

2021 MCHENRY COUNTY RECYCLING DIRECTORY

GREEN GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE 15TH EDITION OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY GREEN GUIDE!

The MCC Sustainability Center is grateful for all the interest we receive about reuse and recycling. The increase we've seen in single-use plastics this year has made many of us seek out solutions to recycle these items. To help with these questions, we've included a new section at the end of the Green Guide with answers to some of the most common questions we receive about hard-to-recycle items.

If you have anything to add, or have additional questions about anything in the Guide, please email sustainability@mchenry.edu. We will update the online version of the Green Guide frequently.

Thank you all for your continuing support,

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Resources Outside McHenry County

- SCARCE—Welcome - SCARCE (School Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). 800 South Rohling Road, Addison, IL, (630) 545-9710 www.scarce.org
- Kane County Recycles: www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/greenGuide.aspx
- Will County Green Guide: www.willcountygreen.com/greenguide
- SWALCO—Solid Waste Agency of Lake County www.swalco.org

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RECYCLING TIPS: PPE, TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS & DELIVERY PACKAGING

PPE (Personal Protection Equipment): Gloves, masks, and alcohol wipes **CANNOT** be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. Please consider the reusable options for masks and wipes. **Terracycle** (www.terracycle.com) has a collection box in three sizes you can order for your home or office.

Take-Out Containers: Please decline any extras such as utensils, napkins, and excess condiment packets. Many take-out containers are not recyclable.

These can be recycled:

- Clear plastic tub-shaped containers (round or rectangle)
- Clear plastic clamshell containers

These cannot be recycled:

- Black plastic
- Thin, flat lids
- Straws
- Foam or small sauce containers
- Any utensils
- Compostable containers (compost them instead!)

Delivery Packaging: Many online companies have low-impact shipping options, or combine items to use less packaging. Check out [Amazon Second Chance](#) for package recycling tips and re-use options, and search “Amazon Shipment Zero” for additional information about sustainability initiatives at Amazon.

- Bubble wrap: Bubble wrap can be dropped off to recycle with your other plastic film items (grocery bags, cereal and cracker box liners, etc.). Do not put in your curbside recycling.
- Cardboard boxes: Remove all packing material from box, flatten box, and recycle in curbside.
- Plastic pillows or bags: Check for How2Recycle label on packaging, and follow that instruction. Plastic film with a #2 or #4 stamp can be recycled at grocery store programs. Pop the pillows before recycling.
- Plastic envelope mailers: Most plastic envelope mailers (with or without bubble-wrap inners) can be recycled through grocery store programs but not in curbside recycling. Remove and dispose of label before recycling by cutting it off and placing in trash.
- Paper envelope mailers: Because there are many different kinds of mailer envelopes, look for the How2Recycle label and follow instructions. If there is not a How2Recycle label, it is probably not recyclable.
- Styrofoam: See Styrofoam drop-off locations on page 11.

Thanks to the Kane County Green Guide for the above suggestions!

The MCC Sustainability Center has been using **Terracycle** for a variety of hard-to-recycle items on campus, including coffee pods, pens, and dry erase markers. Visit www.terracycle.com to check out their zero-waste boxes.

Another good resource is www.How2Recycle.com. **How2Recycle** is a standardized labeling system that communicates recycling instructions. Many household brands are starting to use it—check your packaging!

Throughout the year, MCC is honored with gifts of support for the work we do on the Green Guide and other sustainability initiatives. The Sustainability Center staff acknowledges and appreciates every gift, volunteer hour(s) and words of encouragement. Thank you very much!

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—Woodstock

(815) 206-5511

www.jbehr.com

Freon removal not required.

BestBuy

www.bestbuy.com

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

Three free household electronic items per household per day (*please see extensive list at [Electronics and Appliances Recycling at Best Buy](#)).

ComEd (must be customer)

(855) 433-2700

Refrigerator and freezer recycling program has been temporarily suspended. Please call (855) 433-270 for updates.

