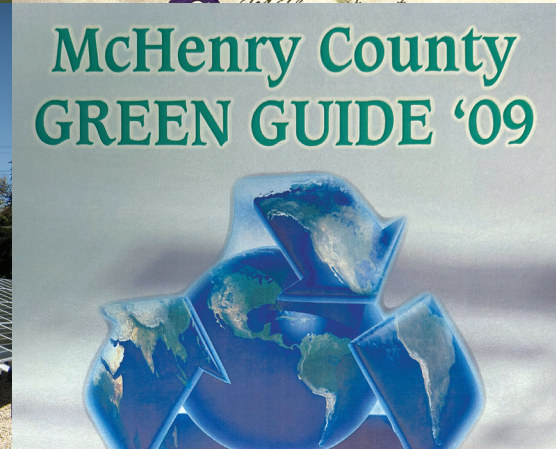
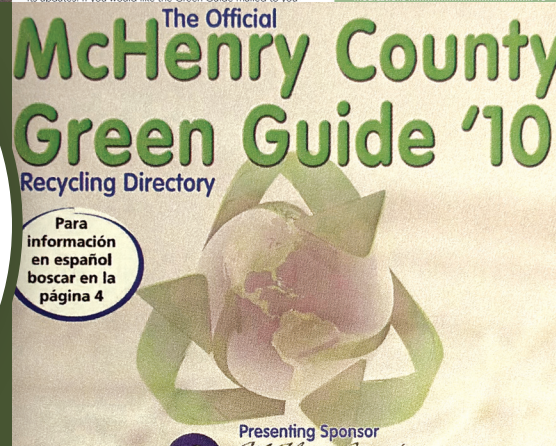
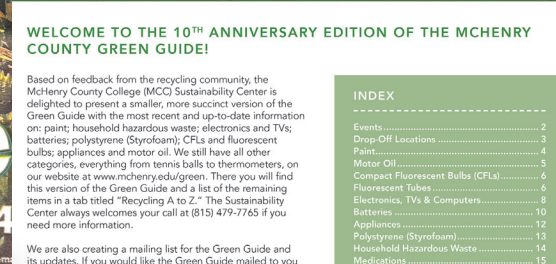
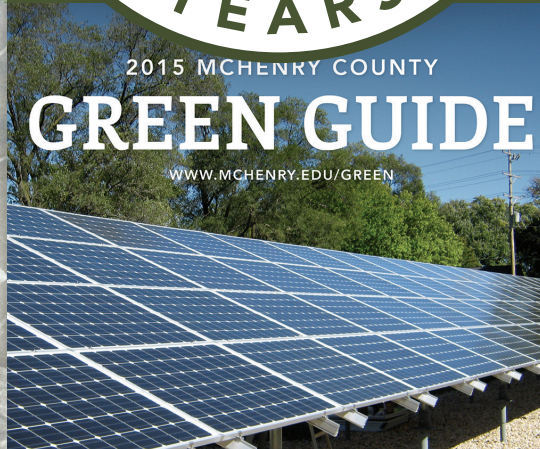


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WELCOME TO THE 20TH EDITION OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY GREEN GUIDE

Hello! It's hard to believe we're celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Green Guide, and we want to recognize and thank everyone who got us here. Over the years, many people have contributed to this award-winning resource, but no one brought as much passion and dedication to recycling as **Pat Dieckhoff**. Pat worked tirelessly to launch the early editions, using funds donated to the college by the Marchi family to support recycling efforts in McHenry County. Those same funds continue to support recycling, reuse, and waste reduction initiatives at MCC and throughout the community today.

Another early pioneer in local recycling was **Alice Howenstine**. Sadly, Alice and her husband Bill are no longer with us, but their impact on sustainability in McHenry County remains profound. Alice played a vital role in gathering the most up-to-date information for the Green Guide and ensuring it reached as many people as possible. In true reuse fashion, she even saved the string used to bundle printed copies so she could repurpose it for her chicken coop! Alice and Bill left a legacy that my colleagues and I are honored to carry forward.

Here are the updates you need to know for 2026:

- Battery collection has changed. Please go to page 4 for updated information, including an article by guest author Marta Keane, Executive Director of the Battery Network. Be sure to read closely which batteries are accepted at no charge and what to do with damaged ones.
- Paint recycling has changed, too. The Paint Stewardship Act has been implemented, and PaintCare, Inc. is now operating free drop-off locations across Illinois. For more information and a list of drop-off sites, please see page 13.
- Recycle Coach is coming! Learn how and read the article from Kelli Boeckmann, Solid Waste Manager, MC Department of Health on page 18.

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As always, we welcome your recycling tips, ideas, or questions. We are also happy to speak with your group or organization about sustainability topics.

The Sustainability Center is grateful to Carson Edfors, the MCC Sustainability Center student assistant, for their work helping to update the information in the 2026 Green Guide. Thanks also to Jessica Reimer, Graphic Designer at MCC, for designing a readable, usable, and beautiful 2026 Green Guide.

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COUNTY RECYCLING DATES

May 30, June 6, July 12, Sept. 12, Sept. 19,
and Oct. 17, 2026. Locations on page 20.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Day is June 6 at the Huntley School District
Reed Road Campus. Pre-registration is
required—www.mcdh.info.



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.

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

(800) 468-5865 | www.1800gotjunk.com

Pick-up service for a fee.

Behr Iron & Metal (Alter Metal Recycling)

13914 Washington St., Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 | www.altertrading.com/#/locations/90

Freon must be intact.

Best Buy—Crystal Lake

5880 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake

(815) 459-7874 | www.bestbuy.com

Three free household electronic items per household per day (*please see extensive list at [Electronics and Appliances Recycling at Best Buy](#)). Haul-away options are now available for a fee; check the website for details.

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

5114 E Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake

(847) 741-4100 | www.elginrecycling.com

Will take refrigerators, freezers, AC window units, and dehumidifiers. If Freon not removed, \$35 Freon removal fee.

Goodwill

www.goodwill.org

- Algonquin
1430 E. Algonquin Rd., (847) 458-1762
- Carpentersville
7777 Miller Rd., (847) 426-2448
- Crystal Lake
1016 Central Park Dr., (224) 333-0064
- Huntley
11900 Kreutzer Rd., (847) 669-9338
- McHenry
2006 N. Richmond Rd., (815) 385-3160

Small, working appliances.

