

# PARK FOREST REUSE & RECYCLING

## RESOURCE GUIDE



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Welcome to the first ever Park Forest Reuse and Recycling Resource Guide! This printed guide has the closest centers for reuse and recycling for residents within the Village of Park Forest. A more comprehensive list and interactive map can be found online at [www.villageofparkforest.com/99/sustainability](http://www.villageofparkforest.com/99/sustainability). Making the entire guide and map available online helps reduce the need for paper guides and allows us to keep it as up to date as possible!

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## RECYCLING

### PAPER

- Newspaper
- Junk mail and envelopes (with plastic window)
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Paperback books
- Phone books
- Cardboard (clean)
- Gift wrap paper (no foil)
- Paper beverage cartons (milk, juice, soup)
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags

### PLASTIC

- Water and soda bottles
- Peanut butter, mayo containers
- Milk jugs
- Juice bottles
- Dish and detergent bottles
- Shampoo
- Syrup
- Cooking oil, ketchup bottles
- Health and beauty products
- Ketchup and mustard bottles
- Margarine tubs
- Yogurt, dairy tubs
- Plastic take out food containers

### METAL

- Aluminum
- Tin
- Steel
- Aluminum foil and trays

### GLASS

- Glass bottles
- Glass jars



## TRASH/LANDFILL

### PAPER

- Candy, gum wrappers
- Greasy paper and cardboard boxes
- Wax coated paper
- Hardback books\*
- Laminated paper
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Tissue
- Toilet paper

### PLASTIC

- Plastic utensils
- Cups, plates
- Styrofoam\*
- Toys\*
- Plant/nursery trays\*
- Pools
- Window blinds
- Vinyl siding\*
- Pesticide containers\*
- Garden hoses
- Plastic film (grocery bags, bread bags, etc)\*

### METAL

- Utensils\*
- Wire hangers
- Pots and pans
- Propane canisters\*
- Small appliances\*
- Automotive parts\*
- Empty paint cans (lids off)\*

### GLASS

- Light bulbs\*
- Mirrors
- Coffeepots
- Bakeware
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses,
- Window or auto glass

**\*THERE ARE OPTIONS TO RECYCLE THESE ITEMS JUST NOT IN YOUR CURBSIDE BIN! PLEASE CHECK INSIDE THIS RESOURCE GUIDE AND CALL OR VISIT THE PARK FOREST SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE AT 708-748-1112 EXT. 5698 OR [WWW.VILLAGEOFPAKFOREST.COM/99/SUSTAINABILITY](http://WWW.VILLAGEOFPAKFOREST.COM/99/SUSTAINABILITY)**

# APPLIANCES & METAL (SCRAP)



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 your waste hauler.

## APPLIANCES

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore Locations:

#### Chicago South Suburbs

180 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
708-755-1840 | [www.gohabitatrestore.com](http://www.gohabitatrestore.com) | Accepts:  
Appliances: Less than 7 years old, neutral colors, working condition

#### Fox Valley

4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora, IL 60504  
630-585-5508 | [www.foxvalleyrestore.org](http://www.foxvalleyrestore.org) |  
Accepted: Most working appliances. Please call prior to visiting as needs are continually changing.

#### Gaby Iron & Metal

2611 East End Ave, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
708-755-1930 | <https://www.gabyironandmetal.com/contact.html> | Accepted: Appliances (Drop-off Only), fee for freon removal.

#### Homewood Disposal

1501 W 175th Street, Homewood 60430 | 708-798-1004  
<https://www.mydisposal.com/resources/hard-han-dle-waste-removal/appliances> | Customers only. Call for charges & service area or drop-off information.

## METAL

### Ace Iron & Metals

11 3rd Ave, Joliet, IL 60433 | 815-723-2612

### All American Recycling

2285 New Lenox Road, Joliet, IL 60433 | 815-722-0200  
<http://www.aarecycles.com/>

### Belson Steel Center Scrap

1685 N. State Route 50, Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
815-932-7416

### Berlinsky Scrap

212 Page Ave, Joliet, IL 60432 | 815-726-4334

### City of Naperville Recycling Drop-Off

180 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540  
708-952-1896 | Sat & Sun 9am-2pm

### E-Z Recycling Corp

7307 Duvan Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477 | 708-532-8130

### Lemont Scrap

16229 New Ave, Lemont, IL 60439 | 630-257-6532

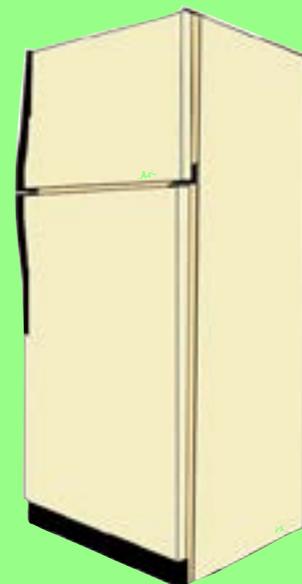
### Reliable Scrap

918 Caroline Ave, Joliet, IL 60433 | 815-726-3777

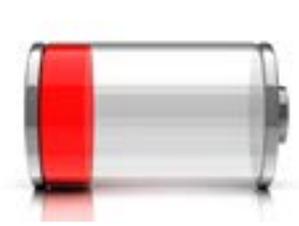
## DID YOU KNOW?

