



Kane County RECYCLES

Green Guide 2019

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2019 Event Dates:

- Apr 13** - Electronics & Books
 - May 11** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Paint
 - Jun 8** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred
 - Jul 13** - EXTRAVAGANZA
 - Aug 10** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred
 - Sept 14** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Paint
 - Oct 12** - Electronics & Books
 - Nov 9** - Electronics & Books
- See page 2 for details on above events.

Note: Things change! Please always check KCR website or call. Contact info below.

YOU can help improve recycling!

Did you know that material placed in recycling carts in Illinois is actually made up of 25-35% garbage? As you can imagine, this causes a number of problems. It weighs down sorting facilities, reduces commodity prices, affects the remanufacturing markets, and increases costs for local governments and ultimately residents.

In 2018 a state task force was formed to bring recycling industry stakeholders together to develop straightforward recycling education materials to help residents better understand what items should be placed in recycling carts and what items should be kept out.

These new simplified guidelines can be found on page 11, with more detailed information on the Kane County Recycles webpage. Please follow these guidelines to help us preserve the integrity of the recycling system so as to recover and reuse as many of our valuable resources as possible.

Plastics are the most commonly misunderstood items when it comes to recycling. Fact: the resin identification code number in the triangle does not mean that a plastic object is recyclable! As I always say, forget the numbers, and look at the shape! Plastic containers - bottles, tubs, jugs and jars - are the only plastic items you should place in your curbside carts. Plastic bags (see p. 12) are recyclable but not in your cart!

Your commitment to recycling right has a real impact. Thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely, *Jennifer Jarland*, Kane County Recycling Coordinator



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Municipal Waste & Recycling Haulers

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

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

Kane County Recycles Office:
recycle@countyofkane.org • 630-208-3841
Kane County Recycles Website:
www.countyofkane.org/recycling

Kane County Recycling Events

All Kane County events are for residents only. **NO BUSINESSES.**

Where: 540 S Randall Road, St. Charles • 630-208-3841 **Hours:** 8 am – 12 noon

April 13 - Electronics & Books

May 11 - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Paint

June 8 - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred

July 13 - EXTRAVAGANZA: Electronics, Books, Paint, and more (**NO Doc Shred**)

Aug 10 - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred

Sept 14 - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Paint

Oct 12* - Electronics & Books

Nov 9* - Electronics & Books

* **Note:** The last two events of the year may be in new locations in the west and south portions of Kane County, yet to be confirmed at time of printing. Please check the website closer to the dates for details.

Note: Information is correct at the time of printing, but please always check the website (countyofkane.org/recycling) or call to confirm before attending.

We unload for you: Please stay in your car if possible.

Document Shredding – alternative option

If you do not want to wait until the next shredding event, call your bank to see if they have any shredding events for their customers; they sometimes do. Otherwise, this paper recycler and manufacturer in Aurora, offers a free document destruction process service.

- WestRock, 630-898-4231, ext. 6; www.westrockaurora.com/docdes.html

Books: Books can be of any age, in any condition, either paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse and redistributed if possible. Otherwise they are sent for recycling.

Document Shredding: Free confidential document shredding on specific dates listed above.

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

Electronics: See page 3 for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, and costs for TVs and monitors. All other electronics listed are free to drop off.

Data Security: All data on computer hard drives will be completely destroyed (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements), so there is no need to wipe your drives.

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

Paint Recycling: Paint recycling is offered on specific dates listed above.

- Latex paint has a recycling fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or check (Quart \$1; Gallon \$3; 2-gallon \$5; 5-gallon \$10) only at event dates specified above
- Oil Paint is also accepted for a fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or check (Quart \$4; Gallon \$8; 5-gallon \$20) only at event dates specified above. Note that oil paint can be taken for free to the Naperville HHW facility (see p.4).
- See page 3 for more on latex paint disposal, and page 4 for more on oil paint disposal.

Things Change

At Kane County Recycles, we do our best to provide accurate information on our programs, but things do change. Because this printed guide is an annual publication, it can have outdated information in it before the new guide comes out. It is because of this that we encourage you to always look on the website for the most current information.

