

2020 MCHENRY COUNTY RECYCLING DIRECTORY

GREEN GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE 14TH EDITION OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY GREEN GUIDE!

At the time of printing many of the businesses and organizations listed in this guide were operating with reduced availability due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call or check their websites before visiting any of these entities to confirm their availability.

Welcome to the 2020 McHenry County Green Guide Recycling Directory. This information is collected and researched for accuracy by the staff of the Sustainability Center at McHenry County College. Please understand that businesses change names, phone numbers, pricing, and policies. We do our best to collect the most accurate information possible, but we encourage you to confirm with the businesses directly.

Highlights for the 2020 Edition:

- Guest article on recycling contamination from Kelli Boeckmann, Solid Waste Manager for the McHenry County Department of Health
- Article on a variety of apps you can use to donate or resell your items
- County wide residential electronic collection events information
- New information on curbside food scrap organics collection options
- All new bubbles of information and recycling statistics from IL Environmental Protection Agency

Looking for events? Many events have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please visit the websites of the Defenders, Land Conservancy, and McHenry County Conservation District for a list of upcoming events. See their ads on page 8.

Parting thought—let's end "wish-cycling." Please take the time to look at the back page of this guide and understand what can be recycled and what cannot. We all "wish" certain things could be recycled, but right now many items cannot, and they are taking a toll on the recycling industry. If you are unsure about a certain item, leave it out of the curbside bin and call the MCC Sustainability Center at (815) 479-7765.

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2020 Green Living Expo will be
November 7, 2020



Registration begins June 1, 2020

Please email
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for more information

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(815) 479-7765 | ROOM C122
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SUSTAINABILITY@MCHENRY.EDU

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RECYCLING CONTAMINATION AND TANGLERS

It is estimated that up to 25% of the items that go into our curbside recycling bins are not actually recyclable. This is called “recycling contamination.”

By adhering to the following guidelines, you can protect McHenry County’s recycling options.

Metal, glass, paper, cardboard and plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars are really the only things that belong in your curbside recycling bin. Other items can often be recycled at a separate facility—just not via curbside recycling.

Here are a few ways that recyclables become contaminated:

1. The most obvious contamination occurs when people put items in the recycling bin that are actually trash. Food debris and liquids can also cause contamination. Recyclables should be clean and dry, with no food residue (i.e. greasy pizza boxes) and no liquids inside. If food or liquid contaminates paper/cardboard, they are no longer viable and typically end up in the landfill.
2. Plastic bags pose two problems. Workers at the recycling center or Material Recovery Facility (MRF) do not know if the bag contains recyclables, garbage, or something else. Some recycling facilities will just pick out any bagged items and send them to the landfill. Plastic bags can also become entangled in the machinery that sorts recyclables, causing the facility to shut down as they remove the bags. All recyclables, clean and dry, should go directly into the recycling tote—not a plastic bag. Plastic bags should be brought back to the store or other recycling facility that accepts plastic film for recycling.
3. Tanglers are another problem for MRFs. Tanglers include hangers, hoses, bags, wires, Christmas lights, etc. These items get tangled around the recycling machinery. Keep all of these types of items out of your curbside recycling bin. There are other ways to recycle some of these items; some of them might just need to go in the trash.
4. The most dangerous type of recycling contamination is medical waste. Most MRFs still have staff hand-sorting recyclables at some point on the line. If there are needles or other sharps in the recycling, it could result in an accidental needle stick, causing physical injury to the workers. Sharps can be difficult to recycle, but Waste Management offers a mail-back program, and some local police departments and pharmacies provide drop boxes at their facilities. If proper recycling is unavailable, residents should place sharps in a durable container like a metal coffee can, tape the lid, write “DO NOT RECYCLE” on the container, and place it in the household trash.

Questions regarding alternatives for items that cannot go in the curbside recycling container should be directed to the McHenry County Solid Waste Manager at the McHenry County Department of Health.

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CURBSIDE FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING AVAILABLE IN SELECT AREAS OF MCHENRY COUNTY

Did you know that Prairieland Disposal Company offer year round food scrap composting pick curbside pickup for its customers? Organics are processed at Midwest Organics (www.compostmatters.com) in McHenry. It is then sold under the brand name Organamix.

What can be curbside composted?

- Fruits, vegetables, kitchen scraps, breads, grains, meats (including bones!), dairy, plants, greens, and pet waste.
- No grease, liquids, oil, metal, or cardboard. No plastic!
- Make sure to use a paper or biodegradable bag if needed for collection.
- For more information visit www.prairielanddisposal.com

By composting, you are recycling instead of contributing to solid waste landfills. Compost improves soil quality, enabling it to better retain air, nutrients and moisture and resulting in healthier, thriving plants.

