, bicycles, clothing, household goods, tools, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), and furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair). Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

World Computer Exchange

worldcomputerexchange.org

WCE is a global educational and environmental nonprofit organization looking for donations of working Pentium 4 or newer computers and related peripherals.

Computers are sent to developing countries for use in classrooms, libraries and youth centers. See website for donation information.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Electronics Recycling/Contractors

SWANCC has established an Residential Electronics Recycling Program for televisions, computers, and other electronic materials for member communities.

Electronics Disclaimer, May 2010

In September 2009, Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act. This legislation bans certain electronic items, mainly computers and televisions, from IL landfills. The IL EPA posts a list of approved electronic waste Collectors, Recyclers and Refurbishers at epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/ewaste.

The following electronics recyclers are not an endorsement by SWANCC, simply a listing of options. It is recommended by SWANCC that you research the downstream recycling practices of any company listed prior to giving them your old electronics.

See Earth 911's article on removing data from electronics.

To learn about the dangers of exporting electronic waste to Third World Countries, visit the Basel Action Network at ban.org.

Com2 Recycling Solutions is SWANCC's recycling contractor.

The map below shows locations to drop off electronics for recycling. Locations marked in GREEN accept televisions.

For a larger map [Click Here](#).

Abt Electronics

1200 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

(847) 967-8830

abt.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Closed: Wednesday and Sunday

Recycles most electronics, large appliances and small appliances (e.g., computers, hair dryers, microwaves, toasters, humidifiers). There is a \$30 for TVs and a minimal charge for electronic devices. Large quantities of computers or other electronics will also be accepted, at a cost of \$0.40 per pound.

Abt also recycles cardboard, white polystyrene (styrofoam), batteries, and plastic packaging material. Abt does not accept glass, light bulbs including Christmas lights, cd/dvd/vhs tapes, and white Styrofoam peanuts. Please bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

Apple

apple.com

Trade in an iPhone, iPad, Mac or PC desktop or notebook computer for a gift card if it has monetary value, or for responsible recycling.

Audio Equipment

Sell or recycle audio gear from the 1960s-1980s. Call Brian at (847) 840-1359 for information.

Best Buy

bestbuy.com

Stores accept most consumer electronics, including computers and notebooks, small electronics, MP3s and DVD players, home and car audio, keyboards, mice and remotes free of charge. 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 and toner cartridges and wires, cords and cables.

CExchange (Consumer Electronics Exchange)

cexchange.com

Electronics trade-in and buyback site that works with manufacturers, retailers and consumers. Accepts many consumer electronics products and adheres to no-landfill policy.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

This facility accepts many items for recycling. See site for details.

Com2 Recycling Solutions

com2recycling.com

Provides quality electronics recycling, resale and asset recovery services to businesses, industry, governments and institutions throughout North America.

CyclePoint

844-CYCLEPOINT (844)-292-5376

cyclepointus.org

Provides drop-off and pick-up services for secure electronics disposal.

Dell Inc.

dell.com

Dell partners with Goodwill to resell or responsibly recycle old technology (see "Goodwill Industries"). You may also visit the website to find locations to drop off equipment or print a prepaid shipping label to mail back electronics to Dell for responsible disposal.

Elgin Recycling

145 South Weiler Road, Arlington Heights

5114 Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake

660 Schiller St., Elgin

161 Center Drive, Gilberts

46 East End Drive, Gilberts

847-741-4100

elginrecycling.com

Offers pick-up and drop-off electronic recycling services. There is a fee to recycle televisions and monitors. See website for information.

Everlights, Inc.

8027 N. Lawndale Ave., Skokie

(877) 934-9873

everlights.com

Accepts some electronics, batteries, and thermostats as well as CFL bulbs, tubes, lamps and ballasts. Call for pricing.

eWorks Electronics Services, Inc.

1201 Estes Street, Elk Grove Village

(217) 364-7543

Daily: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

eworksesi.org

Provides green-tech jobs for people with developmental disabilities. This unique program offers companies an opportunity to benefit the disabled and responsibly recycle end-of-life assets simultaneously. The mission is to teach, support and advocate for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to make life choices, exercise independence and develop responsibility.

Gazelle

gazelle.com

Buys gently used electronics. See website for information.

Goodwill Industries

1551 North Dryden Avenue, Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

dellreconnect.com

Donate any brand of computer equipment to Reconnect, a partnership between Dell and Goodwill Industries. See website for drop-off locations and information about Dell's mail-back recycling program.

Hewlett-Packard

hp.com

See website for trade in, cashback and donation recycling options. You may also recycle inkjet and laser jet cartridges and rechargeable batteries.