Mailing list:

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



Book Recycling by Pacesetter Books



On-site document shredding truck by Accurate Document Destruction



Electronics Recycling by eWorks Electronics Services



Paint recycling by ePaint Recycling Solutions

Items Accepted

These items are accepted at both the events and the drop-offs.

Accepted for Free

- Ballasts • Cable & Satellite Receivers
- Cell Phones / PDAs • Christmas Lights
- Circuit Boards • Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs, computer batteries)
- Cords & Cables • Digital Converter Boxes
- Digital Recorders • DVD Players
- Fax Machines • Hard Drives
- Holiday Lights • Keyboards • Mice
- Modems • Phones • Portable Digital Music Players • Power Supplies • Printers
- Scanners • Small Scale Servers • Stereos
- VCRs • Video Game Consoles • Wires

Accepted for a Cost

- **Monitors** (flat screen, glass tube)
- **TVs/Televisions** (all types, all ages, flat screen, glass tube)

COST:

TVs and Monitors cost \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally across the screen) or \$35 (for screens 21" and over). Pay at site with cash or card.

This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler - eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities. You are helping a good cause.

Cost applies at EVENTS (see pg 2) and at DROP-OFFs (top right).

Not Accepted

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

Electronic Recycling Drop-offs

Staffed Drop-offs: These sites are staffed, so you will have assistance unloading.

Data Security: See pg 2 under Electronics.

Things Change: Please visit countyofkane.org/recycling to confirm before visiting.

Fabyan Parkway, Batavia

Location: 517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510

Hours: M-F 8am-4pm

West Dundee Public Works

Location: 900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, IL 60118

Hours: M-F 7am-3pm

Holiday Closures:

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



Home collection: Illinois Recycling Services, 708-314-8624, is a private company you can call for pick-up of electronics from your home. The county does not endorse this company but offers the contact as a resource for residents.

Electronics Recycling for Businesses

Please refer to the list of electronics recyclers that can help with your business needs at: countyofkane.org/recycling and click on Business Recycling, then Electronics Recycling.

Latex Paint

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

Buy a smaller can. The best way to reduce waste is by buying only as much as you need.

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

Recycle it. ReStore (800 N State Street, Elgin, 847-742-9905) will accept for free full unused cans of latex paint for reuse. Partially used cans of liquid latex paint can be dropped off for recycling at many local Ace Hardware stores. Please call to check. Or bring it to a Kane County recycling event, see pg 2. Per-can fee applies to both the hardware store drop-offs and event.

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

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

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



Household Hazardous Waste (H

Free Residential HHW Drop-off

Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

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

Call Naperville Public Works (M-F)

630-420-6095 with questions.

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540

just north of the Public Works building at Fort Hill Dr. and Jefferson Ave.



Free Pick-up Service (Limited areas)

Service Areas in the County Program:

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

Contact: U.S. Ecology at **1-866-373-8357** or curbside@usecology.com to schedule an appointment

City of Elgin residents:

Contact: WM At-Your-Door at **1-800-449-7587** or www.WMAtYourDoor.com

If the date of the scheduled collection is not convenient, please use the free Naperville HHW Facility, listed above, open every weekend.

Items Accepted

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

Items NOT Accepted

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

Medication/ Pharmaceutical Drop-off Locations

Please do not flush your medicines down the toilet.



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

Items NOT accepted:

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

The Police Departments below take medications from city residents only.