RESELLING, REGIFTING—THERE IS AN APP FOR (ALMOST) EVERYTHING

Looking for a way to reuse an item? There are many donation options, some of which can be found in our A to Z Guide (update coming soon!) on www.mchenry.edu/green. If you are interested in reselling your item(s), we've compiled a list of popular apps and websites to help you do so.

McHenry County College does not endorse any of the below. Please use with caution and at your own discretion. Fees and commission rates are subject to change.

GENERAL RESALE SITES/APPS

- **Facebook Marketplace**—the most popular outlet for reselling almost anything.
- **Instagram** (website and app)—Instagram also functions as a local online marketplace, similar to Facebook.
- **Amazon** (website and app)—General item sale and resale website. Item sale fee is \$0.99 per item.
- **Mercari** (website and app)—General resale site. The selling fee is 10% of the listing price and the site boasts quick listing and sale.
- **Letgo** (website and app)—General resale site. Free to sell and no commissions. “Bump” your item higher for a small fee.
- **Gone** (app)—Resale site for anything, including electronics. List your item(s) and Gone will send you mailing materials so you can ship your items to buyers. You are paid when the item(s) sell. Fees range from 7–20%.
- **Newegg** (website and app)—Leading tech reseller. Commission rates are between 8% and 15%.
- **Chairish** (website and app)—resale site for high end furniture and décor. Regular sellers have a 30% fee on items sold and trusted repeat sellers only have a 20% fee.
- **The RealReal** (website and app)—Luxury resale site. The site sends the seller packaging and shipping label. If there are 10 or more items and you live in a qualifying area, the site will send someone to pick up and mail the items for you.
- **Bookoo** (website and app)—A “community yard sale” platform. Buy and sell items locally through a ‘classifieds’ system that allows you to meet the seller first to mitigate the chance of placing the buyer in dangerous situations.
- **Carousell** (website and app)—A site that allows you to sell anything “from cars to clothing.” Listings can also be posted on social media and can be listed in 30 secs. There are no fees for buyers or sellers.
- **VarageSale** (website and app)—Trading/selling site for anything you would sell at a garage sale. For local communities. Emphasizes safety, so names and profile pictures must be verified. No fees.

- **Recycler** (website and app)—A classifieds site for a more specific range of offers including selling cars, pets, or house/apartment rentals. Loyal buyer/seller base adds trust in communities.
- **5Miles** (website and app)—Site for selling items and services that allows users to search within 5 miles of their location. You can list jobs and items, with an online skills section for selling skills and services. Fees range from \$2–5 a month after first five free listings.

ART

- **Etsy** (website and app)—Art and vintage resale website. Listing fee is \$0.20 per item and the sales commission fee is 3.5%.

CLOTHING RESALE SITES/APPS

- **Poshmark** (app and website)—Clothing resale app for women's clothing and accessories (especially designer items). Poshmark has a 20% commission on items over \$15 and a flat \$2.95 commission on items under \$15.
- **Depop** (app and website)—Clothing resale app. Both accept wide varieties of clothing with everything being done in-app. Depop has a 10% commission fee.
- **Vinted** (website and app)—Site for buying, selling and swapping clothing. Buyers pay a service fee of 3–8% of the item's price. When swapping, no fee is applied.

AUCTION WEBSITES

- **eBay** (website and app)—General item resale and auction website. Ebay charges 9% per item sold.
- **OfferUp** (website and app)—Essentially a local version of eBay. Bidding system based on proximity to seller. Payment fee is 7.9% per transaction. Caution is recommended, as there is no vetting process.

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Single Day Residential Electronic Recycling Events

Open to all McHenry County residents.

Fees are: \$25 for up to 21", \$35 for 21" and larger, \$15 for LCD any size.

July 25 | 9 a.m.–Noon

Milky Way Park, Lawrence Road, Harvard

August 29 | 9 a.m.–Noon

McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock

September 19 | 9 a.m.–Noon

Grafton Township, 10109 Vine St, Huntley

October 3 | 9 a.m.–Noon

McHenry County College, 8900 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake

Note: Document destruction may be available—please check www.mcdh.info or www.mchenry.edu/green for the latest information.

Electronic Devices that can be recycled at these Drop-Off Sites:

- Televisions & Computer Monitors (Fees Apply)
- Computers & Small Scale Servers
- Printers, FAX Machines and Scanners
- DVD Players, DVD Recorders and VCR's
- Video Game Consoles
- Digital Converter Boxes, Cable and Satellite Receivers
- Electronic Keyboards, Electronic Mice and Portable Digital Music Players

Limit of 7 electronic devices per visit.