Habitat for Humanity—Elgin

800 N. State St., Elgin

(847) 742-9905 | www.habitatnfv.org/restore

Pick up ages: Dishwashers < 4 years, Stoves < 10 years, Refrigerators < 12 years, Washers/Dryers < 8 years. No wall oven, microwave, dishwasher, or stove top will be picked up if it is only appliance offered. Visit www.habitatnfv.org/restores-northern-fox-valley/donate/ for additional details.

Habitat for Humanity—McHenry ReStore

903 Front St., McHenry

(815) 331-8153 | www.habitatmchenry.org

Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old and in working order for resale, free of charge. Priority pick-up is available for a fee. Visit the website to schedule.

Habitat for Humanity—Woodstock ReStore

133 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock

(815) 334-0500 | www.habitatmchenry.org

Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old and in working order for resale, free of charge. Priority pick-up is available for a fee. Visit the website to schedule.

Your Local Scrapper! Hector & Aracely

(224) 334-1947 | Look for us on Facebook, too!

Appliances, bikes, old tools, Christmas lights, car parts, lawnmowers, snowblowers, water heaters, A/C units, patio furniture, brass, copper, and aluminum. Call for pick-up.

Wahl Appliance Center

7307 Maxon Rd., Harvard

(815) 385-1872

No items with Freon; will only take washers, dryers, and other small appliances.

MAKEUP RECYCLING

Companies like Nordstrom and Sephora offer convenient drop-off locations for used and unwanted makeup. Both Nordstrom and Sephora ask that makeup packaging be emptied as much as possible. They do not accept aerosols, nail polish, or wooden eyeliners, and items should be no larger than the size of your fist. While stand-alone Sephora stores accept clean makeup packaging for recycling, Sephora locations within Kohl's do not participate in this program.

Locations

- Nordstrom Rack, 1808 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin, IL 60102
- Sephora, 100 W. Higgins Rd. Suite Q-35, South Barrington, IL 60010
- Sephora, 20530 N. Rand Rd., Deer Park, IL 60010

Battery recycling is now free and easier than ever.

by Marta Keane, Executive Director, The Battery Network

Thanks to the Portable and Medium Format Battery Stewardship Act, residents, businesses, schools, and local governments can recycle most household batteries at no cost through The Battery Network, selected by the Illinois EPA to operate the statewide program. That means across McHenry County and throughout Illinois, safe battery recycling is now within reach.

Learn more about how the Illinois program works at: batterynetwork.org/stewards/state-recycling-laws/illinois

What batteries are covered?

From collection to transport, The Battery Network makes safe battery recycling possible. The program covers three categories of batteries:

- Primary (single-use) and rechargeable batteries commonly found in homes and businesses, powering remote controls, toys, cordless tools, and more.
- Large rechargeable batteries (up to 25 lbs), such as those used in lawn equipment and e-bikes.
- Damaged or defective batteries that are no longer safe to use due to physical damage or malfunction, such as leaking, cracked, or swollen batteries. These must be taken to designated locations equipped to manage them safely.

Not sure what type of battery you have? Visit batterynetwork.org/battery-basics/what-to-recycle to learn more.

Illinois law now requires acceptance of all covered batteries, including alkaline. While alkaline batteries are not prohibited from landfill disposal until January 1, 2028, they can and should be recycled today.

The law does not include embedded batteries that are not designed to be removed, automotive lead-acid batteries, EV batteries, nor recalled batteries, which remain the responsibility of the manufacturer.

Funded by manufacturers, not taxpayers

This program is funded entirely by battery manufacturers and brands, not taxpayers. Even state oversight is covered through manufacturer fees. That means Illinois residents can recycle covered batteries at no cost.

Safe battery recycling starts with you

Before dropping off lithium batteries, individually bag each battery or tape the terminals to prevent sparks and reduce fire risk during storage and transport. Protecting lithium battery terminals helps reduce the risk of fires in homes, collection trucks, and waste facilities.

Step-by-step terminal protection instructions are available on our safety page: batterynetwork.org/safety/

Ready to recycle your batteries?

Find a nearby drop-off location using our locator at batterynetwork.org/locator/

Interested in becoming a battery collection site?

Learn how your organization can participate at batterynetwork.org/collection-partners.

If you think you will generate a large volume of batteries, please contact Marta Keane (mkeane@batterynetwork.org), Regional State Stewardship Manager at The Battery Network to determine your eligibility.



Scan this QR code to find collection locations including those for damaged or defective batteries.

BATTERIES—AAA, AA, C, D, 9V, COIN/BUTTON, RECHARGEABLE, E-BIKE, EV, MEDIUM FORMAT



Below is a list of Battery Network–recognized alkaline battery collection sites. Because this list is growing quickly, visit www.batterynetwork.org/locator for the most up-to-date list of collectors at no fee.

Batteries Plus—Algonquin

1497 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin
(815) 404-4265

Blain's Farm & Fleet

11501 IL Rte. 14, Woodstock
(815) 338-2549

The Home Depot

- Algonquin
200 S. Randall Rd., (847) 854-1100
- Carpentersville
251 Springhill Rd., (815) 783-0766
- Crystal Lake
4447 US Hwy. 14, (815) 479-1030
- McHenry
2461 N. Richmond Rd., (815) 385-9503

Lowe's Home Improvement—Lake in the Hills

300 N. Randall Rd., Lake in the Hills
(847) 458-0419

BATTERIES—LEAD ACID (CAR AND MARINE)



Ace Hardware—McHenry

4520 W. Crystal Lake Rd., McHenry | (815) 385-3660
\$5 for LA battery.

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake
(847) 639-2700 | highway@algtwsp.com
7 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Monday–Friday
Accepts alkaline batteries on specialized days, \$1.50 lb. Accepts LA batteries on specialized days, including: April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 31.

Auto Tech, Inc.

www.autotechcenters.com

- Crystal Lake—no fee, max 1 per day
350 W. Virginia St., (815) 459-7300
- Huntley—no fee, no max per day
10370 IL-47, (847) 802-4051
- McHenry—no fee, max 3 per day
4005 W. Elm St., (815) 385-7300
- Woodstock—no fee, max 3 per day
681 S. Eastwood Dr., (815) 338-5700

Auto Zone

www.autozone.com

5 max on LA batteries.

- Cary
3112 Three Oaks Rd., (847) 462-1248
\$10 credit for LA batteries.
- Crystal Lake—also recycles oil filters
6410 Northwest Hwy., (815) 788-8840
\$10 credit for LA batteries.
- Huntley
11905 Kreutzer Rd., (847) 669-1678
\$10 credit for LA batteries.
- Lake in the Hills
3 Crystal Lake Rd., (847) 458-0756
\$10 credit for LA batteries.
- McHenry
4313 W. Elm St., (815) 363-8529
\$10 credit for LA car batteries only.
- Woodstock
2075 S. Eastwood Dr., (815) 337-8775
\$10 store credit for car batteries only.

