

Spring Cleaning Times

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This publication is provided by the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County to answer the most commonly asked questions about disposing of items that are no longer needed. But remember, careful purchasing is the best way to eliminate the problem of how to dispose of items. Be it paint or potatoes, buy only what you need and use it up! Buying well-made, durable items that will last many years will also help reduce this problem.

CAN IT BE RECYCLED?

Opportunities for recycling abound in McHenry County communities. Here are tips on how to learn the recycling guidelines for where you live:

1. Curbside recycling is the law. McHenry County was the first county in Illinois to require trash haulers to offer curbside recycling to residential customers. Whether you live in town or out in the country, curbside recycling is available to you. If you have arranged directly with a trash hauler to pick up your trash, call them to receive directions for what and how you can recycle at your curbside.

2. Towns negotiate wide-ranging curbside recycling contracts. If you live in town, your town government may have negotiated with a single waste hauler to haul your garbage and pick up recyclables. Often these contracts allow you to recycle a wide range of items at your curbside. If you do not pay a trash hauler directly but it is paid out of your city fees, call your city hall to learn the directions for curbside recycling in your town.

3. Green Guide for McHenry County answers most questions. The Lou Marchi Total Recycling Institute at McHenry County College has prepared an invaluable guide to recycling opportunities in McHenry County. You can pick up a copy at MCC or the Defenders office, or view the recycling directory online at www.mcddef.org under Recycling Information. The Defenders' website lists many recycling options, including Household Hazardous Waste drives.

Battery recycling available in McHenry County

Car batteries: The following businesses accept car batteries. Call for fee information. Household batteries are accepted at all Defenders recycling drives. See side for info

Aid Association for Lutherans

At Zion Lutheran Church (next to Jewel)
4206 W. Rt. 120, McHenry, IL
Contact: Curtis Bremer at 815-385-2853

Falcon Waste & Recycling, Inc.

1200 N Rosefarm Rd., Woodstock
815-337-8689
Call first

Farm & Fleet Co.

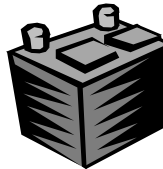
11501 Route 14 Woodstock, IL
815-338-2549

Independent Auto Craft

6207 Factory Rd Crystal Lake
815-455-4030

NTB-National Tire & Battery

5201 NW Hwy. 14 Crystal Lake
815-477-4440



Defenders Recycling Drives

Defenders Collection in McHenry-

When: Second Saturday of ODD NUMBERED months from 9 am until noon.

Where: At the Metra Station Parking lot on Main Street in McHenry

What: Buy-back program for aluminum cans, brass, and copper. Also will accept fluorescent bulbs, CFLs, household batteries, (donation requested) and packing peanuts, and useable bubble wrap.

Defenders Collection in Woodstock-

When: Second Saturday of EVEN NUMBERED months from 9 am until noon.

Where: 1102 McConnell Road -in the parking lot of the Farm Bureau building

What: fluorescent bulbs, CFLs, household batteries, (donation requested) and packing peanuts, and useable bubble wrap.

Motor oil is easy to recycle

The following locations accept motor oil for recycling. Most require you take the container back. Call first for hours, charges, and preparation:

Woodstock

Falcon Waste & Recycling

1200 N Rosefarm Rd.
815-337-8689

Call first,

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

80 N. Eastwood Dr.
815-337-0728

McHenry

McHenry Lube Express

5200 W. Elm
815-344-4443

Also accepts Antifreeze

Northtown Auto Service & Tire

Center

3800 McCullom Lake Rd.,
McHenry
815-363-2886

Also accepts Antifreeze

Crystal Lake

Algonquin Twp. Hwy. Dept.

3702 U.S. Highway 14
847-639-2700 ext. 6

Independent Auto Craft

6207 Factory Rd
815-455-4030

*Also accepts Antifreeze *

Lube Right Oil Change

4410 S. Northwest Hwy.
815-455-7490

Nunda Twp. Highway Garage

3518 Bay Rd.
815-459-4410

Where to take Yard Waste

Most municipalities have a system for collecting landscape waste. Also, municipal haulers that provide residential collection are required to offer a seasonal collection of leaves as an option.

Brush Drop-Off Sites:

DeKalb County Landfill Compost Facility

18370 Somonauk Rd., DeKalb, IL
815-758-6906

Yard waste cannot be contaminated with bricks, rocks, cans, bottles, plastic, etc. Fee.

Falcon Waste & Recycling, Inc.

1200 N Rosefarm Rd.
815-337-8689, Call first

Thelen Composting Facility

W. Rt. 173, Spring Grove
815-675-6613

Will accept clean yard waste only in paper bags, no plastic, will accept grass clippings and tree trimmings (pieces must be less than 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter). No rocks or concrete or dirt. Fee.

Algonquin, McHenry & Nunda Townships all have special drop offs for residents of those townships - call them for details.



Old gasoline: The best method of disposing of old gasoline is to use it up. Mixed with an additive and/or placed in the gas tank of your car, you can safely burn the material without harming your car. You can also consult with your automotive mechanic or dealer to see if they would properly dispose of it. Also see Household and Hazardous Waste on reverse side of this flyer.

What to do with tires?

All retailers that sell tires must take the old tires, sometimes for a fee. Some tire retailers will accept tires when no purchase is made for a fee, and there will usually be a limit. Call first! All tires must be off the rim. Check the yellow pages for a store near you, and ask about their policy.

There are also tire collections scheduled by the Illinois EPA every year. To find out times and places, call the Illinois EPA at 217-785-8604, or check out the EPA website for tire collection schedule is: www.epa.state.il.us/land/tires/

For questions concerning local Tire Recycling Events, call the McHenry County Planning and Development Department at 815-334-4560.