Environmental Defenders will collect:

- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs
- Textiles and clothing
- Clean Styrofoam

Hosted by McHenry County
Department of Health
www.mcdh.info, (815) 334-4585

Food Waste (ILEPA)

- 3.1 million tons generated annually
- Produces 7.2 million tons of carbon dioxide annually
- Approximately 2 million Illinois residents are food insecure

Plastics (ILEPA)

- 2.9 million tons generated annually
- At least 500 years for decomposition
- 500,000 cubic yards of carbon dioxide generated



WE RECYCLE TVs & ELECTRONICS



BUYING ALL GRADES OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METAL



*THERE IS A MATERIAL RECYCLING FEE FOR TVS/MONITORS ONLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL FOR RECYCLING FEES.

ELGIN RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Gilberts Recycling Center
161 Center Dr., Gilberts, IL
(TRUCK SCALE)

Elgin Recycling Center
660 Schiller St., Elgin, IL

Crystal Lake Recycling Center
5114 Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL
(TRUCK SCALE)

Arlington Heights Recycling Center
145 S. Weiler Rd., Arlington Heights, IL
(TRUCK SCALE)

OFFICIAL MCHENRY COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF

5114 Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL
OFFERING CONTACT FREE DROP-OFF CALL FOR DETAILS



R2- Responsible Recycling is a set of guidelines and principles to ensure your end of life electronics are recycled in an environmentally friendly, safe and secure manner.

847-741-4100

elginrecycling.com

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ELECTRONICS, TVS, AND COMPUTERS



Please call first! Due to rapid changes taking place in this industry, **PLEASE CALL FIRST** to verify that a location listed below is still accepting items—especially TV's!

Another option is to contact your solid waste hauler for a "premium" pick up of electronics and screens. There are fees associated with the service.

LOCAL DROP-OFF CENTERS

ELECTRONICS—INCLUDING TV'S

Elgin Recycling

5114 Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
(847) 741-4100 | www.elginrecycling.com
\$25 for TVs under 21", \$35 for TVs over 21",
LCD monitors, \$15 per unit.
Other locations: Gilberts, Elgin, Elk Grove.

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 US-14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(847) 639-2700, #6 | www.algtwsp.com
April–Oct., 8 a.m.–Noon, last Sat. of month and selected
dates for TV/monitors. Small electronics accepted M–F,
7 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Chicago Logistic Service

1333 Davis Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
(847)429-1926 | www.chicagologisticservice.com
TVs and monitors are \$.50 per pound per unit, max of \$50.

McHenry Township Road District

(815) 385-3076 | www.mchenrytownship.com
3rd Saturday of the month, April–Nov. (except Sept.)
TVs and Monitors \$1 per pound up to \$85 max per item.
Township residents only.

MRK Group, LTD

801 N State St. Unit C, Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 468-2448 | www.mrk ltd.com
Last Friday of every month will accept up to 10 items no
charge. \$15 for TVs smaller than 32", \$50 for TVs 32" or
bigger. \$5/e for small electronics.

ELECTRONICS—NO TV'S OR MONITORS!

Best Buy Stores (no small appliances)

www.bestbuy.com

- Algonquin (847) 458-5768
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7874
- McHenry (815) 578-2039

Behr Iron & Metal

13914 Washington St, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 206-5511 | www.jbehr.com

Goodwill Stores

www.goodwill.org

- Crystal Lake (224)333-0064
- Carpentersville (847)426-2448
- Huntley (847)669-9338
- Lake Zurich (847)550-0769

Call store for home donation pick up availability. Takes
small working, resellable electronics.

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Township Residents Only, 24/7.

Waste Management's ThinkGREEN From Home

(800) 664-1434 | www.thinkgreenfromhome.com
Offers various recycling kits.

COMPUTERS ONLY—RESIDENTIAL

Com2 Recycling Solutions

500 Kehoe Blvd, Carol Stream
(630) 653-2662

Open Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Fees apply for TV's,
monitors, printers, and misc. electronics. FREE to recycle
computers and laptops. *COM2 does not offer services to
remove the items from your vehicle as it is an insurance
liability. Please bring help with you.* Visit website to pay
online www.com2recycling.com/checkout.php

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

(800) 558-1166

Fee by quantity. Home pick-up, drop off, or mail in services
available. Call for information (800) 558-1166.