Illinois Recycling Services

(708) 314-8624

illinoisrecyclingservices.com

Recycles electronics and appliances for a fee. See website for pricing and additional information.

LifeSpan Technology Recycling

(888) 720-0900

lifespanrecycling.com

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

Primarily for businesses.

Midwest Laser Cartridge Corporation

9 South Fairview Ave., Ste 204, Park Ridge

(847) 292-2274

midwestlasercartridgecorp.com

Recycles printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines and computer electronics. Also recycles inkjet, toner and fax cartridges. See website or call for more details.

Office Depot/Office Max

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. See website for more details.

Recycle 4 Cash

recycle4cash.cexchange.com

Cash offered for obsolete electronics. See website for value of computers, monitors, cell phones, MP3 players, cameras and more. Pre-paid shipping labels available.

Samsung Recycling Direct

samsungrecycling.com

Check website for Samsung's mobile take-back program and to print a pre-paid postage label.

Staples

staples.com

Get a Staples eCard for newer technology or responsible recycling of older technology in store or online. See link for items accepted.

Supply-Chain Services, Inc. (SSI)

[250 W North Ave, Lombard](http://250_W_North_Ave_Lombard)

(630) 629-9344

supply-chainservices.com

Call for details and pricing.

Vintage Tech Recyclers

13543 S Route 30, Plainfield

(815) 254-5917

vintagetechrecyclers.com

Call for details and pricing. Provides residential recycling for some communities.

Eyeglasses

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.

New Eyes

neweyes.org

Organization purchases new prescription eyeglasses for needy children and adults living in the United States, and recycles donated glasses for distribution to indigent people overseas. See website for items accepted for donation (eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, jewelry, giftware) and mailing instructions.

Film and X-Rays

AMS Store and Shred

(800) 262-2344

amsstoreandshred.com

13 Prosper Ct, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

AMS recycles old x-ray and lithographic film. The company also provides document, media and hard drive destruction services, as well as silver recovery services. Call or see website for details.

B.W. Recycling, Inc.

(877) 217-7020

xrayfilmsrecycling.com

Buys and recycles medical x-rays, MRI films and radiographs, lithographic and industrial films. Quantities weighing over 50 lbs. will be picked up at no charge. See website for details.

You may also check with your local hospital to see if they recycle individual x-rays.

Some Jewel/Osco stores accept film canisters.

Fire Extinguishers

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.

The following are recycling options for fire extinguishers:

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St. Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts small fire extinguishers, small non-refillable cylinders (NRCs) and propane tanks for BBQ grills. This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Cintas

1870 Brummel Ave. Elk Grove Village

(847) 228-3970

cintas.com/fireextinguisher

Recycles fire extinguishers. Call for pricing.

Connected Fire Safety Service

3047 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago

connectedfire.com

773-741-1359

sales@connectedfire.com

Will take old fire extinguishers when a replacement is bought with them. Call for more information.

Henrichsen's Fire & Safety Equipment Company

563 N Wolf Rd, Wheeling

(847) 459-7877

henrichsensfire.com

Fire extinguishers may be dropped off for recycling at a charge of \$4 per item.

U.S. Fire & Safety Equipment Company

6542 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago

(773) 763-4422

usfsco.com

Recharges fire extinguishers; call for more information.

Flags

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

vfw.org

Website gives details of proper flag disposal.

American Legion

legion.org/flag/ceremony

Many American Legion posts conduct disposal of unserviceable flag ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day. Check local directory for locations.

Fluorescent Bulbs

SWANCC has established a Residential CFL Drop-Off Program for member communities.

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.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St., Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste). Accept compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and tubes. This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Everlights, Inc.

8027 N Lawndale Ave., Skokie

(877) 934-9873

everlights.com

Commercially recycles Accepts bulbs, tubes, lamps and ballasts. Also accepts batteries, thermostats and some electronics. Call for pricing.

Fluorecycle, Inc.

27780 W Concrete Dr., Ingleside

(815) 363-4411

fluorecycle.com

Can recycle all types of mercury-containing lamps including fluorescent, HID, UV, CFL and specialty lamps. Call for pricing.

Lighting Resources, LLC

(866) 375-7340

Greenwood, IN

lightingresourcesinc.com/service

See website for pre-paid recycling options for gas discharge, high intensity and halogen lamps and ballasts. Industry/commercial. Recycling kits are also available for batteries, electronic waste, mercury devices and smoke detectors.

Lowe's

lowes.com

Accepts CFLs at in-store recycling centers. Also recycles rechargeable batteries, cell phones, plastic shopping bags and plastic plant trays and pots.

Think Green From Home (Waste Management)

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, batteries and CFLs accepted.

