



Kane County RECYCLES

Green Guide

2012-2013

Kane County Division of Environmental Resources

Kane County Electronics and Books Collection Events

540 S Randall Road, St. Charles
2nd Saturday of each month, 8am-2pm

May 12, 2012
June 9, 2012
July 14, 2012
August 11, 2012
September 8, 2012
October 13, 2012
November 10, 2012
December 8, 2012
January 12, 2013
February 9, 2013
March 9, 2013
April 13, 2013

See back page for full details
and list of acceptable items.

More Info:

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Kane County Recycling Coordinator
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recycle@countyofkane.org

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A Bright Idea for Saving Green while Being Green!



- Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) last 10 times longer and use 75% less electricity than traditional incandescent light bulbs.
- **Each CFL installed in place of an old incandescent light bulb will save around \$6 in electricity costs every year!**
- This efficient use of electricity directly reduces emissions of mercury into our atmosphere from coal-fired power plants.
- Each CFL contains only 4 milligrams (mg) of mercury; the long fluorescent tubes have 4-12mg.
- To put that in perspective, home thermometers contain up to 500 mg, manual thermostats contain up to 3,000 mg, and one dental amalgam filling can contain up to 1,000 mg of mercury.
- Most of the mercury is used up and fused to the glass tube by the time it burns out, and will not be released if you break it.
- **No mercury is released when CFLs are intact or in use!**

To avoid breakage handle carefully but if you break one don't panic. Vacate and ventilate the area for 10 minutes, then gently sweep it up with a damp cloth into a sealable container for disposal. See epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html OR epa.gov/cfl/CFL_brochure.pdf for detailed cleanup instructions.

Recycling CFLs allows the reuse of the glass, metals and other materials that make up fluorescent lights. There are no recycling programs for traditional incandescent light bulbs.

Drop-boxes for recycling CFLs can be found at most Ace Hardware and Home Depot stores. Deliver used CFLs in a resealable plastic bag. Call your local hardware store, ask at the service desks, or visit Earth911.com to find stores in your area.

Long fluorescent tubes are not generally accepted at hardware stores can be taken to the Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility (*see page 6*).

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Recycling Guidelines

These single-stream recycling guidelines apply to what you can generally recycle at home and at work in Kane County. You may check with your City, Village, or garbage company to get the exact guidelines for your area.

Single-stream Recycling The term “single-stream” simply refers to the fact that it is no longer necessary to separate paper and containers for recycling. You can place all recyclables into the same curbside bin or cart for collection. They are then delivered to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) equipped to sort out the aluminum, steel, glass, plastic and paper with a combination of machinery and human sorters. The materials are sorted, baled, sent to market, and ultimately are returned to the production cycle as a feedstock for products like recycled-content paper, new aluminum cans, and glass bottles. Plastics are used to create all kinds of things, like carpet, textiles and furniture.

Close the Loop Buying products with recycled content is the next step in creating a sustainable closed loop system. Look for household paper products like tissues, toilet paper, and paper towels that have recycled fiber content, otherwise they are made directly from trees! Office paper is available with 10% to 100% post-consumer recycled content, which means it was made out of paper that was milled and manufactured, purchased, used, recycled, and then remanufactured, to be used again!



Paper

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and phone books
- Office paper, notebooks (*staples, spirals, metal clips are okay*), computer print outs, hanging file folders, pastel colored sticky notes, glossy brochures, index cards, greeting cards, stationary, fax paper, manila folders and envelopes (*cellophane windows are ok to leave in*)
- Junk mail (*please remove all non-paper plastic cards, magnets, etc.*)
- Chipboard/paperboard - cereal, cracker, tissue, shoe, gift, and 6/12-pack boxes, paper towel tubes, and egg cartons
- Cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut to 3' x 3'
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Paperback books (*no hardcover books*)
- Shredded Paper - Loose shredded paper causes major sorting problems in the Recycling Facility, so please find out how your waste hauler recommends packaging it for recycling. Some suggest enclosing it in paper bags, some in clear plastic bags
- **NO** used paper plates or pizza boxes, fluorescent paper, or frozen food boxes (*they contaminate the paper stream with food, dye, or plastic coating, respectively*)
- **NO** Paper towels, tissues, or napkins, which are not recyclable because the fibers are too small to reuse (*please compost them with kitchen food scraps if possible*)