Home and Pro Studio

1002 McHenry Ave Suite #3, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 363-2024. By appointment only.

Check with your hauler for specialized
collection dates! E-waste collection dates
for Prairieland customers: September 14–18
(Crystal Lake), September 21–25 (McHenry)



There are four permanent locations in northern Illinois that are open to Illinois residents at no additional cost. If you have residential household hazardous waste to transport, please consider the following safer transport guidelines:

- Keep HHW in their original containers. Do not mix any substances together.
- Transport the waste in a clean, dry plastic container or plastic lined cardboard box and place in the trunk of your vehicle.

Permanent HHW Collection Sites (Residential use only):

Rock River Reclamation District

3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
(779) 348-7300 | (815) 387-7400
www.rrwr.dst.il.us/?page_id=2442
Call for fees and accepted items.
Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.

Chicago Department of Public Health— Goose Island Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago, IL 60642
(312) 744-3060 | www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf

Naperville Public Works

180 Fort Hill Dr, Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 420-6095 | www.naperville.il.us/hhw

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

1180 Half Day Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035
(847) 336-9340 | www.swalco.org

Accepted HHW Items:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Antifreeze
- Automotive fluids (brake, transmission fluids)
- Batteries (household & automotive)
- Cleaning Solvents, Degreasers
- Fertilizers
- Flammable liquids
- Florescent Tubes & Ballasts
- Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides
- Gasoline—in properly marked containers
- Insulin disposal (no needles or sharps)
- Mercury, Thermometers (mercury), Thermostats (mercury)
- Ni-Cad Batteries (Nickel-Cadmium, rechargeable)
- Paint (oil-based only, no Latex paint)
- Paint Strippers/Paint Thinner
- Pool Chemicals
- Oil, automotive
- Tires (auto only—maximum 4 per vehicle per day)
- Varnish, Wood Stain, similar products

Unacceptable Items:

- Business, commercial or institutional wastes
- Agricultural chemicals
- Alkaline batteries (see battery section)
- DEA controlled substances (DEA site or call (312) 353-7875)
- Explosives and ammunition
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Household electronics (see electronics section)
- Latex paint (See Paint section in Green Guide)
- Lead acid batteries
- Propane tanks
- Medical wastes, sharps/needles
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Tires (see page 12)

DID YOU KNOW?

Many haulers will take one bulk item per week as part of your waste hauler contract. Bulk items can be mattresses, furniture, lawn mower, grill, etc. Please check with your hauler directly to check their procedure.

SHREDDING



Document destruction may be available at county wide recycling days—please check county website. See page 4 or visit www.mcdh.info for more information on dates and locations.

Abraham's On-Site Shredding

(262) 877-8878
Minimum charge of \$105, covers up to 500 lbs.

Accurate Document Destruction

2500 Landmeier Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(800) 407-4733
Call for quote.

Alan Joseph Co., Inc.

101 E Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060
(847) 949-0700
Minimum charge of \$10, covers up to 10 lbs.

AMS Store and Shred, LLC

13 Prosper Ct., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(800) 262-2344
Fee by volume.

Beaver Shredding

(866) 674-7323
www.beavershred.com
Call for quote. Offers various residential and commercial packages.

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware

4520 W Crystal Lake Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 385-3660
Fee.

Check with your bank or your realtor for free or low cost shredding options.

SHREDDING



TLC is a local nonprofit preserving land for life.

You can help!

- Become a member
- Volunteer at a workday
- Plant oak trees
- Buy native plants
- Join Conservation@Home

www.ConserveMC.org
[Facebook.com/ConserveMC](https://www.facebook.com/ConserveMC)
815.337.9502



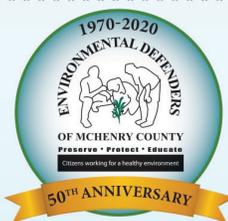
We Pledge to protect...

our Water —
The wetlands, streams and rivers help to reduce flooding while enhancing groundwater recharge.

our Wildlife —
We remain committed to preserving distinct natural areas where diverse species can flourish.

our Way of Life —
We provide outdoor places to reflect and play to enhance the health and well-being of county residents.

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Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

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Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0393
envirodefmc@gmail.com

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61 N. Williams St. 110 S. Johnson St.
Crystal Lake Woodstock

50th ANNIVERSARY



The following locations accept paint for recycling. Spray paint, stains, and other paint related products (i.e. thinners) will not be accepted unless otherwise noted. (See the Household Hazardous Waste Section for information on how to dispose of these products and oil-based paint.) Commercial or contractor use of the program is prohibited. Most charge a fee based on quantity, so be sure to call first.

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 U.S. Hwy 14, Crystal Lake | (847) 639-2700, #6
 www.algtwsp.com
 Items Accepted from Township Residents ONLY:
 Latex paint: \$3/gallon (no aerosol paint).
 Oil based, stain, or varnish: \$5/quart, \$9/gallon.