ComEd will pick up your old, working fridge or freezer for **FREE**, recycle it in an environmentally responsible way, plus send you \$50. Recycle a working dehumidifier or room air conditioner at the same time and get an additional \$10 each.

For more information please visit  
[www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com) or call 1-800-433-2700  
during business hours.



# BATTERIES & ELECTRONICS



Single family homes in Park Forest are eligible for two TVs through Homewood Disposal at no extra charge. Residents **MUST CALL** for special pick-ups at (708) 798-1004 or visit <https://www.mydisposal.com/residential/ewaste-form>. For additional registered electronic waste collection sites and more information, visit [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us).

## BATTERIES

### Batteries Plus - Homewood

17958 S. Halsted, Homewood, IL 60430  
708-206-9999 | Accepts disposable, rechargeable and household batteries. Call before visiting to ensure your batteries are accepted.

### Batteries Plus - Tinley Park

16205-A S Harlem Ave, Tinley Park, IL 60477  
708-614-5055 | Accepts disposable, rechargeable and household batteries. Call before visiting to ensure your batteries are accepted.

### County Partner Program - New Lenox Township

1100 S Cedar Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-485-6431 | Hours: Mon-Fri 1pm-3:30pm;  
4th Sat of the month 8am - 12 pm | Rechargeable batteries accepted.

### Home Depot

20101 La Grange Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-464-9107 | Only accepts rechargeable batteries

### Interstate Battery - Country Club Hills

16220 Crawford Ave, Country Club Hills, IL 60478  
708-333-2580 | Accepts single use and rechargeable batteries.

### Interstate Battery - Mokena

8500 W 191st St. Suite 9, Mokena, IL 60448  
815-464-1577 | Accepts single use and rechargeable batteries

### Verizon - Matteson

4063 Lincoln Hwy, Matteson, IL 60443 | 708-748-7444  
Batteries: Only accepts rechargeable batteries

## ELECTRONICS

### Best Buy - Homewood

17800 S Halsted St, Homewood, IL 60430  
708-957-9348 | <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcm-cat149900050025> | Click on website to see all devices that are accepted at Best Buy.

### Goodwill Industries SEW/Metro Chicago

19917 S LaGrange Rd, Frankfort 60423  
815-464-4207 | Do not accept televisions & CRT monitors.

### Office Depot

11145 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-806-8661 | <https://www.officedepot.com/storelocator/il/frankfort/office-depot-2271/> | May charge a fee.

### The Salvation Army

150 N Halsted St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
800-182-1285 | <http://nwindiana.satruck.org/> | Does not accept CRT televisions.

### Staples - Frankfort

20015 S LaGrange Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-806-8334 | Call ahead to get the latest electronics which are being accepted.

### Will County E-Waste Collection Site

11000 W Lincoln Hwy, Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-774-4343 | [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com)  
2nd & 4th Tuesday each month: 5PM - 7PM

### Forest Preserve Dist of Will Co-Monee Reservoir

27341 Ridgeland Ave., Monee, IL 60449  
708-946-2216 | Mailing Pouch for Printer/Toner Cartridge & Ribbon Recycling.

## Have an obsolete camera, cell phone, computer, DVD player, tablet, or television?

Ask if you can trade in your old device when buying a new one—it may even net you a small discount on the purchase. Your city may also have a drop-off location. Before you make the drop, remove batteries, delete all personal data, and check that the recycler has been certified by the e-Stewards Standard, says Hoover. “Electronics contain many hazardous materials. This certification ensures that they’re taking them apart in a safe, responsible manner and not putting worker health at risk,” she explains.