Containers

Aluminum Cans and Foil

- Aluminum cans (*please empty, do not crush or flatten*)
- Aluminum foil (*ball clean foil to 2 inches or larger, no flat foil or small balled up foil*)
- Pie plates & trays (*must be free of food*)

Waxed Paper Cartons

- Milk and Juice cartons and boxes (*please empty and rinse, do not crush or flatten, plastic nozzles and tabs can be left on*)

Steel/Tin Cans

- Food cans and lids (*please empty and rinse, place lids in the can and lightly pinch the top closed, labels can be left on*)
- Metal paint cans and lids (*must be empty and dry, some dried paint residue is fine*)
- Empty aerosol cans (*nozzles and labels can be left on*)
- Metal lids are recyclable (*place in recycling loose*)
- **NO** utensils, propane tanks, wire hangers, or small appliances

Glass Bottles and Jars

- All colors are accepted (*please empty and rinse, labels can be left on, remove lids and put them in separately, avoid breaking the glass*)
- **NO** window or auto glass, bakeware, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, coffee pots or drinking glasses

Plastic Containers

- ♻️ bottles, jars, and boxes (*empty water and soda bottles, food jars, some fruit boxes*)
- ♻️ bottles, jugs, and tubs (*empty milk, juice, laundry detergent, shampoo bottles and tofu tubs*)
- ♻️ bottles (*empty health and beauty products, cleaners*)
- ♻️ containers (*empty squeezable containers*)
- ♻️ tubs (*empty cottage cheese, yogurt, margarine tubs*)
- ♻️ Other (*narrow neck containers, plastic buckets such as kitty litter containers*)
- Leave plastic screw-top caps on empty plastic bottles and jars
- **NO** plastic bags (*do not put in the curbside bin, see page 3*)
- **NO** plastic film (*plastic wraps, sandwich bags, freezer bags, tarps*)
- **NO** plastic utensils or plates (*do not recycle, but please REUSE or trash*)
- **NO** plastic toys or hard plastic packaging
- **NO** candy wrappers, cereal bags, potato chip bags, or snack bags
- **NO** ♻️ plastic - polystyrene, Styrofoam (*see A-Z list on page 4*)
- **NO** empty motor oil, pesticide, or chemical bottles

Recycling Plastic Bags

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



Please Recycle only plastic bags that are clean, dry and empty.

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

Do NOT Recycle:

The following are considered contaminants and could jeopardize recycling programs:

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

Back Yard Composting

Backyard composting effectively converts yard wastes and food scraps into a useful soil additive that can make your garden healthier by returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

While there are many programs for collecting yard waste in Kane County, these programs do not yet include food scraps. One good reason to compost food scraps is that it is a great way to cycle the vital nutrients back into the soil; to close the loop rather than wasting this valuable resource in a landfill. It is especially effective if you have a vegetable garden, connecting the loop from soil to food to soil!

Another reason why composting is important in our current time is because plant materials sent to a landfill are buried in an anaerobic environment (without oxygen) so the material rots rather than decomposing naturally like it does in a back yard compost pile where air, water and micro-organisms are involved. In the landfill these decaying organic materials become the number one source of human-caused methane emissions.

It is also a great way for you to inexpensively deal with excess yard waste by helping it to breakdown quickly and cleanly in your own yard. Grass trimmings and leaves can be composted or used for mulch in flowerbeds and vegetable gardens. There is a wealth of information available online about starting and maintaining a back yard compost bin. Kane County provides bins at a reduced cost for residents, see below.

Back Yard Compost Bins are available at:

University of Illinois Extension Office,
535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174, 630-584-6166

Cost: \$60.00 cash or check only please, payable to Kane County Treasurer



Recycle Drop-Off Centers

Carpentersville - Village Hall

Location: 1200 Besinger Drive,
Carpentersville, IL 60110

Contact: 847-426-3439

Hours: 24/7

Accepts: all items listed on page 2

Elgin - Waste Management

(Elgin residents only)

Location: 7N904 Rt 25,
Elgin, IL 60177

Contact: 800-796-9696,

www.cityofelgin.org/index.aspx?NID=615

Hours: M, W, F 8am-3:30pm

Sat: 8am-12 noon

Accepts: all items listed on page 2

Virgil - St. Peter and Paul Church

Location: Meredith Road,
Virgil, IL 60151

Contact: 800-930-7321

Hours: 24/7

Accepts: all items listed on page 2

Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs

the-association.org

AID is a non-profit association with a mission to empower individuals with disabilities, mental illness and special needs to achieve independence and community inclusion.