BATTERIES—LEAD ACID (CAR AND MARINE)



Batteries Plus Bulbs

5260 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake
(815) 455-6400 | www.batteriesplus.com/recycling
LA batteries are no fee; alkaline batteries are \$1.85/lb.

Behr Iron & Metal (Alter Metal Recycling)

13914 Washington St., Woodstock
(815) 206-5511
www.altertrading.com/#/locations/90

Best Buy—Crystal Lake

5880 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-7874 | www.bestbuy.com

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

5114 E Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake
(847) 741-4100 | www.elginrecycling.com
LA batteries—no fee.

The Home Depot

- Algonquin
200 S. Randall Rd., (847) 854-1100
- Crystal Lake
4447 US Hwy. 14, (815) 479-1030
- McHenry
2461 N. Richmond Rd., (815) 385-9503

No fee for LA batteries.

Independent Auto Craft

6207 Factory Rd., Crystal Lake
(815) 455-4030 | www.independentautocraftinc.com
No fee for LA batteries.

Interstate Batteries of Fox River Valley

333 IL-176, Island Lake
(847) 487-1009

Jiffy Lube—Woodstock

11601 Catalpa Ln., Woodstock
(815) 308-2325 | www.jiffylube.com

Lowe's Home Improvement—Lake in the Hills

300 N. Randall Rd., Lake in the Hills
(847) 458-0419

Mavis Tire and Brakes

www.mavistire.com

- Crystal Lake
5201 Northwest Hwy., (815) 242-1968
- Naperville—also accepts tires
915 E. Ogden Ave., (630) 296-5873

LA recycling fee \$15 per battery.

Ace Hardware—McHenry

4520 W. Crystal Lake Rd., McHenry
(815) 385-3660
No fee for LA batteries.

Menards

- Crystal Lake
4850 US Hwy. 14, (815) 459-7080
- Woodstock
2100 Lake Ave., (815) 206-4980

Only accepts for exchanges or under warranty.

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Rd. Crystal Lake,
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Open daily. Township residents only—must provide proof of residence. Accepts car, truck, and marine batteries only.

T&C Metals

378 E. Prairie St., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4445 | www.tandcmetalrecycling.com

Walmart Auto Center—Crystal Lake

1205 State Rte. 31, Crystal Lake
(815) 477-2147
LA—1/day max unless under warranty or if exchanged.

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

All types of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can be legally disposed of in regular trash. See page 4 for battery recycling options. There are also mail-in programs for ionization smoke detectors, which contain small amounts of radioactive material. Contact the device manufacturer or Curie Environmental Services at curieservices.com or (505) 888-9392 for more information.

BULBS



Did you know it is against the law for any Illinois business to dispose of their lamps and bulbs in municipal landfills? Many businesses have fees associated with recycling bulbs. Please call or check websites for the most accurate pricing information. FL=Fluorescent Bulb; CFL=Compact Fluorescent Bulb (the curly ones), LED will be labeled LED.

Ace Hardware—McHenry

4520 W. Crystal Lake Rd., McHenry | (815) 385-3660
CFL Bulbs .50 each and 4ft FL \$1; 8 ft \$2 each.

Batteries Plus Bulbs

5260 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake
(815) 455-6400 | www.batteriesplus.com/recycling
Accepts FL, CFL tubes (\$0.29/foot), CFL (\$0.66 each),
LED (\$1.50 each).

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

(815) 338-0393 | www.mcdef.org
Visit website for drop-off event information.
County recycling dates: May 30, July 12,
Sept. 19, Oct. 17—locations on page 20
or visit www.mcdef.org.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores

Will only accept if new in box. See page 3 for a listing of
locations.

The Home Depot

- Algonquin, 200 S. Randall Rd., (847) 854-1100
- Crystal Lake, 4447 US Hwy. 14, (815) 479-1030
- McHenry, 2461 N. Richmond Rd., (815) 385-9503

Accepts CFLs for no fee; no LEDs, no FL.

Lowe's Home Improvement—Lake in the Hills

300 N. Randall Rd., Lake in the Hills | (847) 458-0419
Accepts CFL bulbs for no fee.

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg
(815) 385-3076 | www.mchenrytownship.com
8 a.m.–Noon on the following Saturdays:
April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19,
and Oct. 17. Township residents only. Accepts FL, CFL,
LED. 4ft/\$0.50, 8ft/\$1, CFLs and LEDs \$.50 each.

Menards

- Crystal Lake, 4850 US Hwy. 14, (815) 459-7080
- Woodstock, 2100 Lake Ave., (815) 206-4980

Accepts fluorescent tubes, no fee.

Nunda Township Road District

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

Waste Management's Think Green From Home

(800) 664-1434 | www.wm.com
Packages and pricing available online.
Accepts FL, CFL, and LED.

NEIGHBORS:

Many of our neighboring counties have recycling and collection programs. While not all are available to McHenry County residents, this information may be helpful for your neighbors.

Electronic Recycling (TV and Computer)— Boone County

boonecountyil.gov
TV and electronics recycling events.

Kane County Recycles

(630) 208-3841 | www.kanecountyil.gov/Recycling
Recycle@countyofkane.org
Kane County Green Guide: [www.kanecountyil.gov/
Recycling/Pages/greenGuide.aspx](http://www.kanecountyil.gov/Recycling/Pages/greenGuide.aspx)

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB)—Rockford

(815) 637-1343 | www.knib.org
Recycling, donations, education, and community
involvement in Rockford.

School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE)—DuPage County

(630) 545-9710 | www.scarce.org
info@scarce.org
Recycling events: Wheaton, Elmhurst, etc.

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

(847) 377-4950 | www.swalco.org
Recycling, HHW, electronics, clothing, etc.

Will County Green

(815) 727-8834 | www.willcountygreen.com
Mobile unit and HHW collections.
Event details at www.willcountygreen.com.

ELECTRONICS, TVS, AND MONITORS



Many haulers offer a once-a-year electronics pick up free with service. Contact your hauler for this information.

HAULERS

Flood Brothers

(630) 261-0400 | www.floodbrothersdisposal.com
LITH residents—call for pick-up dates in June, Aug., Oct., and Dec. McHenry residents—call for pick-up day in Sept.

Groot

(847) 693-2700 | www.groot.com
Algonquin residents—call to schedule pick-up year-round.