The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County is a non-profit citizen organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment. Since 1970, we have promoted recycling and waste reduction, protection of our county's rivers, streams, drinking water, open space, and the other natural resources that make McHenry County a great place to live.

We hope you can use the information found in this flyer. Please consider supporting the continued work of the Defenders by becoming a member of our organization. We can only continue our work through citizen support.

Televisions, computers & electronics

Computer Recycling Center

815-455-6300, Crystal Lake
Recycles and/or refurbishes electronics.
Sells remanufactured computers and components. Fee for monitors and TVs

Falcon Waste & Recycling, Inc.

1200 N Rosefarm Rd., Woodstock
815-337-8689 Call first. Fee for monitors and TVs.

Algonquin Township Road District

Computer CPUs, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, calculators, word processors and battery backups. No monitors. Drop off last Saturday of the month, March – October, 8 a.m.-noon. Algonquin Township residents only

Dell Computer Recycling Program

800-915-3355 Free recycling service to customers buying a new PC.

eBay Rethink Electronic recycling program.

They have a partnership with environmental groups, services and companies to serve as a conduit for sales, donations or recycling of electronic equipment. <http://rethink.ebay.com> Includes some local options.

Hewlett-Packard

Will take any computer hardware from any maker. Includes printers, scanners, fax machines, monitors, plus external components. They are reused or recycled. Fee. For information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/57hz>



RECYCLE YOUR OLD GYM SHOES

If your shoes are "gently used", donate them to your favorite thrift store or charity. Bring your old worn-out sneakers to the following locations:

• Algonquin Twp. Rd. District Parking Lot

(Blue container in the middle of the lot)
3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake
(next to the MCCD Hollows Conservation Site)
Shoe drop-off is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

• New Balance Shoe Store*

1AW Crystal Lake Plaza, Crystal Lake
Located in the footwear department
815-444-7239

• Sports Authority West*

6000 NW Hwy. (Rt. 14), Crystal Lake
Located in the footwear department
815-459-5009

*Only small quantities, 10 pairs or less. Most old athletic shoes are accepted, but shoes with cleats, metal parts, spikes or "fashions lights" are not accepted.

CROCS Recycling

You can now recycle your worn out Crocs shoes through Soles United. It's the first-of-its-kind recycled footwear donation program. Take your worn-out Crocs to be recycled into new shoes and they will be donated to people in need around the world. Visit www.solesunited.com for more information.

You can now give your worn out Crocs to Soles United by mailing them to:

Crocs recycling - east
1500 Commodity blvd
Lockbourne, OH 43137

Or you can drop them off at:

G. Whiz
724 W. Northwest hwy.
Barrington, IL 60010
847-304-0255



WHERE CAN I TAKE PAINT?

These locations accept paint as part of the Illinois EPA Partners for Waste Paint Solutions program. Usable paint is reformulated or remixed. Unusable paint is picked up and disposed of at IL EPA expense. Call first for hours, charges, and requirements:

Lloyd's Paint N Paper **

Woodstock 815-338-1180

McHenry Township Hwy Dept.**

McHenry 815-385-3076

Algonquin Township Road Dist. *

Crystal Lake 847-639-2700 ext. 6

Nunda Township Hwy Garage *

Crystal Lake 815-459-4410

Marengo Township Road Dist. *

815-568-8636

* Latex & Oil-based paint

** Latex paint only

Tips for dealing with unused paint

For small amounts of **latex paint**: Paint something like a scrap of cardboard and let dry. Or mix the paint with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or shredded paper. Let the mixture dry completely, and dispose of it in your regular trash. Latex paint can also be left to dry by removing the lid and placing the can outdoors in the sun. After the paint is dried completely, chip out the dried paint into your trash and recycle the steel can.

Oil-based paint should be disposed of at a special household hazardous waste collection. (see below)

Aerosol paint should be used up, given away, or saved for a household hazardous waste collection. Empty cans should be recycled in a steel can recycling program.



WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

When there is no other outlet for these used materials, they can be taken to a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site.**

The Illinois EPA's Solid Waste Reduction Unit sponsors two **permanent** collection sites, one in Naperville and one in Rockford.

Naperville:

1971 Brookdale Dr., Fire Station #4

Call 630-420-4190 for information.

Rockford:

Rock River Reclamation District, 3333

Kishwaukee Road. Call 815-987-5570 for info.

Directions: Take Bypass 20 West to 11th Street North. Get into the left lane immediately. Turn left at the first light, which is Sandy Hollow Road. Follow Sandy Hollow until it dead ends at Kishwaukee Road. Turn right on Kishwaukee Road. The Reclamation District is immediately on the left. Go in through the guard tower and follow the signs to the collection site.

Waste that is accepted:

oil-based paint, household batteries, latex paints, used motor oil, paint thinners, drain cleaners, herbicides, lawn chemicals, insecticides, solvents, pesticides, antifreeze, gasoline, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, aerosol paints and pesticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamp bulbs.



Waste that is not accepted:

agricultural waste, propane tanks*, business/commercial sector waste, smoke detectors, explosives, farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers*, lead acid batteries, industrial waste.

*Although the Illinois EPA does not accept these at its collections, the one-day mobile collection's cosponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call to verify materials being accepted.

The Illinois EPA also coordinates **one-day** household hazardous waste collections throughout the state, usually on a Saturday spring through fall. Due to budget constraints, the Illinois EPA is only able to schedule a limited number of one-day collections each season.

Contact the Illinois EPA for more information at 217-785-8604 or www.epa.state.il.us.