Please go to front desk at each site to get directions to exact drop-off areas.

Accepts: aluminum, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic bags, scrap metal, tin cans, and electronics

Hours: containers and paper 24/7;
electronics M-F 8:30am-4pm

Aurora Location:

309 W. New Indian Trail Court,
Aurora, IL 60506

The AID building is east of the school.

Contacts: 630-966-4145 or
630-966-4121

Elgin Location:

1135 Bowes Road, Elgin, IL 60123

Contact: 847-931-6237

Thank you for all that you do to help make Kane County Recycling Programs a success!

A-Z List of Reuse & Recycle Opportunities in Kane County

American Flags Ace Hardware, Batavia, 630-879-1330 & VFW Batavia, 630-879-9630.

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

Appliances See electronics on *page 8* for small appliances. Large appliances/white goods – call your waste hauler.

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) See *page 7*.

Batteries (auto) Lead-acid batteries from autos, boats, sump pumps, may be taken to any store that sells them, as they are required to take the batteries they replace. There may be a small fee. Also see HHW on *page 6*.

Bicycles See www.workingbikes.org or call 312-421-5048 for drop-offs in your area.

Books Paperback books can go in curbside recycling. Hardcover books, see *page 8*, Kane County Collection Event.

Building supplies Habitat for Humanity ReStores in Aurora and Elgin. See *page 8* for locations & contacts.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors place in regular trash.

Carpets Usable: ReStore in Elgin. See *page 8* for address. Beyond use: Woodland Recycling, 7N500 Rt.25, South Elgin, IL 60177, 847-741-0219.

CDs, DVDs, Audio & Video Tapes, Floppy discs, CD cases See electronics on *page 8*.

Cell phones See electronics *page 8*.

Chemicals, cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides See Household Hazardous Waste on *page 6*.

Clothing Goodwill; Salvation Army; parking lot drop boxes.

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) See *page 1*.

Computers and computer equipment See electronics on *page 8*.

Cooking Oil Hopkins Grease Company, 9150 Pyott Rd., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156, 847-458-1010. hopkinsgrease.com or check with your local restaurants that may have a grease dumpster, they will sometimes let their customers use it for small quantities. Or freeze it and put it in the trash on trash day.

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

Electronics and Electric appliances See *page 8*.

Eye glasses Batavia Public Library, 630-879-1393. SCARCE, www.scarcecoed.org, 630-545-9710. Lions Club Drop boxes, www.lionsclub.org

Fire extinguishers *If full:* HHW, see *page 6*. *If empty:* Aurora TriState Fire Protection 630-978-0600.

Fluorescent tube lights See Household Hazardous Waste on *page 6*.

Furniture, and Household items Goodwill; Salvation Army; Thrift stores.

Gasoline See Household Hazardous Waste on *page 6*.

Hangers, clothes hangers Many dry cleaners will take these, check with your local cleaner.

Hazardous Waste See Household Hazardous Waste on *page 6*.

Hearing aids Batavia Public Library, 630-879-1393.

Inkjet cartridges/ Toner cartridges See electronics *page 8*.

Junk Mail Remove any plastic inserts & recycle the paper. See info on stopping junk mail on *page 5*.

Landscape Waste See Yard Waste below.

Latex paint See Latex Paint box to the right.

Medications See *page 6*.

Microwaves See electronics on *page 8*.

Motor Oil See *page 7*.

Needles/Syringes See *page 6*.

Office, art and craft supplies SCARCE, www.scarcecoed.org, 630-545-9710.

Oil See Motor Oil or Cooking Oil.

Packing peanuts Shipping and packing stores will reuse clean, bagged and unmixed foam peanuts. Call the Peanut Hotline 800-828-2214.

Paint Oil paint is HHW, see *page 6*. Latex paint is not hazardous, see box to the right.

Pharmaceuticals See *page 6*.

Phones See electronics on *page 8*.

Phone Books Place in household recycling. To opt out, see junk mail on *page 5*.

Plastic grocery bags and plastic film See *page 3*.

Propane gas tanks Country Gas, Rt. 64, Wasco, 630-584-0138. Fox Valley Iron & Metal, 637 N Broadway, Aurora, 630-897-5907. Naperville HHW, see *page 6*.