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg | (815) 385-3076
 www.mchenrytownship.com
 Latex or oil, gallon size or smaller containers.
 Township residents only. No charge.

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012 | (815) 459-4410
 Open 24/7 to township residents only.

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware

4520 W Crystal Lake Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
 (815) 385-3660
 Latex paint ONLY accepted. No oil-based paint.
 Call for quote.

Zeigler's Ace Hardware

- Crystal Lake (815) 455-2510
- Cary (847) 516-0600
- Huntley (847) 669-5222
- Lake in the Hills (847) 658-1783

Latex paint ONLY accepted. No-oil based paint.
 Call for quote.

Rock River Reclamation District

3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
 (815) 387-7400
 Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.
 Oil based paint ONLY. Call for accepted paints.

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

1180 Half Day Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035
 (847) 336-9340
 Call for accepted paints.

Alternative Options for Disposing of Latex Paint
 Latex paint is a low toxic, water-based product. Once it is dried solid, simply knock out the solid clump into your regular garbage. The steel or plastic paint container with a small amount of dry residue can be recycled in your curbside collection.

High-quality, sustainably produced recycled paint from EarthPaint.org is now available at Habitat for Humanity ReStores in McHenry and Woodstock. The McHenry store is located at 903 Front St., and the Woodstock location can be found at 133 S. Eastwood Dr. Checkout Earthpaint.org for more on why this is a sustainable choice!

RECYCLING IN THE WORKPLACE
 Interested in recycling coffee pods, pens and markers and much more? Check out the zero waste collection boxes at Terracycle.com

DID YOU KNOW?
 Life Expectancy of Landfills in Illinois is 20 Years



Many businesses have fees associated with recycling bulbs. Please call or check websites for the most accurate information pricing.

FLUORESCENT TUBES

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 | (815) 459-4410
www.nundaroaddistrict.com
 Residents only—must show proof of residence.

McHenry Township Road District

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 Township residents only.

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware

4520 W Crystal Lake Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
 (815) 385-3660

Batteries Plus Bulbs

5260 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
 (815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/il/456

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

(815) 338-0393 | www.mcdef.org
 Visit their website for drop-off event information

Everlights

1105 Stevenson Ct. Suite 104 E Roselle, 60172
 (773) 734-9873 | www.everlights.com

Fluorecycle, Inc.

27780 W Concrete Dr, Ingleside, IL 60041
 (815) 363-4411 | www.fluorecycle.com/

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

(800) 558-1166 | www.lamprecyclers.com
 Fee by quantity. Home pick-up, drop off, or mail in services available. Call for information (800) 558-1166.

Waste Management's Think Green From Home

(800) 664-1434 | www.thinkgreenfromhome.com
 Packages and pricing available online.

CFL BULBS

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Batteries Plus Bulbs

5260 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
 (815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/il/456

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

(800) 558-1166
 Fee by Quantity. Home pick-up, drop off, or mail in services available. Call for information (800) 558-1166.

Waste Management's Think Green From Home

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LEDs

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www.mchenrytownship.com
 3rd Saturday of April–November (except September).
 Township residents only.

Everlights

1105 Stevenson Ct. Suite 104 E Roselle, 60172
 (773) 734-9873
 Fee by quantity.

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 (815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/il/456

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 Packages and pricing available online.

BATTERIES AND MOTOR OIL



Many businesses have fees associated with recycling batteries/motor oil. Please call or check websites for the most accurate information pricing.

LA—Lead Acid (car battery) **A**—Alkaline **C**—Cell phone **R**—Rechargeable

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware **LA A C R**
4520 W Crystal Lake Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 385-3660

Auto Zone **LA A**

- Cary (847) 462-1248
- Crystal Lake (815) 788-8840
- Huntley (847) 669-1678
- Lake in the Hills (847) 458-0756
- McHenry (815) 363-8529
- Woodstock (815) 337-8775

Accepted: LA, A
Provides \$10 in-store credit per battery

Batteries + Bulbs **LA A C**
5260 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/il/456

Fluorecycle, Inc. **LA A C R**
27780 W Concrete Dr, Ingleside, IL 60041
(815) 363-4411

Cell2Recycle **A C R**
(877) 723-1297 x250 | www.cell2recycle.org
Check online for the nearest drop-off location near you.

**Environmental Defenders of
McHenry County** **LA A C R**
(815) 338-0393 | www.mcdef.org

Interstate Batteries of Fox River Valley **LA A C R**
333 IL-176, Island Lake, IL 60042
(847) 487-1009
Alkaline batteries \$0.60 per lb. Other batteries accepted free.