- Real Simple Magazine, 2017, p. 160

# CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS



## Chicago Street CCDD

1127 South Chicago Street, Joliet, IL 60436  
815-723-3000

## Elmhurst Chicago Stone

351 Royce Road, Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630-983-6410

## E-Scrap Technologies

3 Northpoint Ct, Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630-378-1300 | <http://www.E-scraptechnologies.com>

## FJV Development

2951 Mound Road, Joliet, IL 60436 | 773-847-1900

## Hanson Material Service Yard

125 N. Independence Blvd, Romeoville, IL 60446  
815-838-6200

## K & R Services

10000 Melvina Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 | 708-424-6443

## K-Five Construction Co

13769 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439 | 630-257-5600

## Lakeshore Recycling Services (K Hoving Recycling)

351 County Road 18, West Chicago, IL 60185  
630-377-7000

## Land & Lakes Disposal

21900 S. Central Ave, Matteson, IL 60443  
708-720-5100

## Restoration Works

200 E. North Street, Bradley, IL 60915 | 815-937-0556

## Sexton Clean Construction and Demo Debris

22100 S Central Ave, Richton Park, IL 60471  
224-212-1251

## Southwind RAS

22100 Central Ave, Richton Park, IL 60471  
630-380-4171 | <https://www.southwindras.com/>  
Only accepts residential tear-off asphalt shingles

## Vintage Tech

1105 Windham Pkwy, Romeoville, IL 60446  
630-305-0922

## Will County Habitat for Humanity ReStore

1395 N Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL 60435 | 815-714-7100  
<http://restorejoliet.org/> | Call before dropping off material  
as their needs change.

## WHAT ARE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS?

According to the US EPA, Construction and Demolition (C & D) materials include bulky, heavy materials such as, concrete wood (from buildings), asphalt (from roads and roofing shingles), gypsum (the main component of drywall), metals, bricks, glass, plastics, salvaged building components (doors, windows, and plumbing fixtures), trees, stumps, earth, and rock from clearing sites.

In 2015, the United States generated 548 million tons of C & D debris. More than twice the amount of generated municipal solid waste.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Purchase and use salvaged and recycling building materials when you have the opportunity!

# DONATION & REUSE



## Bang 4 Your Buck Resale

310 Main St, Park Forest, IL 60466 | 708-275-3652

## Computers With Causes

Nationwide | 888-228-7320 | <http://www.computerwithcauses.com>

## Gifts for Sight

Nationwide | 888-244-017 | <http://www.giftsforsight.org>

## Goodwill Locations or visit online at

[www.amazinggoodwill.com](http://www.amazinggoodwill.com)

Call ahead to confirm acceptance of donations as their needs change.

- Frankfort, 19917 South La Grange Road, Frankfort, IL 60423 | 815-464-4207
- Naperville, 539 Fort Hill Dr, Naperville, IL 60540 630-357-6258
- New Lenox, 441 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451, 815-463-8832
- Orland Park, 7400 W 159th St, Orland Park, IL 708-429-9030
- Plainfield, 13665 S. Rt 59, Plainfield, IL 60544 815-254-2661

## Habitat for Humanity ReStore Locations

Call ahead to confirm acceptance of donations as their needs change.

- Chicago South Suburbs, 180 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 | 708-755-1840 [www.gohabitatrestore.com](http://www.gohabitatrestore.com)
- Fox Valley, 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora, IL 60504 | 630-585-5508 | <http://www.foxvalleyrestore.org>
- Will County, 1395 N Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL 60435 815-714-7100 | <http://restorejoliet.org/>

## Lions Club Eyeglasses Donation Box

Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Dr, Park Forest, IL 708-748-1112 | Located in the Village Hall Lobby

## National Cristina Foundation

Nationwide | 203-863-9100 | <http://www.cristina.org>

## Once Upon A Child

2108 Plainfield Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403  
815-744-0202

## Plato's Closet

70 Orland Sq Dr, Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-349-0800

## Purple Heart

4301 Midlothian Tpke #1, Crestwood, IL 60445  
708-396-8995

## Savers

15625 94th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-460-3655 | <https://stores.savers.com/il/orlandpark/savers-thrift-store-1186.html>

## Share Your Soles

11708 S Mayfield, Alsip, IL 60803 | 708-448-4469  
<http://shareyoursoles.org/>

## The Salvation Army

150 N Halsted St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
800-182-1285 | <http://nwindiana.satruck.org/>  
Does not accept CRT televisions. | Nationwide at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

## Toy Box Connection

Orland Park, IL 60462 | 708-691-2715  
<http://www.toyboxconnection.com>

## Vietnam Veterans of America

4301 Midlothian Tpke #1, Crestwood, IL 60445  
708-371-4418

## Veteran's Closet & Resource Center

351 Founders Way, Park Forest, IL 60466  
708-748-2829 | Open to donations from everyone, but services and offerings are only available to Veterans