LRS

(844) 633-3577 | www.lrsrecycles.com
Crystal Lake residents only—call for pick-up in Sept.

MDC—Huntley Residents

(815) 568-7274 | Visit this website for details: https://cms6.revize.com/revize/huntley/document_center/Residents/Waste%20Removal/Electronics%20Recycling%20Flier%202011.21.19.pdf

Waste Management

(800) 449-7587 | www.wm.com

LOCAL DROP-OFF CENTERS

ELECTRONICS—INCLUDING TVS AND MONITORS

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake
(847) 639-2700, #6 | www.algtwsp.com
Township residents only. Specialized recycling 9–11 a.m. on April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept 26, Oct 31. One TV/monitor per family. Small household electronics collected M–F, 6:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Questions? Email highway@algtwsp.com.

Chicago Logistic Service

701 Wesemann Dr., West Dundee
(847) 429-1926 | www.chicagologisticservice.com
TVs and monitors are \$1 per pound per unit; max of \$85.

Elgin Recycling

5114 Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake
(847) 865-9523 | www.elginrecycling.com
TVs under 21"—\$25, TVs over 21"—\$35, LCD monitors, \$15 per unit. All other consumer electronics recycled for free. See website for full list of accepted items Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Other locations: Gilberts, Elgin, Elk Grove.

Goodwill Stores

www.goodwill.org

- Algonquin, 1430 E. Algonquin Rd., (847) 458-1762
- Carpentersville, 7777 Miller Rd., (847) 426-2448
- Crystal Lake, 1016 Central Park Dr., (224) 333-0064
- Huntley, 11900 Kreuzer Rd., (847) 669-9338
- McHenry, 2006 N. Richmond Rd., (815) 385-3160

Accepts small, working, resellable electronics and computer monitors (must have HDMI port), printers, scanners, keyboards, mouse.

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg
(815) 385-3076 | www.mchenrytownship.com
8 a.m.–Noon on the following Saturdays: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17. TVs and monitors \$1 per pound; up to \$85 max per item. Accepted for free: printers, scanners, fax machines, speakers, vacuum cleaners, power tools, counter top appliances, microwaves, cell phones, laptops, tablets, headphones; electronic games, keyboards, air purifiers, hair dryers, razors, electric toothbrushes, humidifiers. Township residents only.

ELECTRONICS—NO TVS OR MONITORS

Behr Iron & Metal

13914 Washington St., Woodstock
(815) 206-5511 | www.recyclingmonster.com/recycling-center/beh-iron-metal-woodstock/34990
No fees for small electronics, cords, and wires.

Best Buy—Crystal Lake

5880 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-7874 | www.bestbuy.com
Three free household electronic items per household per day. (*Please click this link to see extensive list at [Electronics and Appliances Recycling at Best Buy](#)). Two TVs and/or monitors per day, \$29.99 each (Tube TVs smaller than 31", Flat-panel TVs: LCD, plasma, LED smaller than 50"). Haul-away available with purchase (fee). Haul away for two large products and unlimited small items (w/o purchase) available for \$199.99. Best Buy branded TVs (Insignia and Dynex) 50" or smaller can be recycled for free.

Nunda Township Road District

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Township residents only; open daily. Consumer electronics only—no TVs or monitors.

ELECTRONICS, TVS, AND MONITORS



Target

- Algonquin, 750 S. Randall Rd., (847) 458-5340
- Crystal Lake, 5201 Northwest Hwy., (815) 356-9265

Accepts small electronics, ink cartridges, plastic bags, and film for no fee.

Waste Management's ThinkGREEN From Home

(866) 570-4702 | www.thinkgreenfromhome.com
Offers various recycling kits for CFLs, fluorescents, batteries, electronics, cans, paper, and sharps.

LOCAL E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS:

Huntley residents will be able to recycle e-waste on April 25, 9 a.m.–Noon (or until dumpsters are full), Municipal Complex, 10987 Main Street. **This event is for Huntley residents ONLY.** For information regarding this event and accepted items, visit https://www.huntley.il.us/residents/green_and_clean_huntley_day.php.

Crystal Lake residents—Lake Shore Recycling Systems (LRS) will conduct curbside electronics collection in September. Check website for details: <https://www.crystallake.org/our-community/garbage-recycling-and-yard-waste/curbside-electronics-collection-events>

Marengo Township will have an electronics recycling event May 2 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Township parking lot, 4010 N. IL Route 23, Marengo. www.marengotownship.org/#occdwr

Village of Lakewood residents will be able to recycle electronics on Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9–11 a.m., 6650 Haligus Road. Fall date TBD—please check website for accepted items. **This event is for Lakewood residents ONLY.** For information regarding this event and accepted items, visit www.village.lakewood.il.us.

MEDICINE AND SHARPS:

The Illinois Drug Take-Back Act went fully into effect on December 1, 2023, requiring pharmaceutical companies to fund programs for medication take-back kiosks in McHenry County for old and unwanted prescriptions. When disposing of sharps, put them in a strong, plastic container, such as a detergent jug or a designated sharps bin. When ready to drop off, seal the container with duct tape. You may also visit safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal and search via zip code.

Locations for Drop-Off—Medicine

- Advocate Pharmacy—27655 IL-120, Lakemoor (815) 458-1500
- Cary Police Department—654 Village Hall Dr., Cary—Pills only
- Crystal Lake Police Department—100 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake—Pills only
- CVS Crystal Lake—177 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL (815) 444-4603—Pills only
- Hebron Police Department—12007 Prairie Ave., Hebron (815) 648-2353
- Harvard Police Department—203 W. Diggins St., Harvard (815) 943-4431
- McHenry County Coroner—2200 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock (815) 338-9392
- Meijer—400 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin—Pills Only
- Northwestern Huntley Hospital—10400 Haligus Rd., Huntley—Kiosks are available in the emergency room for medicine drop-off—Pills only
- Northwestern Woodstock Hospital—3701 Doty Rd., Woodstock (815) 338-2500—Kiosks are available in the emergency room for medicine drop-off—Pills only
- Spring Grove Police Department—7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove (815) 675-2596—No liquids or bottles
- Walgreens—305 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock
- Walgreens—3925 W. Elm St., McHenry
- Walgreens—12000 Princeton Dr., Huntley
- Wonder Lake Police Department—4444 Thompson Rd., Wonder Lake—Pills only

Locations for Drop-Off—Sharps

- Advocate Pharmacy—27655 IL-120, Lakemoor (815) 458-1500
- CVS Crystal Lake—177 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL (815) 444-4603
- Island Lake Police Department—3720 Greenleaf Ave, Island Lake, IL 60042—Pills, sharps, and inhalers
- Lake Zurich Police Department—200 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich, IL 60047—Pills and sharps

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for June 6 at the Huntley School District Reed Road Campus. Pre-registration is required—www.mcdh.info.