Call for details:

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

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

Geneva, Kane County Coroner's Office

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

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

Huntley Police Department

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

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

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

Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

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

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

Pingree Grove Police Department

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

St. Charles, Kane County Sheriff's Office

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

Sugar Grove Police Department

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

HW) Recycling and Safe Disposal

Household Battery Recycling

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

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

If you are in areas served by the HHW Pick-up Service (pg 4) you can include batteries in that collection. Or deliver them to one of these drop-offs, which are open 24/7 unless otherwise noted:

Batavia Public Works Department

(city residents only)

200 N Raddant Rd., Batavia, IL 60510

Go to front entryway: M-F 7am-4pm

Elgin Fire District Annex

8N709 Stevens Rd., Elgin, IL 60124

Elgin Fire Station #2

650 Big Timber Rd., Elgin, IL 60123

(1/4 mile West of Route 31)

Elgin Township Highway Garage

725 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123

Geneva Public Works Department

(city residents only)

1800 South St., Geneva, IL 60134

Go to front desk: M-F 8am-3pm

Pingree Grove Fire Station #4

39W160 Plank Rd., Elgin, IL 60124

Batteries Plus

Geneva: 1492 S. Randall Rd. / 630-402-6495 Rechargeable - free; Alkaline - \$1/lb.

Elgin: 352 S. Elgin Rd. / 847-289-8990
All batteries - free



Auto Battery Recycling

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



Safe Disposal of Sharps/ Needles/ Syringes

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

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

Other Resources and Mail-In Programs:

North American Syringe Exchange Network, 253-272-4857, www.nasen.org

Stericycle Mailback Program, Lake Forest, IL, 800-355-8773, www.stericycle.com

Waste Management MedWaste System, 866-699-6466, www.thinkgreenfromhome.com



Used Motor Oil Recycling

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

Drop-Off Locations

Auto Zone up to 5 gallons

1283 N Lake St., Aurora

630-966-8940

209 Randall Rd., South Elgin

847-429-1095

1690 Douglas Rd., Montgomery

630-844-0475

Check your local Auto Zone!

Cucci Ford

800 Dundee Ave., East Dundee

847-551-1027

Hampshire NAPA

100 W Oak Knoll Dr., Hampshire

847-683-3000

Rock 'N Roll Automotive

601 Route 68, Carpentersville

847-426-0014

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

2076 W Main St., Batavia

630-406-7956

175 S Randall Rd., Elgin

847-697-1485

Walmart automotive departments

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

For Large Quantities

(100+ gallons) contact:

Future Environmental / 708-479-6900

Heritage Crystal / 847-836-5670



Fluorescent Tubes



Fluorescent tube lights from residents (no businesses) may be dropped off at:

Geneva Ace Hardware

617 W. State Street, Geneva

630-208-6600

Drop-off Locations

Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

Batavia - Advanced Recycling Transfer Station
Location: 766 Hunter Dr., Batavia, IL 60510
Contact: 630-879-3587
Hours: M-F 6am-5pm; Sat 6am-10am
Accepts for: **Recycling** - Household recycling, cardboard, containers, paper, etc.
Mulching - Yard waste, branches, leaves
Landfilling - Household garbage, treated lumber
Cost: Saturday (6-10am) special pricing for Residential bulk drop-off: \$40 for mixed acceptable materials up to a quantity equal to a level pickup truck bed-full; cash or credit card only.

Household Recycling

Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs the-association.org

Aurora: 309 W. New Indian Trail Court, Aurora, 630-966-4145
South end of building near garage doors.

Elgin: 1135 Bowes Road, Elgin, 847-931-6237
Please deposit recyclables in AID bin at back of building near dumpsters.

Hours: Open 24/7 for metal containers and cardboard drop-off bins. (Call M-F 9:30am-3:30pm).

Accepts: aluminum, cardboard, scrap metal, cans, pairs of shoes in good condition and electronics (**will accept flat screen but no tube TVs or Monitors**)

Does NOT Accept: plastic bottles, plastic bags, glass bottles, paper, slippers, boots, heels, or damaged shoes.

Carpentersville – Village Hall
Location: 1200 Besinger Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110
Contact: 224-293-1631
Hours: 24/7
Accepts: All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 11)

Elgin – Waste Management (Elgin residents only)
Location: 1225 Gifford Rd., Elgin, IL 60120
Contact: 847-608-7543, www.cityofelgin.org
Hours: M-F 6am-4pm, Sat 6-10:30am
Accepts: All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 11)

Virgil Township - moved to Township Office
Location: 49W181 Winters Rd., Virgil, IL 60151
Contact: 815-827-3383
Hours: 24/7
Accepts: Cardboard & mixed paper

Paper Recycling

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

Yard Waste & Organics

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

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



Pumpkin composting event at Pushing the Envelope Farm in Geneva. Keep your eye on the website for announcements for the November 2019 collection event!