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

(815) 455-7700

www.elginrecycling.com

Free to drop off. If Freon not removed, \$35 freon removal fee.

Goodwill

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

Small, working appliances.

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. Visit website to schedule.

Habitat for Humanity—McHenry ReStore

903 Front Street, McHenry

(815) 331-8153

www.habitatmchenry.org

Visit website to schedule.

Habitat for Humanity—Woodstock ReStore

133 South Eastwood Drive, Woodstock

(815) 334-0500

www.habitatmchenry.org

Will pick up appliances less than 10 years old in working order for resale (no charge for pick up). Visit website to schedule.

PrairieLand Disposal & Recycling—Lake Barrington, Holiday Hills

(847) 381-9300

www.prairielanddisposal.com

Fee for Freon removal. Microwaves are free to drop off—other large household appliances will incur a \$20 drop off fee.

NO plastic bags in curbside recycling!

BATTERIES



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

Algonquin Township Road District **LA**

3702 US-14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(847) 639-2700

Lead acid (Pb) Batteries—car and marine batteries only.

Auto Tech, Inc. **LA**

- McHenry (815) 385-7300—no fee, max 3 per day
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7300—no fee
- Woodstock (815) 338-5700—no fee
- Huntley (847) 802-4051—no fee

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 (no fee after accepted)
\$10 in store credit per battery, Max 5/day.

Batteries + Bulbs **LA A C R**

5260 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/recycling

Behr Iron & Metal **LA C**

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

Best Buy Stores **C R**

www.bestbuy.com

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

Elgin Recycling **LA**

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

Farm & Fleet Co. **LA**

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

Fluorecycle, Inc. **LA A C R**

27780 W Concrete Dr, Ingleside, IL 60041
(815) 363-4411

Independent Auto Craft **LA**

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

Interstate Batteries of Fox River Valley **LA A C R**

333 IL-176, Island Lake, IL 60042
(847) 487-1009

Alkaline batteries \$1 per lb.
Other batteries accepted free.

Lamp Recyclers, Inc. **LA A C R**

2955 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304
service@recyclewithLRI.com

(800) 558-1166 | www.lamprecyclers.com

Home pick-up, drop off, or mail in services available.

McHenry Ace Hardware **LA C R**

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

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.

National Tire and Battery **LA**

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

Nunda Township Road District **LA**

3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake,

(815) 459-4410 | www.nundaroaddistrict.com

Township residents only—must provide proof of residence.

Prairieland Disposal, Inc. **LA R**

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

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.



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 information pricing. (FL: fluorescent bulbs)

Batteries Plus Bulbs

5260 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-6400
www.batteriesplus.com/recycling
Accepts FL, CFL, and LED.

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
Accepts FL, CFL, and LED. Order kits to recycle
Flourescent (4 and 8 feet), CFL, U-Bend, HID bulbs.

Fluorecycle, Inc.

27780 W Concrete Dr, Ingleside, IL 60041
(815) 363-4411
www.fluorecycle.com
Accepts FL, CFL, and LED.
No fee for drop off (residential).

Habitat for Humanity ReStores

Will accept donations of working bulbs. See page 3 for a listing of their locations.

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

2955 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304
service@recyclewithLRI.com
(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. Accepts FL, CFL, and LED.

McHenry Ace Hardware

4520 W Crystal Lake Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 385-3660
Accepts FL, CFL, and LED (fee based on size).

McHenry Township Road District

3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg, IL
(815) 385-3076
www.mchenrytownship.com
3rd Saturday of April–November. Township
residents only. Accepts FL, CFL LED.

Nunda Township Road District

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

Waste Management's Think Green From Home

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

Donate any unwanted working LED bulbs to any of the Habitat for Humanity Restores! See page 3 for a listing of their locations.

ELECTRONICS, TVS, AND MONITORS



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 AND MONITORS

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.–3 p.m. One TV/monitor per family.