There are four permanent locations in northern Illinois that are open to Illinois residents at no additional cost. Please check the McHenry County Department of Health Division of Environmental Health website for updates—www.mchenrycountyil.gov/departments/health-department.

Permanent HHW Collection Sites (Residential use only):

Chicago Department of Public Health— Goose Island Facility

1150 N. North Branch St., Chicago
(312) 744-7672 | www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf
Hours: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.–Noon
Thursdays, 2–7 p.m.
First Saturday of the month, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Naperville Public Works

156 Fort Hill Dr., Naperville
(630) 420-6095
www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/
Open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
No fee, no appointment needed.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (formerly Four Rivers Sanitation Authority)

3315 Kishwaukee St., Rockford
City of Rockford: (779) 348-7300
Managed by Keep Northern IL Beautiful,
www.KNIB.org | (815) 637-1343
Call for fees and accepted items.
Open Saturdays from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (excluding weekends closest to holidays) and Sundays, Noon–4 p.m.

SWALCO—Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

1311 N. Estes St., Gurnee
(847) 377-4950 | www.swalco.org | info@swalco.org
Two options:

- Year-round drop-off on every Saturday—appointments required.
- Mobile collection once a month May–Sept. Visit the website for location details. Appointments available within 45 days of the posted event.
- Accepts latex paint

Accepted HHW Items:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosol products
- Antifreeze
- Asbestos-containing products
- Automotive fluids (brake, transmission fluids)

- Batteries: lithium, nickel-cadmium, metal hydride, no alkaline (see Batteries pages 5–6)
- CFLs, fluorescent tubes, and ballasts
- Cleaning solvents, degreasers
- E-cigarettes, vapes
- Fertilizers
- Fire extinguishers
- Flammable liquids
- Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides
- Gasoline—in properly marked containers
- Household cleaners
- Insulin disposal (no needles or sharps)
- Medication: OTC and prescription
- Mercury: thermometers (mercury), thermostats (mercury)
- Nail polish and nail polish remover
- Oil, automotive (no farm equipment oil)
- Paint (oil-based only, no latex paint, see Paint page 13)
- Paint strippers/paint thinner
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks (household)
- Sealants, solvents, strippers
- Varnish, wood stain, similar products

Unacceptable Items:

- Agricultural chemicals
- Air conditioners
- Alkaline batteries (see Batteries, pages 5–6)
- Appliances
- Business, commercial, or institutional wastes
- Concrete, cement
- DEA-controlled substances—visit DEA website or call (312) 353-7875
- Explosives and ammunition
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Helium tanks
- Household electronics (see Electronics, pages 8–9)
- Latex paint (see Paint section on page 12)
- Lead acid batteries (see Batteries section)
- Medical wastes, sharps/needles
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane tanks
- Radioactive material
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Tires

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT



Items That Will Be Accepted

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|--|--|
| Acids | Gasoline and oil/gas mixtures |
| Adhesives | Herbicides |
| Aerosol Products | Hobby and Photo Chemicals |
| Antifreeze | Insecticides |
| Auto Fluids | Latex Paint (Now Accepted) |
| Ballasts (PCB) | Lawn Chemicals |
| Batteries (Household single-use alkaline and rechargeable) | Mercury/Mercury-containing devices |
| Black top Sealer– oil based | Oil-based Paints, Stains and Varnishes |
| Cleaning Products | Paint Thinners |
| Cooking oil | Pesticides |
| Corrosives | Poisons |
| Drain Cleaners | Pool Chemicals |
| E-cigarettes/vapes | Resins, Glues |
| Fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFL's) | Solvents |
| | Used Motor Oil |

NEW THIS YEAR IN ILLINOIS



PaintCare®

RECYCLING MADE EASY

Search www.PaintCare.org For free paint recycling locations near you.

Huntley School District Reed Road Campus

10910 Reed Rd, Lake in the Hills

NEW THIS YEAR IN ILLINOIS

Search batterynetwork.org



For free battery recycling locations near you.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Visit www.mcdh.info to Register

Items That Will NOT Be Accepted– DO NOT BRING

Waste from Business, Institutions or Commercial Sectors Will Not Be Accepted. EPA, ArcWood Disposal or MCDH have the right to reject any material they feel is not residential.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Acetylene Cylinders | Farm Machinery Oil | Oxygen Tanks |
| Agricultural Waste | Fire Extinguishers | Propane Tanks |
| Ammunition , Explosives, or Fireworks | Lead-acid (auto) Batteries | Radioactive Material |
| Biological Waste or Medical Waste | MAPP Gases | Smoke Detectors |
| Controlled Substances- | Needles/Syringes | |
| Pharmaceuticals | | |

Event is Sponsored by the McHenry County Department of Health and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



McHenry County Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

www.mcdh.info

OFFICE: McHenry County Admin. Bldg.
667 Ware Road, Suite 110, Woodstock, Illinois

MAIL: 2200 N. Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

EMAIL: Health@McHenryCountyIL.gov
P: 815-334-4585, F: 815-334-4637



MOTOR OIL, TIRES, ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT



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

M—Motor Oil **T**—Tires **AC**—Antifreeze/Coolant

1-800-GOT-JUNK? **T**

(800) 468-5865 | www.1800gotjunk.com

Accepts tires.

Auto Tech, Inc. **T** **AC**

- Crystal Lake—Motor oil: 10 gallon/day max, no fee.
Anti-freeze: 3 gallons/day max, no fee. Brake fluid: 1 gallon/day max, no fee.
350 W. Virginia St., (815) 459-7300
- Huntley—Motor oil: no max, no fee.
Anti-freeze: no max, no fee.
10370 IL-47, (847) 802-4051
- McHenry—Motor oil: 5 qt. max, no fee.
Anti-freeze (call first): 5 qt. max, no fee.
Brake fluid: 5 qt/day max, no fee.
4005 W. Elm St., (815) 385-7300
- Woodstock—Motor oil: 1 gallon/day max, no fee.
Anti-freeze: 1 gallon/day max, no fee.
681 S. Eastwood Dr., (815) 338-5700

All locations take tires, \$3.75 per standard tire.

Call for larger sizes.