Veolia Environmental Services

veoliaes.com

RecyclePak® Mail-Back Recycling. See website for recycling options for lamps, ballast, batteries, e-waste and mercury-bearing wastes.

Fluorescent bulbs may also be taken to Household Chemical Waste events for residential materials only

Furniture

Christ Church of Winnetka

470 Maple St. Winnetka

(847) 446-2850

christchurchwinnetka.org

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Annual rummage sale benefits 60 charities in the Chicagoland area.

Call to schedule furniture pickups.

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave. Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Accepts furniture in good condition. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, musical instruments, clothing, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Salvation Army

250 W Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

6715 W Dempster, Morton Grove

4335 Oakton, Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Accepts furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair). Also accepts appliances, bicycles, clothing, household goods, tools, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), and working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old). Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Steelcase Phase 2 Program

steelcase.com

Steelcase has a "zero landfill" goal. Consultants will evaluate office furniture and offer selling, charitable, recycling and refurbishing options. See website for project request form and to view items accepted.

Village Treasure House

1460 Paddock Dr, Northbrook

(847) 832-1030

villagetreasurehouse.org

Proceeds benefit local agencies supporting women and families in crisis. Sell or donate fine home furnishings and accessories. See website to view items accepted or call for more information.

WINGS Resale

Helps homeless and abused women and children.

8349 W Golf Rd, Niles

(847) 965-1454

1302 N. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

(847) 963-0861

wingsprogram.com

Call individual store or visit website for hours and type of donations accepted.

World Relief

3507 W Lawrence, Chicago

(773) 583-9191

worldreliefchicago.org

Resettles and serves refugees in Chicago.
Call for inquiries about donating furniture and to schedule pickups.

Zealous Good
zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

NOTE: A resource for acquiring high-end used hotel furnishings is listed below:

Fort Pitt Hotel Furniture Liquidators
5150 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago
(773) 261-3148
fortpittfurniture.com

Open seven days a week, this company specializes in sales of high-quality used furniture from exclusive hotels such as the Drake, Peninsula and Four Seasons. These hotels tend to undergo more frequent renovations, so that pieces offered have generally been subjected to less wear and tear.

Health Care Equipment

Materials accepted include crutches, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, portable toilets, hospital beds and other health care items.

Please call all organizations 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

Open Monday: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Tuesday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elk Grove Lending Closet
Sheila Ray Adult Center
elkgrove.org
225 E Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove Village
(847) 364-7224

Wheelchairs, walkers, grabbers, and crutches. Call for more information.
Open Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Hoffman Estates Lending Closet

1900 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates

(847) 781-4850

Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes only.

Open Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Morton Grove Civic Center

6140 Dempster, Morton Grove

(847) 663-3071

mortongroveil.org

Wheelchairs, canes, crutches and walkers.

Open Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Prospect Heights Nurses Lending Closet

8 N Elmhurst Rd., Prospect Heights

(847) 398-6070

Open Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Skokie Lending Closet

Skokie Office of Human Services

5120 Galitz, Skokie

(847) 933-8208

Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and canes. Please call first for items needed.

UCP Seguin

7550 W 183rd St., Tinley Park

(708) 444-8460, x230

Benefits United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago. Please call first for items needed.

Vernon Township Lending Closet

3050 N Main, Buffalo Grove

(847) 634-4600

Open Monday – Friday: 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Accepts shower chairs and benches, commodes, crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs.

Hearing Aids

New Eyes

neweyes.org

Organization purchases new prescription eyeglasses for needy children and adults living in the United States, and recycles donated glasses for distribution to indigent people overseas. Company also accepts donations of hearing aids, jewelry, and giftware) . See website for mailing instructions.

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. Some Costco stores provide bins for hearing aids.

Helium Tanks

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.

Holiday Lights

After the holiday season, string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at various locations throughout northern Cook County. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. See SWANCC's Residential Holiday Light Recycling Program. Winnetka Public Works offers year-round recycling of holiday lights.

Junk Haulers

1-800-GOT-JUNK

(800) 468-5865

1800gotjunk.com

A - ABF Hauling

(773) 206-3554

Alljunkgone123.com

Clavey's Light Hauling

Glenview

(847) 729-3444

College Hunks Hauling Junk

(888) 689-5999

collegehunkshaulingjunk.com

Accepts single items to multiple truckloads. Call or go online for free estimate.

Direct Source Material Handling Service

Spring Grove

(815) 675-0363

directsourcerolloff.com

Provides dumpsters to commercial and residential sites.

Junk Remedy

(877) 722-JUNK(5865)

junkremedy.com

Handles all loading, labor cleanup and disposal fees for most types of junk removal, including boats. Company donates and recycles where possible.