Stop Junk Mail!
Unsubscribe online at National Do Not Mail List

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

Opt Out of Phone Books:
www.yellowpagesoptout.com

Stop Catalog Mailings:
www.catalogchoice.org

Lamp Recyclers, Inc. **LA A C R**
(800) 558-1166 | www.lamprecyclers.com
Fee by quantity. Home pick-up, drop off, or mail in services available. Call for information (800) 558-1166.

McHenry Township Road District **LA A C R**
3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg, IL
(815) 385-3706 | www.mchenrytownship.com
Alkaline Batteries—\$1 per pound. Lead Batteries—free.
Township residents only.

Nunda Township Road District **LA A C R**
3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake,
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Township residents only—must provide proof of residence.

Rock River Reclamation District **LA C R**
3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 387-7400
Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday Noon–4 p.m.

**Waste Management's
Think Green From Home** **LA A C R**
(800) 664-1434 | www.thinkgreenfromhome.com
Packages and pricing available online.

MRK Group, LTD **A C R**
801 N State St. Unit C, Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 468-1700 | www.mrkgroup ltd.com
Accepted: A, C, R

Algonquin Township Road District **LA**
3702 US-14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(847) 639-2700
Lead acid (Pb) Batteries—cars, trucks, and emergency lighting. **Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) Batteries**—cordless phones, tools and two-way radios. **Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) Batteries**—camcorders, cameras, and bar code scanners. **Lithium Ion (Li Ion) and Lithium Polymer (Li Poly)**—cell phones and laptops.

Auto Tech, Inc. **LA**

- McHenry (815) 385-7300
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7300
- Woodstock (815) 338-5700
- Huntley (847) 802-4051

BATTERIES AND MOTOR OIL

Independent Auto Craft **LA**

6207 Factory Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-4030
No fee.

Prairieland Disposal, Inc. **LA R**

21988 N Pepper Rd, Lake Barrington, IL 60010
(847) 381-9300 | www.prairielanddisposal.com

B&O Used Auto **LA**

800 Brickville Rd, Sycamore, IL 60178
(815) 895-6744
They pay \$0.18/lb for lead acid batteries.

Behr Iron & Metal **LA C**

13914 Washington St, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 206-5511 | www.jbehr.com
Accepted: LA, C

Elgin Recycling **LA**

Crystal Lake (847) 741-4100 | www.elginrecycling.com
They pay \$0.10/lb for lead acid batteries

M—Motor Oil **T**—Tires

Nunda Township Road District **M T**

3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Township residents only—must show proof of residence.

Auto Tech, Inc. **M T**

- McHenry (815) 385-7300
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7300
- Woodstock (815) 338-5700
- Huntley (847) 802-4051

\$2.75/tire, fee for motor oil over a gallon.

Auto Zone **M**

- Cary (847) 462-1248
- Crystal Lake (815) 788-8840
- Huntley (847) 669-1678
- Lake in the Hills (847) 458-0756
- McHenry (815) 363-8529
- Woodstock (815) 337-8775

Does not accept tires. Motor Oil ONLY. No fee.

Independent Auto Craft **M T**

6207 Factory Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-4030
No charge for motor oil, Tires \$5 each.

Farm & Fleet Co. **LA**

11501 US-14, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-2549

National Tire and Battery **LA**

5201 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 477-4440

T&C Metal Co. **LA**

378 E. Prairie St., Crystal Lake, IL. 60014
(815) 459-4445
Pay @ \$0.20 per lb. for lead acid batteries.

Best Buy Stores **C R**

www.bestbuy.com

- Algonquin (847) 458-5768
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7874
- McHenry (815) 578-2039

Walmart Auto Center **M T**

- Crystal Lake (815) 447-2147
- Algonquin (847) 458-5734
- Woodstock (815) 206-0931

Farm & Fleet Co. **M T**

11501 US-14, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-2549

Rock River Reclamation District **M**

3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 387-7400
Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.

Algonquin Lube Express **M**

1560 E Algonquin Rd, Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 458-8800

McHenry Lube Express **M**

5200 W Elm St, McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 344-4443

STYROFOAM



Environmental Defenders and Partners Styrofoam Recycling Collection Locations:

Must be clean, all colors accepted, separated by color helps. Construction pink/blue foam siding NOT accepted.