Auto Zone **M**

www.autozone.com

- Cary, 3112 Three Oaks Rd., (847) 462-1248
Recycles oil filters.
- Crystal Lake, 6410 Northwest Hwy., (815) 788-8840
Recycles oil filters.
- Huntley, 11905 Kreutzer Rd., (847) 669-1678
Recycles spin-on oil filters.
- Lake in the Hills, 3 Crystal Lake Rd., (847) 458-0756
Recycles spin-on oil filters
- McHenry, 4313 W. Elm St., (815) 363-8529
Recycles spin-on oil filters
- Woodstock, 2075 S. Eastwood Dr., (815) 337-8775
Recycles spin-on oil filters

Does not accept tires. Motor oil ONLY. 5 gal. max per day.

Farm and Fleet **T**

11501 US Highway 14, Woodstock | (815) 338-2549

Accepts tires for exchange ONLY, \$4 each.

Accepts exchange for motor oil with purchase ONLY. \$1 recycling fee for up to 5 qts.

Herff's Auto Service and Tire **M** **T** **AC**

12301 IL-173, Hebron. | (815) 648-2583

Hours: Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Accepts tires; \$5 fee per tire. Accepts motor oil; max of 5 gallons, no fee. Accepts anti-freeze; call for fees.

Accepts lead acid batteries; no fee.

Independent Auto Craft **M** **AC**

6207 Factory Rd., Crystal Lake

(815) 455-4030 | www.independentautocraftinc.com

No charge for motor oil—5-gallon max; tires vary \$5–9 each. No fee for antifreeze/coolant; 5 gal. max per day.

Jiffy Lube **M** **AC**

www.jiffylube.com

- Algonquin, 2361 W. Algonquin Rd., (224) 333-2242. 5 gal/day max. Antifreeze: no fee, 5 gal/day max. No purchase required.
- Crystal Lake, 6205 Northwest Hwy., (815) 455-4455
Motor Oil: No fee, 5 gal/day max.
Antifreeze: No fee, no max.
- Woodstock, 11601 Catalpa Ln., (815) 308-2325
Motor Oil: no fee, no max.
Antifreeze: no fee, no max.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful **M**

3315 Kishwaukee St., Rockford

(815) 637-1343 | www.KNIB.org

info@knib.org

Saturdays 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sundays Noon–4 p.m.

Mavis Tire and Brakes **M** **T** **AC**

www.mavistire.com

Tire price: \$3.50/tire

- Crystal Lake, 5201 Northwest Hwy., (815) 242-1968
Motor Oil: no fee, 5 gal/day max.
Antifreeze: no fee, 5 gal/day max.
- Naperville, 915 E. Ogden Ave., (630) 296-5873

Walmart Auto Center **M** **T**

- Algonquin, 1410 S. Randall Rd., (847) 458-5734
Max 5 gal. per day motor oil, tires \$2 with purchase.
- Crystal Lake, 1205 State Rte. 31, (815) 477-2147
Max 5 gal. per day motor oil. Tires \$2 with purchase of new tire.
- Woodstock, 1275 Lake Ave., (815) 206-0931
Max 5 gal. per day motor oil. Tires \$2 with purchase of new tire.

MOTOR OIL, TIRES, ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT



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M—Motor Oil **T**—Tires **AC**—Antifreeze/Coolant

TOWNSHIP COLLECTION SITES

Algonquin Township Road District **M T**

3702 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake
(847) 639-2700, #6 | www.algtwsp.com
Township residents only. Specialized recycling
9–11 a.m. on April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29,
Sept. 26, Oct. 31. Accepting used motor oil and cooking
oil. Accepting: two tires with no rims free with proof of
Township residency.

Nunda Township Road District **M**

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com
Motor oil only (no tires) for township residents, Mon.–Fri.,
7 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and Saturdays in spring and summer.

PAINT—LATEX



In 2023, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Paint Stewardship Act, an example of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy. EPR places the responsibility for managing products at the end of their useful life on the manufacturers and producers of those products.

PaintCare Inc., a non-profit organization representing paint manufacturers, operates the paint stewardship programs in the eleven states with paint stewardship laws. The program works by adding a one dollar per gallon fee to each new can of paint sold in the state. The program features free drop-off locations across Illinois. **Please contact all PaintCare drop-off sites to confirm their hours and availability before dropping off paint.**

For locations, go to www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites.

Sherwin-Williams

- Crystal Lake, 6605 Northwest Hwy., (815) 477-1070
- Lake in the Hills, 120 N. Randall Rd., (847) 658-1459
- Fox River Grove, 910 Northwest Hwy. #600, (847) 516-7002
- McHenry, 3718 W. Elm St., (815) 578-1752
- Woodstock, 631 S. Eastwood Dr., (815) 337-0942
- Huntley, 12820 S. Rte. 47, (847) 669-3066
- Volo, 2800 Hartigan Rd, Volo, (224) 337-7778

Limit: 5 gallons per visit. This site accepts latex and oil-based house paint, stains and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size. This site does not accept aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

RP Lumber

4001 S Country Club Rd, Woodstock | (815) 356-8600
This site accepts latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size. This site does not accept aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

JC Licht Paint & Décor

1700 E Algonquin Rd., Algonquin | (847) 658-3622
Limit: 5 gallons per visit. This site accepts latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size. This site does not accept aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

Ace Hardware—McHenry

4520 W. Crystal Lake Rd., McHenry | (815) 385-3660
Limit: 5 gallons per visit. This site accepts latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size. This site does not accept aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.



Please do not put these items in your curbside recycling bin. All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

Where to take them:

Plastic film and bags are collected at most grocery stores and big box stores such as Best Buy, Target, Walmart etc. The collection boxes are most often found in the entryway to the store.

How do I know if it's plastic film?

1. See if the plastic will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, please don't put it in the collection container for plastic film.
2. Is the plastic shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do not recycle in the collection container for plastic film.

What about the plastic bags from Amazon, UPS, FedEx, etc.?

Most of these can be recycled in the plastic film collection boxes. Look for the How2Recycle or NexTrex label. These can indicate that this item can be added to the plastic film collection boxes and bins at area big box stores and grocery stores. These items do not have to have these labels to be recycled, but some do.

EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Please make sure to take-off any labels that may have personal information and shred before recycling. Most CVS and Walgreens Pharmacies have collection boxes for empty pill bottles.

PET FOOD BAGS

Pet Supplies Plus has partnered with TerraCycle to sustainably recycle flexible pet food bags. This program accepts flexible plastic pet food and treat bags from ALL brands. NO cans or rigid containers. MUST be empty.