Junk Works

(888) 888-JUNK(5865)

www.junk-works.ca

Call for most types of junk removal, including refrigerators. Company recycles where possible.

Junk Mail*Direct Marketing Association*dmachoice.org

Set preferences for mail you want to receive and mail you don't. Also features an option for removing your email from national lists.

Privacy Rights Clearinghouseprivacyrights.org

This link provides information about removal from a variety of junk mail lists, such as the following:

- Mailing lists of major national marketers

- Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service
- Flyers and advertising supplements
- Catalog, mail order lists and magazines
- Pre-approved offers of credit
- Phone books and reverse directories
- US Postal Service and change of address data file
- Charities and non-profits
- Sweepstakes and prizes
- Supermarket loyalty cards
- Public records
- Data compilers and mailing list companies

Trusted ID Mail Preference Service (Catalog Choice)

catalogchoice.org

Free service that lets you communicate your mail preferences to companies.

Makeup Containers

Kiehl's Cosmetics

kiehls.com

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

M.A.C. Cosmetics Back to M.A.C. Program

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

Return to Origins Recycling Program

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 any cosmetic company (including hair and body care products). See website for additional information.

Tom's of Maine

terracycle.net

Send personal care product packages to TerraCycle which will upcycle the packaging into new innovative products. See website for details.

NOTE: SkinDeep, a cosmetics database managed by the Environmental Working Group, evaluates the health risk of more than 61,000 products. It also lists the most common harmful contaminants.

ewg.org/skindeep

Medical Waste/Expired Medication

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has authorized the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program to implement a comprehensive pharmaceutical drug collection and disposal program to assist residents throughout Cook County with properly disposing of unused and unexpired prescription drugs. You may bring your outdated prescription drugs to designated Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Collection Boxes at local police departments/public safety buildings, district court houses, the County Building or MWRD locations. See the map below for drop-off locations.

SWANCC has established a Residential Pharmaceutical/Sharps Disposal Program for member communities.

Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications:

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts unused or expired medications (non-controlled only). No sharps or needles accepted.

This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Save A Star Drug Disposal Program

saveastar.org

See website for a list of communities with pill collection boxes (no needles) in police department lobbies.

Medications may also be taken to Household Chemical Waste events.

Sharps:

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

Daniels

(888)952-5580

danielsinternational.com

Pickup contracts available.

LB Medwaste

(888) 526-3392

lbmedwaste.com

Pickup contracts available.

MedPro Medical Waste Disposal

(888)641-6131

medprodisposal.com

Pickup contracts and mail-back services available.

Stericycle

(855) 573-9635

stericycle.com

Pickup contracts available.

Mercury

NEVER use a vacuum to clean up mercury. If you have a mercury spill, contact one of the following immediately for cleanup procedures:

Illinois Department of Public Health

(217) 782-5830

idph.state.il.us/mercury

Illinois EPA Collection

(217) 524-3300

epa.illinois.gov

These departments will also answer any questions related to mercury spills, management or removal.

SWANCC has established a Residential Mercury Thermometer/Thermostat Recycling in member communities.

Thermometer, switch and thermostat disposal:

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St., Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts thermometers, switches and thermostats.

This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Full-service environmental management company:

R3 Environmental Management

1050 East Chicago Ave., Elgin

(847) 488-1492

r3environmental.net

Mercury may also be taken to Household Chemical Waste events.

Metals

C & R Scrap Iron & Metal

4619 S Knox, Chicago

(773) 585-3031

crscrap.com

Accepts all metals.

Elgin Recycling

elginrecycling.com

Accepts all metals at the following drop-off recycling locations:

- Crystal Lake Recycling Center
5114 Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake
(815) 455-7700
- Elgin Recycling Center
660 Schiller St., Elgin
(847) 741-4100

Elk Grove Township Recycling Center
145 S Weiler Rd, Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100

Joe's Scrap Metal Pickup Service
(708) 300-5898
Pickup service available. Call Joe for pricing information.

Maine Scrap Metals
1274 Rand Rd, Des Plaines
(888) 824-3175
mainescrapmetal.com/
Accepts all non-ferrous metal.

Sims Metal Management
2500 S Paulina, Chicago
(773) 254-1200
us.simsmm.com
Accepts sheet iron, cars. Call for pricing.

Steel:
Steel Recycling Institute
(800) YES-1-CAN (937-1226)
recycle-steel.org
Gives information about steel recycling

Elgin Recycling Center
660 Schiller St, Elgin
(847) 741-4100
elginrecycling.com
Accepts scrap steel pieces. Call for pricing.