Sharps/Syringes See *page 6*.

Shoes Sports Authority, 1777 S Randall Rd, Geneva, 630-208-4998. Nike Shoe Store, 1650 Premium Outlets Blvd, Aurora, 630-585-9568. Also see: shoe4africa.org.

Smoke detectors Return used smoke alarm to supplier, address listed in product warranty or user's manual. First Alert Corp, 3901 Liberty Street Rd, Aurora, 630-851-7330, www.firstalert.com.

Software See electronics on *page 8*.

Styrofoam, polystyrene, styrene Dart Container Corp, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora, 630-896-4631, Recycle Drop-Off is open 24/7. Accepts: foam blocks, clean food containers. NO straws, cup lids, paper, or packing peanuts.

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

Televisions See electronics on *page 8*.

Textiles Clothes, blankets, towels & linens beyond reuse - Goodwill, thrift stores and parking lot boxes.

Tires Most tire retailers will take back old tires for a small fee. Check with your local tire dealer for more information. Citgo/Mobil, 27 N. Batavia Ave, Batavia, 630-879-0998, accepts tires that do not have rims @ \$3.00 per tire. Goodyear Auto Service Center, 905 North Lake, Aurora, 630-892-7916, has a fee of \$3 per car tire. If you have a large quantity, call Treadstone Tire Recyclers at 815-726-4644.

White goods/Large Appliances Call your waste hauler for collection.

Yard waste Collection programs are managed by towns and waste haulers. See section on Back Yard Composting on *page 3* and www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling/yardWaste.aspx for links to your city or village program.



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(630) 208-3841

recycle@countyofkane.org

To download a copy of this guide, go to

www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling

Kane County does not currently have a residential document shredding program. Shredding paper degrades the recyclability of the fibers, so please shred judiciously. If you can, remove the small section of paper with confidential information on it, rip it into small pieces putting some in one bin and some in another, and recycle the rest of the sheet of paper with your household recycling. Otherwise call your bank to see if they have a shredding event for their customers; they sometimes do.

Search www.earth911.com to find where to recycle nearly anything!

Latex Paint

Unlike oil-based paints, which are considered household hazardous waste, today's latex (water-based) paint has a very low level of toxicity. Disposing of it as hazardous waste is unnecessary and very expensive, so most facilities do not accept it. Therefore, the Illinois EPA and Kane County encourage people with unwanted latex paint to use other options.

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

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

Recycle it. Earth Paint Collection Systems (www.earthpaintscs.com or 847-231-6044) may have locations near you to recycle unused paint. Recycle empty paint cans and lids; a thin coating of dried paint on the inside walls and bottom is ok.

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

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

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



Stop Junk Mail for Good

Get on the National Do Not Mail List and immediately reduce your junk mail by half!

www.directmail.com/junk_mail/ • 1-866-284-5816

Opt Out of Phone Books • www.yellowpagesoptout.com
Stop Catalog Mailings • www.catalogchoice.org



Household Hazardous Waste

Residential HHW Drop-Off

Naperville Fire Station #4

Hours: 9am - 2pm every Saturday & Sunday (*except holidays*)
Call Naperville Public Works (M-F) 630-420-6095 for inquiries.
1971 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL, 60563

Free Pick-up Service for Northern Kane County Residents Only

Residents of the most northerly townships of Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, and Elgin may schedule one free collection per year from your home. This service is supported by Kane County, the City of Elgin, and the Villages of Carpentersville and South Elgin.

Call 1-800-449-7587 or go to www.curbsideinc.com to schedule a pick-up.

Items Accepted

- Aerosol products
- Antifreeze
- Auto fluids
- Batteries – auto, sump & household sizes
- Blacktop sealer
- Cleaning products
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent bulbs (*tubes and swirled*)
- Gasoline & oil/gas mixtures
- Hobby & photo chemicals
- Lawn chemicals
- Mercury (*thermostats, etc.*)
- Motor oil
- Oil-based paints, stains, & varnishes
- Pesticides, poisons, insecticides
- Pharmaceuticals/medications (*see right*)
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks (*Naperville only, all sizes*)
- Solvents

Items NOT Accepted

- Latex paint (*see pg 5*)
- Ammunition, explosives or fireworks (*see pg 4*)
- Biological or medical waste (*dispose as biohazard*)
- Syringes/needles (*see below*)
- Farm machinery oil
- Smoke detectors (*see pg 4*)



Medication/ Pharmaceutical Drop-Offs

Unwanted and expired prescription or over-the-counter drugs can be dropped off at the following locations. Pills may be left in their original containers but please remove labels or destroy/black out any personal information on the label, before placing them in a clear resealable bag for delivery. Ask at your local CVS or Walgreen Pharmacies to learn about mail-in programs.