Building Material Re-use

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

Elgin – ReStore – Habitat For Humanity
Location: 800 N State St., Elgin (Rt 31)
Contact: 847-742-9905, www.habitatnfv.org
Hours: Tu-Sat 9-5 / Sun-Mon closed
Accepts: Used building materials, furniture, unused latex paint

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

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

Construction and Demolition Waste is mostly recyclable. More info at countyofkane.org/Recycling click on "Construction and Demolition Recycling."



Stop Junk Mail for Good

Reduce your junk mail

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

National Do Not Mail List
directmail.com/mail_preference/

DMA Choice
dmachoice.thedma.org/

PaperKarma,
an app for your phone
paperkarma.com/

Stop Credit Card Offers
optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t

Opt Out of Phone Books
yellowpagesoptout.com

Stop Catalog Mailings
catalogchoice.org

SUSTAIN KANE

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Your actions have an impact

- **Re-Think** your daily activities and how you use resources. Where do you consume the most energy and water? How can you change your behavior to save water and electricity in order to live a more sustainable lifestyle?
- **Spread the Word.** When you find a great way to reduce your impact on the environment, tell others – your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors! Encouraging others to live sustainably can go a long way.

Wondering where to start?

1. **Bike, walk, or use public transportation** when possible. Or utilize Kane County's electric vehicle charging stations to power sustainable transportation.
2. **Stop idling your vehicle.** Idling wastes fuel while getting you nowhere.
3. **Move toward reusable** water bottles, mugs, utensils, food wrap, and bags. This prevents packaging waste and saves on resources needed to make these products.

Kane County Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- Kane County Courthouse
100 S. 3rd Street
Geneva, IL 60134
- Kane County Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave.
Geneva, IL 60134
- Kane County Health Department
1240 N. Highland Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

To learn more about sustainability at Kane County, please visit www.countyofkane.org/sustainability.



Rain garden at the Kane County Government Center in Geneva, IL.

Backyard Composting

Food scraps and yard waste make up the largest portion of the waste stream. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills and benefits your yard by improving soil structure, texture, and fertility. It also increases the soil's ability to hold both water and air, and stimulates healthy root development in plants.

Soil Saver Compost Bins



Offered at a discounted price for Kane County Residents from:
University of Illinois Extension
535 S. Randall Road,
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-584-6166

Cost: \$70 cash or check please,
payable to Kane County Treasurer

Water - Quantity and Quality are both important

• **Quantity:** Water is a precious resource. Whether it comes from our rivers and lakes or the ground there is a limited amount available to us. Use water consciously and wisely, both at home and at work.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **WaterSense** program provides ideas on how to conserve and save. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense to access educational tools and water savings calculators.

• **Quality:** When it comes to water, it is not only the amount we use that matters. Protecting the quality of our freshwater resources (streams, lakes, rivers, and groundwater aquifers) impacts the well-being of humans and nature. Please be cautious of the products you use and where you dispose of them to prevent contaminants (chemicals, sediment, and excess nutrients) from polluting our waters.

Wondering where to start?

1. **Choose WaterSense appliances,** in addition to low-flow showerheads, toilets, and faucets.
2. **Minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.** These substances get washed into our streams and rivers, impacting more of the environment than what was intended.
3. **Install a rain garden.** Rain gardens minimize water discharged into our storm sewers, support our groundwater resources, and filter out pollutants. Use native plants in your rain garden to support native wildlife and soil health.

Visit Kane County's Division of Environmental and Water Resources' webpage at www.countyofkane.org to learn how you can help conserve our precious water resources.

A-Z

Listing of Reuse & Recycle

Air Conditioners: The Crusher*.