Motor Oil - Bulk

Illinois Recovery Group, Inc.
2390 S Broadway Rd, Braceville
(815) 230-7920
illinoisrecoverygroupinc.com
Special waste hauler for used waste oil, antifreeze, coolants, wastewater.

See Automotive Products for service stations that recycle small to medium quantities of motor oil.

Musical Instruments

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave., Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs. Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Hungry For Music

hungryformusic.com

Charitable organization distributes donated musical instruments to underserved children who cannot afford their own. For information about donating any type of musical instrument, fill out the form on the website and someone will contact you.

Salvation Army

•250 W Rand Rd., Arlington Heights

•6715 W Dempster, Morton Grove

•4335 Oakton, Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

No pianos or organs please. Also accepts clothing, household goods, bicycles, books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair) and appliances in good working condition only. Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Office Equipment*Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility*

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts home office fax machines, scanners, printers/copiers (no large/business office machines). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

LifeSpan Technology Recycling

(888) 720-0900

lifespantechnology.com

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

Midwest Copier Exchange, LLC

midwestcopier.com

See website for information about buying or selling office machines.

Midwest Laser Cartridge Corporation

9 South Fairview Ave, Ste 204, Park Ridge

(847) 292-2274

midwestlasercartridgecorp.com

Recycles printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines and computer electronics. Also recycles inkjet, toner and fax cartridges.

Rework by ROE

905 S Menard Ave, Chicago

(800) 763-9100

reworkbyroe.com

Decommissions offices and facilities. Call or fill out form for more information.

Second Systems, Inc.

1040 W Thorndale, Itasca

(630) 250-7555

secondsystems.com

Office design specialization in repurposing existing furniture, supplementing with used or new office furniture. Purchases mid-to-large size quantities of name-brand quality office furniture and workstations.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Also see Furniture.

Oil Tank Removal

Chicago Tank Removal

70 W. Madison Street, Suite #1400A, Chicago

(312) 214-6144

chicagotankremoval.com

Cicero Oil Company

5831 S Kolmar Ave., Chicago

(773) 581-2041

cicero-oil.com

Oxygen Tanks

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.

Packaging Products

This is a list of Packaging Product Drop-off Centers in the SWANCC area with location, materials collected and phone number. Please call the respective locations for verification.

All packing peanuts, cardboard and bubble wrap should be clean and acceptable for reuse. Bubble wrap should be free of tape. Corn starch peanuts are generally **NOT** accepted at most locations - polystyrene only.

If your municipality does not have a shipping store that accepts recycling, take a look at EPS Industry Alliance's website, epspackaging.org, to locate the closest collection site that accepts plastic peanuts for reuse.

To give away or acquire used cardboard boxes, refer to the website freecardboardboxes.com.

Recycle Scotch brand bubble mailers and cushion wrap by mailing to:

scotchbrand.com

Recycle Scotch brand mailers and cushion wrap by mailing to:

Scotch@Recycling Program

3131 Cincinnati Dayton Rd

Middletown, OH 45044

or see website for drop-off locations.

Arlington Heights

The UPS Store

126 E Wing St

(847) 818-9000

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

The UPS Store

309 E Rand Rd

(847) 259-6700

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Barrington

The UPS Store

117 S Cook St

(847) 304-1911

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Buffalo Grove

The UPS Store

113 McHenry Rd

(847) 459-7060
theupsstorelocal.com
Accepts peanuts.

The UPS Store
318 Half Day Rd
(847) 913-0335
theupsstorelocal.com
Accepts peanuts.

Evanston

The UPS Store
1555 Sherman Ave
(847) 869-3000
theupsstorelocal.com
Accepts peanuts.

The UPS Store
848 Dodge Ave
(847) 475-2335
theupsstorelocal.com
Accepts peanuts.

Glenview

Abt Electronics
1200 N Milwaukee Ave
(847) 967-8830
abt.com

Accepts white polystyrene (styrofoam) and cardboard at its Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building. Abt does not accept styrofoam peanuts.

The UPS Store
2516 Waukegan Rd
(847) 724-3800
theupsstorelocal.com
Accepts peanuts.

Hoffman Estates

Pack 'n Mail

1590 W Algonquin Rd

(847) 934-6700

Accepts peanuts and bubble wrap.

The UPS Store

3 Golf Center

(847) 310-9666

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Morton Grove

The UPS Store

6321 W Dempster

(847) 581-2870

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Mount Prospect

Mail Box Plus

1516 N Elmhurst Rd

(847) 577-1737

Accepts peanuts and bubble wrap.

Niles

The UPS Store

8926 N Greenwood Ave

(847) 824-6800

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts. Call first.