Elgin Police Department

151 Douglas Ave., Elgin, IL 60120
847-289-2700 **Hours:** 7 days, 24 hours

Geneva Police Department

(*Geneva Residents ONLY*)
20 Police Plaza, Geneva, IL 60134
630-232-4736 **Hours:** 7 days, 24 hours

Kane County Sheriffs Office

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

Naperville Fire Station #4

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
See above left.

Oswego Fox Metro Office

682 Rt 31, Oswego, IL 60543
630-301-6820 **Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm

St. Charles Police Department

211 N Riverside Ave., St Charles, IL 60174
630-377-4435 **Hours:** M-F 6am-11pm;
Sat 7am-5pm; Sun closed

Small Business Quantity Hazardous Waste

Licensed Hazardous Waste Companies that can serve small businesses:

Clean Harbors

800-645-8265
www.cleanharbors.com

Heritage Environmental

800-487-7455
www.heritage-enviro.com

Veolia Environmental

312-552-2800
www.veoliaes.com/en.html

Safety-Kleen

847-468-6600
www.safety-kleen.com

Safe Disposal of Sharps/ Needles/ Syringes

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

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



Other Resources and Mail-In Programs:

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

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

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

Used Motor Oil Recycling

Drop-Off Locations

Advance Auto Parts

Aurora, Batavia, Elgin • 1-877-ADVANCE (238-2623)

Auto Zone

Aurora and Elgin • 1-800-288-6966

Rock'N Roll Automotive

601 Route 68, Carpentersville • 847-425-0014

Spring Hill Ford

800 Dundee Ave, East Dundee • 847-551-1027

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

Aurora, Batavia, Carpentersville, St. Charles
1-800-Fast-Change (800-327-8242)

Waste Management

Elgin • 800-796-9696

For Large Quantities (100+ gallons) contact:

Future Environmental • 708-479-6900

R&S Oil Services • 708-534-9300

Village of Hampshire Collection Events

Open to all residents of Kane County

Saturday collection events for 2012: 4/14, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/11, 9/8, 10/6

Street Department Building, 100 Klick Street, Hampshire, IL 60140

Questions: 847-683-2181 x0, M-F 8am-4pm, www.hampshireil.org



Curbside Motor Oil Collection

Batavia and St. Charles

Residents of Batavia and St. Charles can recycle their used motor oil by placing it at the curb on pick-up day. The used oil should be contained in sealed plastic containers (*like milk jugs or laundry detergent bottles*) not to exceed one gallon. Place the containers on the ground next to your recycling bin. Please call Veolia Environmental, 630-587-8282, to let them know you'll have oil to pick up. Please NO gasoline, oil/gas mixtures or antifreeze (*see pg 6 for disposal of those items*).

Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, and Elgin Townships

Residents of the six most northerly townships may include motor oil in your household hazardous waste collection service. Please see page 6 for more information on the pick-up service.

Household Battery Recycling

The best way to reduce waste is to invest in a battery charger and rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries make better use of resources, because you can use them multiple times before recycling them! The following towns and villages have **Curbside Battery Collection:** Aurora, Batavia, Elburn, Elgin, Geneva, Hampshire, Maple Park, North Aurora, St. Charles, and Sugar Grove. If you do not have curbside collection, you can deliver them to the drop-offs listed below.

To recycle AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V batteries: first tape over the tops of all 9V batteries as they are a potential fire hazard, then place used batteries in a clear resealable plastic bag. Place bagged batteries on ground next to recycling bin or with lidded carts place bag on top of recycling cart. Do not include auto batteries, see page 4. Battery drop-off locations are open 24/7 unless otherwise indicated.