- Village of Algonquin, Public Works.
110 Meyer Dr., Algonquin. Open 24/7.
- Algonquin Township Highway Department.
3702 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake. Open Mon.–Fri.,
6:30 a.m.–3 p.m..
- City of Woodstock Public Works.
326 Washington St., Woodstock. Open Mon.–Fri.,
7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

More info/questions: www.mcdef.org,
Envirodefmc@gmail.com, or (815) 338-0393.

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg | (815) 385-3076
www.mchenrytownship.com
Drop-off events on the third Saturday of every
month, April–November from 8 a.m.–Noon.
No bubble wrap. Township residents only.

Chicago Logistic Service

1333 Davis Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
(847)429-1926 | www.chicagologisticservice.com
Packing peanuts, bubble wrap, styrofoam (clean)—
must be clean and empty. Open for drop off Mon.–Fri.
from 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Happy 50th Anniversary to
the Environmental Defenders
of McHenry County!

DID YOU KNOW?

EarthShare Illinois is a nonprofit Environmental organization that represents 33 environmental groups in work places. They provide programs to workers on a variety of topics and allow them to support environmental causes.

STOP
DROP
RECYCLE

Take care of this planet.
It's not returnable.



Styrofoam does not decompose - say no to Styrofoam!

If you have some, please take it to one of the above locations, where it is collected and recycled into other items such as picture frames! (must be without food residue)

Chicago Logistic Service and The Defenders have worked hard with Woodstock and Algonquin to provide the drop off locations above. Volunteers from the Defenders pick up the Styrofoam at no cost to the consumer or municipality. Contact CLS at (847)429-2018 or The Defenders at (815) 338-0393

APPLIANCES



Large appliances are banned from landfills in Illinois. Many stores will pick up your old appliance for recycling when they deliver the new one. For refrigerators, freezers and other freon-bearing appliances, proof of proper Freon removal may be required prior to recycling. Fees may apply—check with waste hauler.

Elgin Recycling—Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts, Arlington Heights

(815) 455-7700 | www.elginrecycling.com
Proof of Freon removal required.
\$15 for <21" | \$25 for ≥21" (cash only)

ComEd (must be customer)

(855) 433-2700
Get paid \$50 per fridge. Get paid an additional \$10 per working AC or humidifier.

PrairieLand Disposal & Recycling—Lake Barrington, Holiday Hills

(847) 381-9300 | www.prairielanddisposal.com
Fee for Freon removal.
\$15 for <21" | \$25 for ≥21" (cash only)
\$55 for 0-50lbs | \$85 for >50lbs (cash only)

Behr Iron & Metal—Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 | www.jbehr.com
Proof of Freon removal required.

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

(800) 468-5865 | www.1800gotjunk.com
Pick-up service for a fee.

Habitat for Humanity—Elgin ReStore

(847) 742-9905 | www.habitatnfv.org/restore/
Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old in working order for resale.

Habitat for Humanity—Lake County ReStore

(847) 249-3160 | restore.habitatlc.org
Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old in working order for resale

Habitat for Humanity—Woodstock ReStore

(815) 334-0500 | www.habitatmchenry.org
Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old in working order for resale

BestBuy

- (815) 459-7874—Crystal Lake
- (847) 458-5768—Algonquin

Only with purchase of new appliance; delivery and pickup provided.

DID YOU KNOW?

Illinois citizens produce more than 14 million used tires annually. That's more than one used tire per person every year! These discarded tires, if improperly managed, serve as habitats for disease-carrying vectors, particularly mosquitoes. Whole tires have been banned from landfills. See page 12, watch for tire collection events and/or reach out to your municipality for events and collection sites.

RECYCLE
TODAY FOR
A BETTER
TOMORROW.

DID YOU KNOW?

If your aerosol can has something non-hazardous in it (like oil or room spray), empty it out completely and place in your curbside recycling bin.

TOP ON OR TOP OFF?

Leave the top ON
bottles, milk jugs,
cartons, etc.

YEAR ROUND COLLECTION LOCATIONS

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051 (815) 385-3076

Please visit www.mchenrytownship.com/recycling for a complete list of dates and items collected. No drop off during the week. Drop off is located in the township employee parking lot. Drop-off events on the third Saturday of every month, May–November (except September) 8 a.m.–Noon: May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, October 17

Items Accepted from Township Residents ONLY:

- Small electronics
- Televisions and computer monitors (\$1/lb to \$85 max per item)
- CFL tubes (\$0.50/e)
- Fluorescent tubes (\$.50/e for 4ft, \$1/e for 8ft)
- Textiles
- Styrofoam (clean, no bubble wrap or construction foam)
- Election signs,
- Batteries (\$1/lb for alkaline)
- VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs and cassette tapes
- Paint—Latex or oil, gallon size or smaller
- No large kitchen appliances or gasoline powered items accepted
- Brush: brush, branches and twigs must be no larger than 8 inches in diameter