Locations

- Pet Supplies Plus—Crystal Lake
6107 Northwest Hwy Suite B, (779) 220-7200
- Pet Supplies Plus—Lake in the Hills
132 N. Randall Rd., (847) 496-3999

WHAT CAN BE PUT IN THE COLLECTION BOXES TO BE RECYCLED:

- Air pillows
- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Cereal box liners
- Case over wrap
- Bubble wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Salt and ice bags
- Ziploc and other resealable food storage bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes, mailing pouches, and air pillows (often used by Amazon, UPS, and FedEx)

Important: remove labels with any personal information such as address, etc. before recycling.

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC FILM COLLECTION BOXES:

- Frozen food bags
- Candy wrappers
- Chip, snack bags
- Prewashed salad mix bags
- Pet food bags
- Shiny, crinkly films (like floral wrap)
- Net or mesh produce bags
- Items labeled as biodegradable or compostable
- Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- Bedding or linen packaging
- Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- Six pack rings
- Pool covers
- Lamination film
- Silage and hay bags
- Backyard ice rinks

MEDIA ITEMS (CDs, DVDs, VHS, ETC.)

Reusing is the best option for commercially recorded items in playable condition. Consider donating them to a thrift store or selling/trading them at a local used record shop or online marketplace. GreenDisk offers an affordable self-pack option for mailing items for recycling (www.greendisk.com). Additionally, TerraCycle provides a zero-waste box that you can purchase for recycling VHS tapes (<https://shop.terracycle.com/en-US/products/vhs-tapes>).

SHREDDING



Document destruction will be available at county recycling events on **May 30, July 12, September 19, and October 17** (see page 20 for details). For more information, please visit www.mcdh.info or call (815) 334-4585.

AMS Store and Shred, LLC/AMS MedWaste, LLC

13 Prosper Ct., Lake in the Hills
www.AMSStoreAndShred.com
www.AMSmedwaste.com
(847) 658-0400

Walk-in Service: 3 Walter Court, Lake in the Hills
8 a.m.–2 p.m., Monday–Friday

Shredding events (offsite shredding):

- **Saturday, May 16 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**
Lake in the Hills Public Works Facility
9010 Haligus Rd., Lake in the Hills
- **Saturday, August 8 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**
State Representative Steven Reick
1072 Lake Ave., Woodstock
- **Saturday, September 19 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**
State Representative Martin McLaughlin
28662 W. Northwest Hwy., Suite A
Lake Barrington

AMS provides secure destruction and recycling for a wide range of media including X-ray film, microfilm, microfiche, paper records, and offers professional scanning services to convert film or paper documents into digital files. We are HIPAA Privacy Compliant and NAID AAA Certified, ensuring confidential materials are handled securely and responsibly. In addition, AMS provides destruction and recycling for textiles/products and electronics including hard drives, computers, monitors, phones, and media such as CDs, floppy disks, USB drives, tapes, and VHS. Contact AMS for current service details and fees.

Office Depot/Office Max

4429 U.S. Route 14, Crystal Lake | (815) 479-8100
Shredding services: one-time pickup, recurring, and same-day service (look for discounts available on the website).
www.officedepot.com/l/print-and-copy/shredding

STYROFOAM



Styrofoam must be clean—no grease, food stains, etc. Please remove tape, staples, etc.

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County's styrofoam collection program has been suspended. Please check the Defenders website for any updates at www.mcdef.org. You can take your Styrofoam to the Chicago Logistic Service site, or if you are a McHenry Township resident, to one of their events this spring and summer.

COLLECTION LOCATIONS:

- **Chicago Logistic Service**, 701 Wesemann Dr., West Dundee. Accepts styrofoam and bubble wrap in the rear of the building by door #114. There is a clearly marked container outside for 24/7 drop-off.
- **McHenry Township Road District**, 3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg, at their drop-off events on Saturdays from 8 a.m.–12 p.m.: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17. **Residents only.**

WHAT IS ACCEPTED?



- White or colored solid Styrofoam from packaging or the grocery store that will break or crack, with no food residue, grease, tape, or labels on it.



- Coolers free of food residue, grease, tape, or labels are accepted.
- Solid packing peanuts that do not fold or bend are accepted. Please put them in a bag.



WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED?

- Construction material used to insulate buildings. If it has a colored cover on the foam, it's not acceptable.
- If it folds, bends, or can be wrapped around anything, it's not acceptable. Volunteers have to throw it away.
- Bubble wrap or air packs. Volunteers will have to throw it away. These items can be dropped off at stores with plastic recycling bins (let the air out of the air packs).

TOWNSHIP COLLECTION SITES



Nunda Township

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake

(815) 459-4410

www.nundaroaddistrict.com/recycling

Daily drop-off recycling. Electric vehicle charging available. During office hours only, 6:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. Extended hours April–October—check website.

Items Accepted From Township Residents (ID Requested):

- Cans—aluminum and metal
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Newspaper, cardboard, and magazines
- Scrap steel (no refrigerators or humidifiers)
- Electronics (no TVs or monitors)
- Light bulbs (only fluorescent)
- Used oil (no anti-freeze or other chemicals)
- Batteries (car, truck, marine batteries only)
- Brush/branch drop-off is for residents only during office hours, 6:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

NOT ACCEPTED:

- TVs, monitors, alkaline batteries, Styrofoam, concrete asphalt, leaves, grass clippings, construction debris, furniture
- No household chemicals
- No shredding. Shredding events to be scheduled—check website.

OTHER OPTIONS:

TerraCycle

TerraCycle is a recycling company that specializes in hard-to-recycle materials that traditional municipal programs don't accept. They partner with businesses, brands, and communities to collect items like snack wrappers, beauty product packaging, and coffee pods. Through various programs—some free and some paid—TerraCycle turns collected materials into new products or raw materials for manufacturing.

Waste Management

(800) 664-1434 | www.thinkgreenfromhome.com

Packages and pricing available online. Mail-back kits with prepaid postage for:

- Aerosol cans
- Batteries
- Bottles, cans, and paper
- CFLs and fluorescent bulbs
- Electronics and computers
- Syringes and lancets

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

(800) 468-5865

www.1800gotjunk.com

Pick-up service for a fee—mattresses, furniture, electronics, appliances, yard waste, construction debris.

Your Local Scrapper! Hector & Aracely

(224) 334-1947 | Look for us on Facebook, too!

Appliances, bikes, old tools, Christmas lights, car parts, lawnmowers, snowblowers, water heaters, a/c units, patio furniture, brass, copper, and aluminum.

Junk Off Shine On Junk Removal Services

Hector Carrillo, carrilloh597@yahoo.com

(224) 334-1947 | Look for us on Facebook, too!