Chicago Logistic Service

1333 Davis Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
(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, 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.

Goodwill Stores

www.goodwill.org

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

Takes small working, resellable electronics and computer monitors. *Huntley store only: will take flat screen TVs, pick up service available for residents of Del Webb. Please call for details and appointments.

McHenry Township Road District

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

PrairieLand Disposal & Recycling—Lake Barrington, Holiday Hills

(847) 381-9300 | www.prairielanddisposal.com
Fees may apply.

Prodigy Processing, Inc.

1260 Cobblestone Way, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 676-5135
Call for pick up or to schedule a drop off time

ELECTRONICS—NO TV'S OR MONITORS!

Behr Iron & Metal

13914 Washington St, Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 206-5511 | www.jbehr.com
No fees for small electronics, cords, and wires.

Best Buy Stores

www.bestbuy.com

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

Three free household electronic items per household per day (*please see extensive list at [Electronics and Appliances Recycling at Best Buy](#)). Two TVs and/or Monitors per day, \$25 each (Tube TVs smaller than 32", Flat-panel TVs: LCD, plasma, LED smaller than 50")
Haul away available with purchase (fee).

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 for: CFLs, fluorescent, batteries, electronics, cans, paper, and sharps.

COMPUTERS ONLY—RESIDENTAL

Com2 Recycling Solutions

500 Kehoe Blvd, Carol Stream
(630) 653-2662 | www.com2recycling.com
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. Visit website to pay online

Home and Pro Studio

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

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

2955 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304
service@recyclewithLRI.com
(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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



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.

For more information, contact the IL Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at (217) 785-8604, www.epa.ste.il.us.

Permanent HHW Collection Sites (Residential use only):

Chicago Department of Public Health— Goose Island Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago, IL 60642
(312) 744-7672
www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

2955 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304
service@recyclewithLRI.com
(800) 558-1166
www.lamprecyclers.com
Medical and dental waste accepted.

Naperville Public Works

156 Fort Hill Dr, Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 420-6095
www.naperville.il.us/hhw
Open Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
No fee, no appointment needed.

Rock River Reclamation District (soon to be Four Rivers Sanitation Authority)

3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
City of Rockford: (779) 348-7300
Managed by Keep Northern IL Beautiful, www.KNIB.com
(click on recycling centers, then hazardous waste)
KNIB: (815) 637-1343
Call for fees and accepted items.
Saturday (Excluding weekends closest to holidays):
8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.

SWALCO—Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

1311 North Estes St, Gurnee
(847) 336-9340
www.swalco.org | info@swalco.org
Twice a month drop off at SWALCO Gurnee Facility, appointments required. Check website for mobile collection events (delays due to Covid). Two per month April–October.

Accepted HHW Items:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosol products
- Antifreeze
- Asbestos containing products
- Automotive fluids (brake, transmission fluids)
- Batteries: Lithium, Nickel-Cadmium, Metal Hydride, NO ALAKLINE
- CFLs, Fluorescent Tubes
- Cleaning Solvents, Degreasers
- Fertilizers
- Flammable liquids
- Florescent Tubes & Ballasts
- 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)
- Ni-Cad Batteries (Nickle-Cadmium, rechargeable)
- Paint (oil-based only, no Latex paint)
- Paint Strippers/Paint Thinner
- Personal Care products: cosmetics, nail polish, etc)
- Pool Chemicals
- Oil, automotive
- Sealants, Solvents
- Varnish, Wood Stain, similar products

Unacceptable Items:

- Business, commercial or institutional wastes
- Agricultural chemicals
- Alkaline batteries (see batteries 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 (see batteries section)
- Propane tanks (see what do I do with this section)
- Medical wastes, sharps/needles
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

MOTOR OIL, TIRES, ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT



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

Algonquin Lube Express **M AC**

1560 E Algonquin Rd, Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 458-880

No fee for antifreeze. Standard tires \$2.50 each.