Palatine

The UPS Store

738 E Dundee Rd

(847) 934-9054

Accepts peanuts and bubble wrap.

Park Ridge

The UPS Store

310 Busse Hwy

(847) 825-3700

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Rolling Meadows

The UPS Store

2118 Plum Grove Rd

(847) 991-9980

Accepts peanuts and bubble wrap.

Skokie

The UPS Store

4957 Oakton St

(847) 329-7400

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Wilmette

The UPS Store

1189 Wilmette Ave

(847) 256-1187

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

The UPS Store

3223 Lake Ave, Suite 15C

(847) 853-1300

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Winnetka

The UPS Store

1001 Green Bay Rd

(847) 446-6899

theupsstorelocal.com

Accepts peanuts.

Paint

The easiest way to dispose of paint is to use it up completely by applying a second coat to your project or using it up on a piece of old cardboard or scrap wood. Empty paint cans may be recycled. Many local theatre groups, churches and housing authorities will accept leftover paint and put it to good use.

Latex Paint:

Latex paint is not accepted at Household Chemical Waste collections. It can be disposed of at home because it is a non-toxic, water-based paint. You can add an absorbent material such as shredded newspapers, kitty litter, sawdust, or waste paint hardener to your latex paint and let it dry out completely in a well-ventilated area and away from children and pets. Once it is dry, put the container in your regular garbage with the lid off.

If you are unable to dispose of your latex paint at home, contact the following:

To recycle both latex and oil-based paint for a fee contact:

Epaint Recycling Solutions

2420 E Oakton Street, Suite U, Arlington Heights

(847) 666-8351

epaintrecyclingsolutions.com

Drop-off paint at Arlington Heights warehouse. Will pick up by appointment for amounts greater than 30 gallons. Accepts latex and oil-based house paint, primers, sealers, and clear coating from both residents and commercial generators. No aerosols, solvents, or products intended for non-architectural use. Also sells recycled paint.

To recycle latex paint for a fee contact:

Got Paint? PICKUP

(312) 882-7266

GotPaintPickup.com

Will pickup latex paint for a fee. Residential: Houses/Town Homes, Condominium Buildings | Commercial.

Schedule a paint pickup online at, GotPaintPickup.com/Pickup, or by texting PaintPickup to 89800. Also donates recycled paint.

Supports Eco-Fundraising Events.

Lead-Based Paint:

In response to lead-based paint (LBP) concerns, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has prepared an information package which outlines those LBP removal approaches which IEPA recognizes as being consistent with protecting human health and the environment.

Oil Paint:

See Epaint Recycling Solutions listing above or permanent sites and one-day events for **Household Chemical Waste** disposal.

Paper Shredding

SWANCC has established a seasonal Residential Document Destruction Program for member communities.

Accurate Document Destruction

Managed by Groot Industries

2500 Landmeier Rd., Elk Grove Village

(800) 407-4733

shredd.net

Provides on- or off-site shredding services.

AMS Store and Shred

(AMS Ag Medical Systems Inc.)

(800) 262-2344

amsstoreandshred.com

In addition to document destruction, AMS also recycles old x-ray and lithographic film, provides silver recovery and media and hard drive destruction services. Call or see website for details.

Citadel Information Management

827 Blackhawk Dr., Westmont

(866) 798-7400

citadelim.com/destruction

Provides on- or off-site shredding services. Call to make an appointment or see website for details.

Clearbrook

Creating Opportunities for People with Disabilities

Clearbrook's Getz Building

746 S Vermont St., Palatine

(847) 385-5017

Full program details are available at clearbrook.org, or email docdestruct@clearbrook.org.

Opportunity Secure Data Destruction

3360 Commercial Ave, Northbrook

(847) 831-9400

osddshred.com

Provides off-site, mobile, and drop-off residential/small business shredding services. See website or call for pricing.

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.

Shred First, Inc.

[1283 S Elmhurst Rd, Des Plaines](http://1283SElmhurstRd.DesPlaines)

(847) 390-9133

shredfirstinc.com

On- and off-site mobile shredding and material drop-off by appointment. You may observe the destruction of your documents.

ShredNations

(800) 747-3365

shrednations.com

Provides shredding services for one box at a residence or a million boxes at a storage facility or office. Call or see website to get a quote.

Plastic Bags

Many grocery stores, as well as Wal-Mart, Target and Lowe's stores, have bins to recycle plastic bags. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org and type in your zip code for available locations.

Plastic Garden Pots

Lowe's

lowes.com

Accepts plastic plant pots, trays and tags from any store for recycling in their garden centers.

Note: Some garden centers accept plastic pots seasonally. Please contact your local garden center for details.