- Shed removal
- Storage units
- Spring clean-outs
- Garage clean-outs
- And more!

Ridwell

Ridwell is a subscription-based doorstep pickup service that helps households divert hard-to-recycle items from the landfill. Members receive categorized bags for items like plastic film, batteries, light bulbs, and threads, which Ridwell collects on a regular schedule. The company partners with local recyclers and reuse organizations to ensure materials are responsibly processed or reused.

TOWN AND TOWNSHIP COLLECTION EVENTS



Algonquin Township Road District

3702 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake
(847) 639-2700, #6 | www.algtwsp.com/recycling
highway@algtwsp.com
Facebook—Algonquin Township Road District
Regular hours are 7 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Monday–Friday.
Hours for specialized recycling are 9–11 a.m. on the following dates: April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 31.

Items Accepted From Township Residents ONLY:

- TVs and monitors: 1 per family per month; no charge
- Car and boat batteries (no alkaline)
- Used motor and cooking oil
- Two tires without rims free with proof of residency
- No transmission fluid, sealant, antifreeze
- No appliances
- No bulbs, no auto fluids
- No household hazardous waste

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
- Eyeglasses, cellphones, hearing aids, children's books
- Household electronics (not including TVs or monitors, see above)
- Brush drop-off available from April to July on selected dates. See the website for a list of dates and times: www.algtwsp.com/recycling.

Questions? Email highway@algtwsp.com.

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg
(815) 385-3076
www.mchenrytownship.com/recycling
Dates for recycling events (in partnership with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County):
Saturdays from 8 a.m.–Noon: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17.
**No drop off during the week.*
Drop-off is located in the township employee parking lot, April–October.

Items Accepted From Township Residents ONLY:

- Small electronics: see website for complete list of accepted items for no charge
- Televisions and computer monitors (\$1/lb to \$85 max per item)
- Small dorm refrigerators and wine coolers accepted for \$15 per unit
- CFLs, LEDs (\$0.50/ea)
- Fluorescent tubes (\$0.50/ea for 4ft, \$1/ea for 8ft)
- Textiles (**must be clean**)
- Styrofoam (all #6 Styrofoam accepted, clean, no bubble wrap or construction foam)
- Packing peanuts in clean, dry box collected for reuse
- CDs and DVDs
- Election signs—signs and metal are accepted at no charge. Must be clean.
- Brush, branches, and twigs no larger than 8 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length. No grass clippings, leaves, or logs with debris will be accepted.
- Mulch available when gates are open

OTHER OPTIONS:

GreenDisk

GreenDisk provides specialized recycling services for electronic media and accessories, including CDs, DVDs, computer peripherals, cables, and small electronics. Their mail-in "Techno Trash Can" program allows individuals and businesses to ship mixed e-waste in a prepaid box for responsible recycling. GreenDisk focuses on secure, environmentally sound processing to keep hazardous materials out of landfills.

Buy Nothing

BuyNothing is a global network of hyperlocal gifting communities where neighbors give, receive, and share items and services for free. The movement diverts waste by rehoming an estimated 2.6 million items every month across its worldwide groups. In McHenry County, active BuyNothing groups operate in Woodstock, Crystal Lake, Algonquin, and McHenry through Facebook, and you can learn more at www.buynothingproject.org.

RECYCLE COACH

by Kelli Boeckmann, Solid Waste Manager, McHenry County Department of Health

Recycle Coach was designed to help residents know “What Goes Where.”

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has partnered with Recycle Coach to provide local governments in Illinois with free access to this innovative recycling education platform. Recycle Coach gives residents access to advanced digital tools through both an online platform and a mobile app. The “What Goes Where” tool is one of the key components that will help all Illinois residents understand how to properly recycle, manage non-recyclables, and properly dispose of other household wastes.

Not sure where or how to recycle a bicycle? With the “What Goes Where” tool, residents can select their town from a drop-down menu and type in the name of the item they want to recycle. For example, searching “bicycle” provides general recycling and disposal recommendations, as well as nearby drop-off and recycling locations.

BONUS: Mobile app users can search items by snapping a picture on their phone!

The other two key components are the Calendar and the Discovery Zone:

The Calendar is a localized tool for each participating municipality. Residents can search for their municipality to view collection schedules for curbside trash, recycling, and organics. The calendar also typically includes special collection events, such as Christmas tree pickup, as well as all county-supported recycling events. App users can opt in to receive reminders on their phones to ensure bins are set out on time. Municipalities may also choose to add additional events and services to their Recycle Coach calendars, such as street sweeping or hydrant flushing. (McHenry County will be working with municipalities this year to support onboarding and keep calendars up to date.)

The Discovery Zone is available on both the website and mobile app for all McHenry County residents. Looking for more recycling information? The Discovery Zone features videos and blog posts covering some of the most relevant topics in recycling today, along with activity packs for kids of all ages.



The hope is that the use of Recycle Coach will decrease confusion about recycling, decrease the amount of contamination (non-recyclables or “Wishcycling”) going to the recycling facilities, increase the amount of proper materials diverted from Illinois landfills, and prevent environmental contamination.



Scan the QR code to access the Recycle Coach tool or visit www.recyclecoach.com.

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!

Put material in loose - Not in Bags



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



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2026 Recycling Events Hosted by the McHenry County Dept of Health



Electronics Recycling Event

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED-Pre-Registration will open in July at www.mcdh.info

September 12th, 2026
McHenry County Fairgrounds
11900 Country Club Rd, Woodstock



Elgin Recycling has a permanent recycling facility located at 5114 E Terra Cotta (Route 176) in Crystal Lake
Open Monday-Friday 8:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 8:00 to 1:00.
www.elginrecycling.com or contact them at 847-741-4100.



Document Shredding Events

May 30 July 12 September 19 October 17

McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd, Woodstock

Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm Or until the Shredding Truck is Full

Paper Tiger Document Solutions will be shredding documents onsite.
There is a 4 box maximum per vehicle. Approximate box size 15" X 12" X 10"
If using a bag, please use a paper bag that can be recycled as well.



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The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County will also be onsite to collect Styrofoam, textiles, fluorescent and LED light bulbs (\$)



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday June 6, 2026 - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Huntley School District, Reed Road Campus
10910 Reed Rd, Lake in the Hills

Visit www.mcdh.info for a list of acceptable and non acceptable items

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Do You Want to Know "What Goes Where?"
Recycle Coach is an online platform designed to help residents find where, and how to recycle or dispose of items. Plus you can view your local pick-up calendar for participating municipalities.

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