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

- McHenry (815) 385-7300
No motor oil
- Crystal Lake (815) 459-7300
Motor oil: no fee, no max
Coolant: no fee, max 2g per day
- Woodstock (815) 338-5700
Motor oil: no fee, no max
- Huntley (847) 802-4051
Motor oil: no fee, no max

All take tires, \$2.75 per standard tire, call for larger sizes.

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. 5g max per day. No fee.

Farm & Fleet Co. **T**

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

Tires taken for a fee only with purchase of new tire.

Independent Auto Craft **M T AC**

6207 Factory Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 455-4030

No charge for motor oil, Tires \$5 each. No fee for antifreeze/coolant, 5g max per day.

McHenry Lube Express **M**

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

No fee for motor oil. Tires not accepted.

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.

Walmart Auto Center **M T**

- Crystal Lake (815) 477-2147
Max 5g per day motor oil, tires \$1.50 with purchase of new tire.
- Algonquin (847) 458-5734
Max 5g per day, tires \$1.50, no purchase required.
- Woodstock (815) 206-0931
Max 5g per day motor oil, tires \$1.50 with purchase of new tire.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTIONS SITES

Algonquin Township Road District **M**

3702 US-14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(847) 639-2700, #6
www.algtwsp.com

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.



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 only, prices vary, please call or visit website.

McHenry Ace Hardware

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

Latex paint ONLY accepted. No oil-based paint.
 Fee by gallon/quart.

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.
 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Saturday

**Rock River Reclamation District
 (soon to be Four Rivers Sanitation Authority)**

3333 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
 City of Rockford: (779) 348-7300
 Managed by Keep Northern IL Beautiful,
 www.KNIB.com

(click on recycling centers, then hazardous waste)
 KNIB: (815) 637-1343

Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.
 (Excluding weekends closest to holidays)

Oil based paint and aerosols.

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

1311 North Estes St, Gurnee
 (847) 336-9340

www.swalco.org
 info@swalco.org

Twice a month drop off at SWALCO Gurnee Facility, appointments required. Check website for mobile collection events (delays due to Covid).

Two per month April–October. Oil based paint only, no latex.

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. www.acehardware.com, go to store locator.

High-quality, sustainably produced recycled paint from EarthPaint.org is now available at Habitat for Humanity ReStores in McHenry and Woodstock.

- Habitat for Humanity—McHenry ReStore
 903 Front Street, McHenry
- Habitat for Humanity—Woodstock ReStore
 133 South Eastwood Drive, Woodstock

Checkout Earthpaint.org for more on why this is a sustainable choice!

SHREDDING



Document destruction will be available at all county recycling events, see page 4 for details. For more information on this please see the county website—www.mcdh.info or call (815) 334-4585.

See page 16 or visit www.mcdh.info for more information on dates and locations.

AMS Store and Shred, LLC

13 Prosper Ct., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 658-0400 | www.amsstoreandshred.com
Walk in service, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., M–F. Businesses call for quote.

AMS Shredding Events

4/10/2021: Hosted by: Prairie Community Bank
Location: 1000 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

4/17/2021: Hosted by: Ella Johnson Public Library
Location: 109 S. State St., Hampshire, IL
Hours: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

4/17/2021: Hosted by: Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce
Location: 427 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL
Hours: 8:30 a.m.–Noon

4/24/2021: Hosted by: Village of Huntley
Location: 10987 Main St., Huntley, IL 60142
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

5/1/2021: Hosted by: The Community Foundation for McHenry County
Location: 33 E. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

5/15/2021: Hosted by: Village of Lake in the Hills
Location: Lake in the Hills Public Works Facility - 9010 Haligus Rd., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

6/19/2021: Hosted by: Palatine Township
Location: 721 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine, IL 60067
Hours: 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

9/18/2021: Hosted by: Palatine Township
Location: 721 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine, IL 60067
Hours: 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

9/25/2021: Hosted by: Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
Location: 7401 Meyer Rd., Spring Grove, IL 60081
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

10/2/2021: Hosted by: Village of Lake in the Hills
Location: Lake in the Hills Village Hall - 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
Hours: 9 a.m.–Noon

Please visit www.AMSstoreandshred.com/events because some locations are residents only and have restrictions on how much shredding they can bring.