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 U.S. Hwy 14, Crystal Lake | (847) 639-2700, #6

www.algtwsp.com/specialized-recycling

Monthly specialized recycling program: last Saturday of the month beginning May–October, 8 a.m.–Noon

Items Accepted from Township Residents ONLY:

- Latex Paint: \$4/gallon, \$10/5 gallon (no aerosol paint)
- Oil Paint: \$5/quart, \$10/gallon
- Stain and varnish: \$5/quart, \$9/gallon, \$21/5 gallon
- TV's and Monitors: 1 per family per month, no charge
- Car and Boat batteries (no alkaline)
- Used motor and cooking oil
- NO: transmission fluid, sealant, antifreeze

Daily Drop-Off Recycling:

- Aluminum and metal cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastics (milk jugs, water, pop and other beverage bottles, laundry and other household plastic containers)
- Newspaper, cardboard and magazines
- Clothing, Shoes,
- Flags
- Styrofoam
- Eyeglasses, cellphones, hearing aids, children's books
- Electronics (not TV's and monitors, see above)
- Tires—fee: \$4 for small or bike tires; \$5 for car tire, \$10 for truck tire and \$25 for tractor/semi tire (*must take rims off and accepted during office hours only) (\$10 surcharge for tires with rims)
- Brush: accepted last two weekends (Friday after 3pm, Saturday and Sunday) of the months April–October.

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake | (815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com

Daily Drop-Off Recycling: Available 24/7

Items Accepted from Township Residents:

- Cans—Aluminum and Metal
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Newspaper, Cardboard, and Magazines
- Landscape, Brush, Sticks and Branches
- Scrap Steel
- Electronics (no TVs or Monitors)
- Light Bulbs (any kind)
- Used Oil Recycling (no anti-freeze or other chemicals)
- Tires ON SATURDAYS ONLY 7 a.m.–Noon
- Textiles
- Batteries (car and truck batteries only)
- Paint—Latex and Oil Base—May 1–October 31, 7am-3:30pm
- Brush/Branch Drop Off is for RESIDENTS ONLY. If dropping off during office hours, please drop off in back, if after office hours, please place brush in bin in recycle center. Must bring ID.
- NOT ACCEPTED: TVs, monitors, alkaline batteries, Styrofoam, concrete asphalt, leaves, grass clippings
- New—electric vehicle charging available

PrairieLand Disposal

21988 N. Pepper Rd., Lake Barrington | (847) 381-9300

www.prairielanddisposal.com

Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.– 5 p.m., Fri.: 8 a.m.– 4 p.m., Sat.: 8 a.m.–Noon

PrairieLand Disposal offers a convenient drop-off service during our normal business hours. NO DROP OFFS are permitted after business hours.

Any drop offs after hours are unauthorized and will be considered “fly dumping” and may be subject to prosecution at the full extent of the law.

- E-Scraps / Electronics: maximum of 7 E-Waste items per visit, excluding Christmas lights and cords, and including one TV or CRT monitor (some fees may apply to TV's and CRT monitors, call for details)
- Batteries: car batteries, truck batteries, and rechargeable batteries
- White Goods (large electrical goods), no water softeners, Note: no charge except a \$10.00 fee is required for refrigerators.
- Clothing and Textiles
- Athletic shoes: unwearable athletic shoes at Lake Barrington drop-off facility. Also take other styles of used, but wearable, shoes and boots and donate them to charity.
- Food Organics: vegetative food and organic scraps in biodegradable bags at no charge at our on-site drop-off located at 21988 N. Pepper Road in Lake Barrington. Please no plastic bags

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

YES!

Clean & Empty
Replace lids and caps



METAL

Steel and Aluminum Containers and Foil



PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



GLASS

Containers: Bottles and Jars Only



PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,
and Jars Only



CARTONS

May be acceptable in
some programs, check
with solid waste hauler.

NO!



No Plastic Bags

No Product Wrap
(return clean to retailer)



No Big Items

Electronics, Wood, Propane Tanks, Scrap
Metal, or Styrofoam
(check with solid waste hauler for other 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

(check with solid waste hauler
for other recycling options)

These guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your solid waste hauler.

To find out more detail, please review the McHenry County Green Guide at www.mchenry.edu/green. Contact the McHenry County Solid Waste Manager at 815-334-4585 and visit our website at www.mcdh.info.



MCHENRY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
2200 NORTH SEMINARY AVENUE
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098
PH: 815-334-4585
FAX: 815-334-4637
WEBSITE: www.mcdh.info

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