Propane Tanks

Amerigas

•522 S Vermont, Palatine

(800) 398-1354

\$3.50 fee per tank.

•4158 Division, Hillside

(708) 544-1131

No charge.

•310 N Sangamon, Chicago

(312) 997-2300

No charge.

Coleman

coleman.com/coleman/recycle

Provides information about proper disposal of propane tanks, including the small 16.4 ounce cylinders.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts propane tanks for BBQ grills, small fire extinguishers and small non-refillable cylinders (NCRs). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

NO LATEX PAINT

Accepts propane tanks (20 pounds or less). This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

(630) 420-6095

naperville.il.us

Recycling Hotline

Log onto Earth 911 recycling web site: earth911.com. 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.

School Equipment

Tools for Schools (SCARCE)

799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 2, Ste 108, Glen Ellyn

(630) 545-9710

scarcecoed.org

See "Tools for Schools" section on website (scarcecoed.org/tools) for a list of items needed. Please call ahead for all donations.

SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) also accepts any and all books in any condition. Schools or organizations working with children in need are welcome to choose books free of charge.

Asphalt Shingle Recycling

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) accepts asphalt shingles for recycling. Shingles must be from residential projects. Commercial shingles will be turned away. Acceptable materials include asphalt shingles, felt attached to shingles, nails mixed in with shingles and shingles containing fiberglass.

Several potential markets exist for asphalt shingles including:

- hot mix asphalt
- cold patch
- dust control on rural roads
- temporary roads or driveways
- aggregate road base
- new shingles
- fuel

Major credit cards are accepted for payment.

For more information call SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, or write info@swancc.org.

No hazardous waste will be accepted.

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

Rates:

Asphalt Shingles: \$45 per ton

Location:

The Glenview Transfer Station is located on the east side of Des Plaines River Road, just north of Central Road, directly across the street from the Maryville Academy. If you are mapping the location use 3 Providence Way, Des Plaines 60016

Shoes

All Shoes:

Share Your Soles

11201 S Cottage Grove 2nd Floor, Chicago

(708) 448-4469

shareyoursoles.org

Donates gently used shoes to people in need around the world. Check website for donation sites or email info@shareyoursoles.org for more information.

USAgain

1-800-604-9533

usagain.com

A for-profit 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. Shoes in any condition are also accepted. See website to find a collection bin.

Village of Barrington Hills

Village Hall

112 Algonquin Rd., Barrington Hills

(847) 551-3000

24-hour drop-off.

Hosted by Prairieland. All shoes, in any condition, except heavy winter boots, roller blades and ice skates. Please rubberband or tie laces to keep pairs together. Bin located in west lobby

Village of Glenview

2500 E. Lake Avenue

The Village of Glenview has partnered with USAgain to offer a drop-off bin at the Village Hall for recycling all types of shoes. Both still-wearable shoes and worn out or damaged shoes are accepted for recycling. Village Hall is open from 8:00 am till 5:00 pm Monday - Friday.

Athletic Shoes:

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. Find drop-off locations at this link:

nikestorelocator.com

You can also mail your athletic shoes straight to Nike

Shoes - Matchmaker Organizations:

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

National Odd Shoe Exchange

POB 1120

Chandler, AZ 85244-1120

(480) 892-3484

oddshoe.org

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

Smoke Detectors

Ionization smoke detectors contain small amounts of radioactive materials. Never disassemble a smoke detector. 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. The address of the supplier may be listed in the product warranty or user's manual. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission suggests checking the label on the detector for disposal options, but residents may safely discard individual units in their regular garbage.

For First Alert or BRK: call First Alert at 800-323-9005.

For Other Brands: Curie Environmental in New Mexico will take any smoke detector back for a fee. For specific instructions on how to send the detector, see curieservices.com.

Lighting Resources, LLC

(866) 375-7340

Greenwood, IN

lightingresourcesinc.com

Recycling kits are available for smoke detectors, batteries, electronic waste and mercury devices.

Sports Equipment

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave., Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, clothing, toys, musical instruments, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Play It Again Sports

Sell your quality used sports equipment. See website for locations.

playitagainsports.com

Salvation Army

•250 W Rand Rd., Arlington Heights

•6715 W Dempster, Morton Grove

•4335 Oakton, Skokie

usc.salvationarmy.org

Also accepts appliances in good working condition, bicycles, clothing, household goods, musical instruments (no pianos or organs), books, working television sets (flat screens only), working computers and flat screen monitors (must be complete units and less than 5 years old), and furniture in good condition (no rips, stains or pet hair). Not all stores accept all items (e.g., TVs). Call (773) 477-1300 for questions about acceptable donations or to schedule bulk pickups.

Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Styrofoam/Polystyrene

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.

To recycle foam packaging peanuts visit loosefillpackaging.com for drop-off locations or call 800-828-2214.

The organizations listed below have discovered ways to successfully recycle polystyrene:

Abt Electronics

1200 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

(847) 967-8830

abt.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Closed: Wednesday and Sunday

Abt accepts white polystyrene (styrofoam) for recycling. Using a machine to densify polystyrene, Abt bags and transports the densified coils to be reused to make picture frames and plastic woods. Also recycles most electronics, large appliances and small appliances (e.g., computers, hair dryers, microwaves, toasters, humidifiers), cardboard, batteries and plastic packaging material. There might be a small charge on TVs depending on the size. Please bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building. Abt does not accept glass, light bulbs including Christmas lights, cd/dvd/vhs tapes, and styrofoam peanuts.

Dart Container Corp.

310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora

(630) 896-4631

dartcontainer.com

Dart operates a polystyrene foam recycling plant, open to the public. Please bag small pieces so they won't blow away.

Open 24 hours, every day.

7575 South Kostner Ave., Chicago

(773) 838-2515

dartcontainer.com

This location will accept a wide variety of recyclable foam, including foam cups, foam food containers, egg cartons, meat trays, ice chests and packaging frequently used to protect fragile materials like TVs during shipping.

Open 24 hours, every day.

City of Highland Park

Highland Park Firearms Training Center

1180 Half Day Rd., Highland Park

cityhpil.com

Tuesday and Friday: 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Accepts #6 (styrofoam) only. Please empty and rinse all foam products before recycling so they are free of food residue.

Village of Winnetka

Winnetka Public Works Building Lobby

1390 Willow Rd., Winnetka

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

Accepts #6 block style and clean food service styrofoam only (no packing peanuts).

Offered in partnership with Dart Container Corporation, neighboring communities are welcome to participate.

Also see Packaging Products. Some UPS store locations will accept clean packing peanuts for recycling.

Telephone Books

Yellow Pages

yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/optout

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.

Thermometers

SWANCC has established an environmentally-friendly Residential Thermometer Exchange Program for member communities.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N North Branch St., Chicago

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

cityofchicago.org

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 or commercial sector waste).

Accepts thermometers, switches and thermostats. This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Also, see [Mercury](#).

Thermostats

SWANCC has established a [Residential Thermostat Recycling Program](#) for thermostats and wall switches for member communities.

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

Accepts thermometers, switches and thermostats. This facility accepts many additional items for recycling. See site for details.

Everlights, Inc.

1105 Stevenson Ct #104e, Roselle

(877) 934-9873

everlights.com

Accepts intact thermostats, batteries, and some electronics, batteries and a well as CFL bulbs, tubes, lamps and ballasts. Call for pricing.

G & O Thermo Supply Company

gothermal.com

Intact units only. Do not remove bulb.

•51 W Seegers Rd, Arlington Heights

(847) 439-5242

•5435 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago

(773) 763-1300

Thermostat Recycling Corporation

thermostat-recycle.org

Industry-funded non-profit website provides thermostat recycling opportunities by zip code.

Toys

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave., Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, musical instruments, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Salvation Army

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Zealous Good

zealousgood.com

Connects people with items to donate with local charities that need them. Fill out form describing type of donation online. Zealous Good emails donor about which charities need those items and provides dropoff information or pickup scheduling directly with the charity.

Vases*Random Acts of Flowers*

chicago.randomactsofflowers.org

Accepts medium sized vases which are used for bouquets delivered in the community.
See website for details

Video Games*GameStop Stores*

gamestop.com

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

Goodwill Industries

1551 N Dryden Ave., Arlington Heights

(847) 670-7311

See website for other store locations

amazinggoodwill.com

Drop-off only; no pickup service is available. Also accepts computer equipment and peripherals (including monitors), TVs (working and non-working, no consoles), small appliances, toys, musical instruments, bicycles, clothing, furniture in good condition, home décor, books and movies (DVD and VHS). No refrigerators or washers/dryers. No mattresses or box springs.

Not all Goodwill stores accept TVs. Please call before dropping off items to ascertain what items are being accepted.

Wood*Abt Electronics*

1200 N Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

(847) 967-8830

abt.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Closed: Wednesday and Sunday

Free recycling of wood pallets. Please bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, the freestanding building located just west of the main building.

Davin Industries

(847) 993-3060

Industrial wood waste. Recycles wood pallets, engineered wood and crates, construction and lumber trim, untreated wood, and logs.
Call for pickup and pricing information.

DK Organics

29307 N Skokie Hwy. Lake Bluff

(847) 234-5499

dkorganics.com

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