Abraham's On-Site Shredding

(262) 877-8878 | info@abrahamsshredding.com
Call for quote. Onsite only, appointments required.

Accurate Document Destruction

2500 Landmeier Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(800) 407-4733 ext.3
Call for quote. Onsite shredding. No minimum amount.

Beaver Shredding

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

McHenry Ace Hardware

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

Records Management, Inc.

3801 Hawthorn Court, Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 949-0700
On and offsite shredding or drop off.

Did you know?

Paperback and hardback books can be recycled in your curbside recycling (in most areas, please always double check with your hauler). NO glossy or metallic book covers or book jackets.

STYROFOAM



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.

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., 7 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–October from 8 a.m.–Noon. No bubble wrap. Township residents only.

Visit these area organizations for fun things do and learn!

- Citizens Climate Lobby
www.citizensclimatelobby.org
- Crystal Lake Nature Center—Nature Center
www.crystallakeparks.org
- Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
www.mcdef.org
- The Foodshed
www.foodshed.coop
- IDNR sites Moraine Hills—Activities
www.illinois.gov
- IDNR Volo Bog—Activities
www.illinois.gov
- Land Conservancy of McHenry County
www.conservemc.org
- McHenry County Audubon
www.mchenryaudubon.org
- McHenry Country College Center for Agrarian Learning—www.mchenry.edu/cal
- McHenry County College Sustainability Center—www.mchenry.edu/green
- McHenry County Conservation District
www.mccdistrict.org
- McHenry-Lake Soil and Water Conservation District—www.mchenryswcd.org
- McHenry County Master Gardeners—extension.illinois.edu/lm/mchenry-county-master-gardeners
- McHenry County Park Districts/ Departments—check your city's website
- Small Waters Education
www.smallwaters.org
- Wildflower Preservation and Propagation Committee—www.thewppc.org

TOWNSHIP COLLECTION SITES

1-800-Got-Junk

(855) 428-7006

www.1800gotjunk.com

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

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 U.S. Hwy 14, Crystal Lake

(847) 639-2700, #6

www.algtwsp.com/specialized-recycling

April–October. April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, 2021

Items Accepted from Township Residents ONLY:

- Latex Paint, prices vary, check website, no aerosols
- 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
- No appliances

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 of and accepted during office hours only) (\$10 surcharge for tire with rims)
- Brush: accepted last two weekends (Friday after 3pm, Saturday and Sunday) March–October, no commercial brush and no yard waste bags

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. April–October April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, May 21,

September 18, October 19, 2021

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)
- CDs and DVDs
- 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. 10 feet maximum length.
- Shoes (clean)

Many haulers have specialized pick ups for electronics—please check with them for exact dates. Many Haulers also will pick up one bulk item for free with your contract. Please check with them!

TOWNSHIP COLLECTION SITES

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
(ID requested):**

- 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
- Batteries (car, truck, marine batteries only)
- Paint—Latex and Oil Base—April–October, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 7 days a week
- 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, construction debris, furniture
- New—electric vehicle charging available
- No yard waste, leaves
- No anti-freeze or other household chemicals

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.–3 p.m.,
Sat.: 8:30 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, tvs/monitors may incur a dropoff fee—please contact Prairieland for more information. Christmas lights, cords/cables can be dropped off free of charge.
- Batteries: car batteries, truck batteries, and rechargeable batteries
- White Goods (large electrical goods) – a drop off fee may apply
- Clothing, Textiles, Athletic shoes, corks, and flower vases
- 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
- Manure/organics pickup service—all manure/organics is composted, it does not end up in a landfill.