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

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

Appliances: Small appliances are not currently accepted in the Electronics program and may be disposed of at the curb, see p 3. For disposal of large appliances/white goods like washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and air-conditioners, please call your waste hauler (p 1) or the Crusher*. If the appliance is reusable please take it to a thrift store or list it on Craigslist or Freecycle.

Ballasts: Elgin Recycling, 847-741-4100.

Batteries: See p 5.

Bicycles: See workingbikes.org for drop-off locations, or call 773-847-5440.

Books: See p 2. Also SCARCE*.

Bowling Balls: SCARCE*.

Building Supplies: See p 6.

Carbon Monoxide (CO): detectors can be disposed of in the regular trash (*remove batteries*).

Cardboard: See Recycling Guidelines (p 11).

Car seats: Gurnee Police Station, 100 N. O'Plaine Rd, Gurnee, 847-599-7050. OR Falcon Waste and Recycling, 2 Kennedy Dr, Harvard, 815-334-8689, collected 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 9-11am, \$2 fee per car seat. OR BabyEarth RENEW Mail-in Recycling Program, 1-888-868-2897.

Cars: Contact nonprofit Wheels for Wishes at illinois.wheelsforwishes.org or at 1-877-351-9474.

CDs, DVDs, Audio & Video tapes, floppy discs, CD cases: Unfortunately there are no recycling programs for these items currently and they may go in the trash.

Cell phones: Batavia Public Library*. SCARCE*. Also see Electronics (p 2-3).

CFLs - Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs:

Drop-boxes at most Home Depot, and other hardware stores. Call to confirm. Deliver used CFLs in a resealable plastic bag.

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

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

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

Clothing: See Textiles.

Computers and computer equipment: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Can't find your item here?

See countyofkane.org/recycling for the full A-Z list

Or try earth911.com

Confidential Document Shredding: See events & WestRock information box on p 2.

Construction and Demolition Debris: See complete list at www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/CDRecyclingFlyer.pdf.

Containers: See Recycling Guidelines (p 11).

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

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

Couches: See Furniture.

Crayons: SCARCE*.

Crutches: Goodwill will generally take mobility devices. Call to check.

Dehumidifiers & Humidifiers: The Crusher* or Electronics (p 2-3).

Document Shredding: See p 2.

Electronics: See p 2-3.

Opportunities in Kane County and Beyond

Eye glasses: Batavia Public Library*.

SCARCE*. Lions Club Drop Boxes, www.lionsclubs.org, 630-571-5466.

Fire extinguishers: See HHW (p 4).

Fluorescent tube lights: Geneva Ace Hardware, 617 W State St, 630-208-6600. See HHW (p 4). Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Food Scraps: See Backyard Composting (p 7) and Organics Drop-offs (p 6).

Furniture and Household items: Furniture and other household items that are reusable can be taken to ReStore in Elgin. See Building Material Reuse (p 6). Also Thrift stores. Or list it on Craigslist or Freecycle.

Gardening plant pots, plastic trays, tags: Drop-off at all Lowes Gardening Centers.

Gasoline: See HHW (p 4).

Glass: See Recycling Guidelines (p 11). Glass windows or other glass objects, if broken, are trash. Also see Windows.

Hangers (clothes): Many dry cleaners will take these, check with your local cleaner.

Hazardous Waste: See p 4-5.

Hearing aids: Batavia Public Library*.

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

Junk Mail: Remove any plastic inserts & recycle the paper. See info on stopping junk mail (p 7).

Landscape Waste: See Yard Waste (p 6).

Latex Paint: See p 3.

Lawn mowers: Gas mowers are scrap metal. Empty the gas (to take to HHW) and take the mower to scrap metal drop-offs. You can try setting it out at the curb on the night before trash

day for a metal scrapper to take. If it is working or repairable, you could put it at the curb at any time with a FREE sign on it.

LED bulbs: see Fluorescent Tube Lights.

Light bulbs (incandescent): not recyclable, trash.

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

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

Medications: See p 4.

Mercury thermostats: See HHW (p 4).

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

Microwaves: The Crusher* for recycling. OR St. Charles Scrap, 3N780 Powis Rd., West Chicago, IL 60185, 800-697-2727.