Elgin Township Highway Garage

725 S. McLean Blvd, South Elgin • 847-741-2045

Big Timber Fire Station/ Fire Station #2

650 Big Timber Road • 847-931-6186

Pingree Grove Fire Station

39W169 Plank Road • 847-741-3151

South Elgin Fire District Annex

Hopps and Stevens Roads

Batteries Plus

(rechargeable batteries only)

Aurora and Elgin • 800-677-8278

M-F 8-7pm; Sat 9-6pm; Sun 11-5pm



Electronics Recycling

In 2011,
the county
collected 850,000 lbs.
of electronics &
46,000 lbs. of books
from around 8000
households

Free Electronics Recycling Collection

Kane County Monthly Collection Events

540 S Randall Road, St. Charles • 630-208-3841

Hours: 2nd Saturday of each month, 8am-2pm

See exact dates for 2012-2013 on the front page.

- We unload for you! Please stay comfortably in your vehicle.
- Open to Kane County residents and businesses.
- Kane County currently contracts with Sims Recycling Solutions (630-231-6060, us.simsrecycling.com) for electronics recycling services. What cannot be reused will be responsibly demanufactured in the U.S. and recycled according to R2 (*Responsible Recycling*) standards. Data stored on hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed under the highest security, so there is no need for you to wipe your drives unless you prefer to do so.
- Please see www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling/electronics.aspx for a wealth of information on the new landfill ban and on more convenient options for business-quantity electronics recycling!

We take **BOOKS** of any age, in any condition, paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse, redistributed if possible, and the rest are recycled.

Aurora Monthly Saturday Collection Events

Hours: 9am-1pm

Westside 2012 dates: 4/28, 5/19, 6/16, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15
Central Garage, 720 N. Broadway Ave. • 630-256-4636

Eastside 2012 dates: 4/14, 5/12, 6/2, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/8
Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Drive • 630-256-4636

Aurora Front Door Collection (Aurora Residents Only)

Call 630-305-0922 between 9am-5pm M-F to schedule an appointment.



Items Accepted

- | | |
|---|---|
| Answering Machines | MP3 Players / Portable Music Players |
| Cable/Satellite boxes | Network Equipment (<i>servers, hubs, mainframes</i>) |
| Cables/Cords | Phones |
| Calculators | Postage Machines |
| Camcorders | Power Tools |
| Cameras | Printers |
| CD Drives | Scanners |
| Cell Phones / PDAs | Servers |
| Christmas Lights | Small Home Appliances (<i>blenders, fans, toasters, hair dryers, etc</i>) |
| Circuit Boards | Stereos / Receivers |
| Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs) | Switch Boxes |
| Copy Machines | Tape Drives |
| Digital Converter Boxes | Telephones |
| Digital Recorders | Toner and Printer Cartridges (<i>must be contained in a bag</i>) |
| DVD Players | TVs – all types, & sizes |
| Fax Machines | Typewriters |
| Hard Drives | Vacuums |
| Keyboards | VCRs |
| Media (<i>software, floppy discs, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes, VCR tapes</i>) | VCRs |
| Mice | Video Game Consoles |
| Microphones | Video Game Controllers |
| Microwaves | Word Processors |
| Modems | Zip Drives |
| Monitors – all types | |

Permanent Electronic Drop-off Locations

Please check with these locations for their list of accepted items.

Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs

See page 3 for details on locations, hours, and items accepted.

Aurora ReStore Electronics Drop-off

4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora • 630-585-5508 • **Hours:** W-Sat 10am-6pm

Batavia Self-Serve Electronics Drop-off

200 N Raddant Road, Batavia • 630-454-2310 • **Hours:** M-F 8am-3pm

Elgin ReStore Electronics Drop-off

800 N State Street, Elgin • 847-742-9905 • **Hours:** W-F 9am-6pm & Sat 9am-4pm

West Dundee Electronics Drop-off

900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee • 847-551-3815 • **Hours:** M-F 8am-3pm

Best Buy and Goodwill Stores, as well as a variety of other businesses, now accept electronics for recycling.

Note on Responsible Recycling: While some companies offer to pay you for your electronics, it is good to be informed about their processing and data security practices, and to make sure they are registered electronics recyclers. The Illinois EPA maintains a list of registered recycling companies and collectors (<http://epadata.epa.state.il.us/land/eWaste/collection-sites.asp>) that manage and recycle end-of-life electronic equipment in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, including assurance that your data will be securely erased.

Items NOT Accepted

- White Goods/Large Appliances (*see page 4*)
- Extra-large wood speakers (*please remove speakers from wooden box, dispose of wood, and bring speaker mechanism for recycling*)
- Batteries not contained in equipment (*see page 7*)
- Household Hazardous Waste (*see page 6*)

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