Waste Management’s Think Green From Home

(800) 664-1434

www.thinkgreenfromhome.com

Packages and pricing available online.

Curious about selling or donating
on the internet?

Visit www.mchenry.edu/green/recycling.html
for more information.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?

Sustainability Center Director and student assistants are grateful for every phone call, email, or text we receive! Below are recycling resources for some of the most common items we get questions about. We hope this is helpful!

Aerosols: Empty completely and recycle in your curbside container (EXCEPT paint—please see page 9 for details).

CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, Cassettes, and Cases: Unfortunately there are no local recycling programs for these items, so they can go in the trash. Cardboard inserts or sleeves can be recycled in your curbside container.

Construction Debris: Please visit or call Lowe Enterprises at www.loweenterprisesinc.com/recycling or call (847) 639-2775 for pricing and hours.

Carbon Monoxide (CO): Detectors can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Cardboard Boxes: If you are comfortable, offer them on social media! Otherwise, flatten and recycle in your curbside container.

Corks: The Wine Cellar Outlet Schaumburg, 1422 E. Algonquin Rd, Schaumburg. Call (224) 801-6677 to confirm drop-off hours. Visit www.recork.com for other drop-off locations (none in McHenry County).

Gasoline: This is considered a household hazardous waste. Please see page 7.

Furniture: If reusable, donate to the Habitat for Humanity Restores (listings on page 3) or Goodwill (listing on page 3). If beyond use, contact your hauler for bulk item pick up to be landfilled.

Mattresses: Verlo Mattress store (Crystal Lake, (815) 455-2570) will take old mattresses if you purchase one from them. Otherwise, you can list on one of the online platforms (Craigslist, Freecycle, etc.) if it's reusable. If it is beyond reuse, contact your hauler for bulk item pickup to be landfilled. Also, see these online Mattress Disposal Guides from Myslumberyard.com, Sleep.org, Tuck.com, RestRightMattress.com and HealthySleepy.com.

Microwaves: These are considered electronics. Please see page 6.

Prescription Medication: Most local police stations have a collection container but do not take any liquids. Please call your police station for drop-off hours and bin location.

Propane Gas Tanks (Small Camp-Sized): Go to manufacturers' website to find puncture-hole location and instructions. Once punctured, take to Behr Iron and Metal, 13914 Washington Street in Woodstock.

Propane Gas Tanks (30 Gallon-Sized Tanks): Call the store you bought it from to see if they will take the tank back, or use one of the exchange services found at many home improvement stores. If the valve is removed, or it is damaged in such a way that you can see inside, take it to Behr Iron and Metal, 13914 Washington St, Woodstock.

- The Amerigas office in Palatine will take propane gas tanks in any condition (apparently there is nationwide shortage of tanks!). The only office open to the public is in Palatine, 522 S. Vermont Street, Palatine, (847) 359-6450.
- Another Option: Small, camp-sized propane cylinders and larger tanks, full or empty, can be dropped off at The Crusher, 651 W Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185, (630) 231-6888.

Smoke Detectors: These are not banned from the landfill, so they can be thrown in the regular trash. You can return used smoke alarms to the supplier—the address is usually listed in the product warranty or user's manual. You can use one of these mail-in programs: Curie Environmental Services (NM), (505) 888-9392; EZ on the Earth (IN), (855) 327-8455; or First Alert Corp (IL), (630) 851-7330.

Thermostats: Visit Thermostat Recycling Corporation (thermostat-recycle.org) and enter your zip code for the closest drop off locations for mercury thermostats (over 20 years old or more). There are many locations in McHenry County.

Sharps Drop Off: Island Lake Police Department, 3720 Greenleaf Ave, Island Lake, or Wauconda Police Department, 311 S Main St, Wauconda.

Textiles: Please see the Goodwill listing on page 3 or visit www.USagain.com to find one of the many collection boxes available around the county. The Defenders will also collect textiles at the County Recycling drives. See page 16 for details.