Motor Oil: See p 5.

Musical Instruments: SCARCE*.

Needles: See p 5.

Office, art and craft supplies: SCARCE*.

Oil: See Motor Oil or Cooking Oil.

Oxygen tanks: Full or Empty: The Crusher*

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

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*One-stop Drops

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

Accepts: cell phones, eye glasses & hearing aids.

The Crusher 651 W Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185, theautocrusher.com, 630-231-6888.

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

SCARCE 799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn, scarce.org, 630-545-9710.

Accepts: art supplies, books, buttons, cell phones, crayons, flags, keys, musical instruments, office & school supplies, Brita water filters, 35mm canisters w/ lids, sewing supplies, yarn, fabric, bowling balls, small pieces of scrap metal, and more. Check website or call.

A-Z

Listing *continued from page 9*

Paint: See p 2 (for both oil-based and latex), p 3 (for latex) & p 4 (for oil).

Paper: See Recycling Guidelines (p 11).

Pharmaceuticals: See p 4.

Phones: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Phone Books: Place in household recycling, see Recycling Guidelines (p 11). To opt out, see Junk Mail (p 7).

Plastic grocery bags and plastic film: See p 12.

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

Record Albums (vinyl): For reuse as a craft item - SCARCE*. Otherwise trash; no known recycling program for these. Cardboard covers can be recycled.

Refrigerators / Large household Appliances: Call your waste hauler for collection. Also refrigerators can be taken to The Crusher*. Check with your local electric utility for rebate takeback programs.

Sharps: See p 5.

Shingles (Roofing): See Construction and Demolition Debris.

Shoes: USAgain recycles clothes and shoes. See www.usagain.com for a drop-box near you. Also see: www.shoe4africa.org.

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

Styrofoam, polystyrene, styrene:

Dart Container Corp, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora, 630-896-4631, www.dart.biz. Recycle Drop-Off is open 24/7. List of accepted items: block foam #6, clean food containers. NO straws, cup lids, paper, or packing peanuts. If dropping a large load please call for an appointment. See (p 9) for Packing Peanuts. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Sump Pumps: The Crusher*. For large loads, please make an appointment.

Syringes: See p 5.

Televisions: See Electronics (p 2-3).

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

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

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

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

Tyvek: Recycle quantities of plastic mailer envelopes, banners, and signs at Tyvek Recycle. Contact Sheree Hardin 804-518-2905.

Walkers & Wheelchairs: See Crutches.

Windows: If new, complete w/ unbroken, insulated glass (or under 5 years), see ReStore under Building Materials on the Drop-off page (p 6). If old or broken, please dispose of at the curb. Contact your Waste & Recycling Hauler for cost, and please duct tape an X on both sides of glass for pick-up.

X-rays: Pick-up: B.W. Recycling, Inc., 877-217-7020, www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm. Drop-off: Cardinal Recycling, Co., 815-416-1500, www.cardinalrecycling.com/services.html.

Yard waste: Collection programs are managed by towns and waste haulers (p 1). Also see Drop-offs (p 6) and section on Back Yard Composting (p 7).

*See page 9.

ReUse!

Use craigslist.org or freecycle.org to list unwanted items

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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

YES!

Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps

Put material in loose - Not in bags



METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,
and Jars Only



CARTONS

NO!



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



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



No Tanglers (Hangers, Hoses,
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



No Clothing
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



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



No Shredded Paper
(see countyofkane.org/recycling for other recycling options)

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

To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit countyofkane.org/recycling, or contact recycle@countyofkane.org or 630-208-3841.

Also see the EPA online resource at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>



Things Change:

This is an annual guide published once a year. Please always refer to the website for the most updated and accurate information!

www.countyofkane.org/recycling



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

Recycling Plastic Bags and Plastic Film

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

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

Do NOT Recycle:

The following are considered contaminants and could jeopardize recycling programs:

- NO receipts, deli stickers, or cling wrap
- NO frozen food bags
- NO film that has been painted or has excessive glue
- NO bio-based or compostable plastic bags



Kane County Connects



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Thank you.