Tires: See page 8 for area collection options. There are fees for tire recycling.

Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Recycling Event in McHenry County

Saturday June 26, 2021 8am-3pm

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

* Location was changed from original posting*

-- This event is free and open to all Illinois residents. This event is for residential waste only. Agricultural, Business and Institutional waste will not be accepted.

-- Please

- Make sure all waste materials are clearly labeled and safely packaged for transport to the event.
- Consider carpooling or condensing multiple families waste into one vehicle.
- Stay in your vehicle while at the event; staff will unload items from your vehicle.

-- For additional information on Recycling in McHenry County please visit www.mchenry.edu/green

Items that will be accepted

- ✓ Acids
- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Aerosol Products
- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Auto Fluids
- ✓ Ballasts (PCB)
- ✓ Batteries– power tools and household sizes (No automotive/lead acid batteries)
- ✓ Black top Sealer– oil based
- ✓ Cleaning Products
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Corrosives
- ✓ Drain Cleaners
- ✓ Fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFL's)
- ✓ Gasoline and oil/gas mixtures
- ✓ HID lightbulbs (headlight bulbs)
- ✓ Hobby and Photo Chemicals
- ✓ Lawn Chemicals
- ✓ Medications (no controlled substances or needles)
- ✓ Mercury-containing devices (switches, thermostats, thermometers)
- ✓ Mercury
- ✓ Oil-based Paints, Stains and Varnishes (NO LATEX PAINT)
- ✓ Paint Thinners
- ✓ Pesticides, poisons, herbicides, insecticides
- ✓ Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Resins, Glues
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Used Motor Oil



These Items CAN NOT and WILL NOT be accepted, please do not bring them, it will only slow down the line.

- ✗ LATEX PAINT– Latex Paint is not hazardous and can be safely dried and discarded as trash. See the McHenry County Green Guide for additional options for recycling latex paint.
- ✗ Acetylene Cylinders
- ✗ Agricultural Waste
- ✗ Ammunition, explosives, or fireworks
- ✗ Biological and medical waste
- ✗ Business, Institutional or commercial sector wastes
- ✗ Controlled Substances-Pharmaceuticals
- ✗ Farm machinery oil
- ✗ Fire Extinguishers– Foam Cylinders (Part A/ Bart B)
- ✗ Lead-acid (auto) Batteries
- ✗ MAPP Gases
- ✗ Needles/Syringes
- ✗ Oxygen Tanks
- ✗ Propane Tanks
- ✗ Radioactive Material
- ✗ Smoke Detectors



LAKE IN THE HILLS
SANITARY DISTRICT



Illinois Environmental
Protection Agency



This event is made possible by the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District and the McHenry County Department of Health with support from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



2021 Recycling Events

Presented by the

McHenry County Department of Health

2021 Single Day Recycling Events are on
Saturdays — 9:00am to Noon.

April 17th

Milky Way Park
Route 173 and Lawrence Rd, Harvard

May 22nd

McHenry County College
8900 US Route 14, Crystal Lake

September 11th

Woodstock North High School
3000 Raffel Rd, Woodstock

October 16th

Chesak Elementary School
10910 Reed Rd, Lake in the Hills



Elgin Recycling will be Accepting Electronic Devices

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

Fees for TVs and Monitors only: \$15 for any size LCD Computer Monitor: \$25 for units up to 20": \$35 for units 21" and larger



The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

Will be accepting textiles/clothing, Fluorescent tubes and bulbs (\$) and clean Styrofoam.



Paper Tiger Document Solutions

Will be onsite with a document shredding truck to securely shred paper documents onsite free of charge.
Available until the truck is full.

For additional information please check our website. www.mcdh.info or contact Kelli Boeckmann, Solid Waste Manager for McHenry County at 815-334-4585.

McHenry County Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

www.mcdh.info

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EMAIL: Health@McHenryCountyIL.gov

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