## Wise Buys Resale

15250 W. 143rd St, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
708-645-7200

## DROP OFF BOXES ONLY

### U'S Again Box Locations

- 15252 W 143rd St, Homer Glen, IL 60491
- 15301 Bell Rd, Homer Glen, IL 60491

### VFW - Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA Box)

Call 800-459-8387 or Visit <https://vva.org/pickup-locations/illinois/> Or Visit the following Drop Off Locations:

- 10 Surrey Brook Plaza, Sauk Village, IL 60411
- 103 Holbrook Rd, Glenwood, IL 60425
- 18701 S Halsted St, Glenwood, IL 60425
- 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451

## INK CARTRIDGES

Check with your local Costco; some locations will refill your ink cartridges in the photo department so you can use them again. If not, take them to a Staples or Office Depot. Both take back used cartridges and give you customer rewards.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)



**Household hazardous waste (HHW)** refers to a wide variety of fertilizers, pesticides, chemical cleaners, oil, paints, stains, auto fluids, and other toxic materials used by residents. Residents should bring their household hazardous waste to an Illinois EPA-approved HHW drop-off location. There are four permanent locations in northern Illinois (Chicago, Naperville, Lake County and Rockford) 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.

The closest facilities are listed below. Residential use only. For information on additional sites, please visit:

[www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections/index](http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections/index).

## REGIONAL DROP-OFF CENTERS

### Regional HHW & Electronic Facility

1150 N North Branch St, Chicago, IL 60642  
312-744-5026 | Hrs: Tuesdays 7am-12 noon; Thursdays 2pm-7pm; First Sat of the Month

### Regional Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Site

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 | Please do not call directly | Hours: Sat & Sun 9am-2pm

## MOTOR OIL - BULK

### Future Environmental

19701 97th Ave, Mokena, IL 60448 | 708-479-6900  
Bulk 55 gallons or greater

### RS Universal

25903 S Ridgeland Ave, Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-9300 | Bulk 55 gallons or greater

## MOTOR OIL RECYCLING (DIY)

### New Lenox Township

1100 S Cedar St, New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-485-6431 | Open Monday - Friday 1 pm - 3:30 pm  
4th Saturday of the month 8 am - Noon  
Requires motor oil to be separate from gasoline.

### Fuller's Fast Lube

19520 LaGrange, Mokena, IL 60448 | 708-479- 9779

### Gamboa's Automotive

19200 Wolf Rd, Mokena, IL 60448 | 708-479-2980

### Pepboys

15911 S LaGrange, Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-349-0130

## HOW CAN YOU REDUCE THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN YOUR HOME?

Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients. Learn about the use of alternative methods or products—without hazardous ingredients—for some common household needs. When shopping for items such as multipurpose household cleaners, toilet cleaners, laundry detergent, dish soap, dishwashing machine pods and gels, bug sprays and insect pest control, consider shopping for environmentally friendly, natural products or search online for simple recipes you can use to create your own.

### ECO-FRIENDLY SUBSTITUTES AROUND THE HOME

Drain Cleaner	Use a plunger or plumber's Snake
Glass Cleaner	Mix one tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on and use newspaper to dry
Furniture Polish	Mix one teaspoon of lemon juice in one pint of mineral or vegetable oil and wipe furniture.
Rug Deodorizer	Liberally sprinkle carpets with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum. Repeat if necessary.
Silver Polish	Boil two to three inches of water in a shallow pan with one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of baking soda and a sheet of aluminum foil. Totally submerge silver and boil for two to three more minutes. Wipe away tarnish and repeat if necessary.
Mothballs	Use cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mints or white peppercorns.

Source: US EPA, retrieved May 6, 2019 from <https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw#MGMT>

# LIGHTS & BULBS



To clean up a broken CFL, see the USEPA instructions at [www.epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html](http://www.epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html)

## City of Naperville Recycling Drop-Off

180 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 | 708-952-1896  
Sat & Sun 9am-2pm

## Forest Preserve Dist of Will County-Plum Creek Nature Center

27064 S Dutton Road, Beecher, IL 60401  
708-946-2216 & 815-946-2215 | Mailing pouch

## Ace Hardware Store Locations

- 12121 W 159th St, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
708-301-7130
- 11600 Francis Rd, Mokena, IL 60448  
708-478-3394
- 358 W. Maple, New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-485-3040
- 1105 South Water St, Wilmington, IL 60481  
815-476-1089

## Home Depot Locations

- 14053 S Bell Rd, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
708-301-5139
- 17845 Halsted St, Homewood, IL 60430  
708-647-6084
- 20101 La Grange Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-464-9107

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION?

ComEd offers **FREE** energy assessments to single family and multi-family properties. Depending on the property type, energy assessments can include a free personalized report identifying additional ways to save energy and on energy costs. After the **FREE** assessment, customers may also be eligible for **FREE** installation of the following **FREE** products:

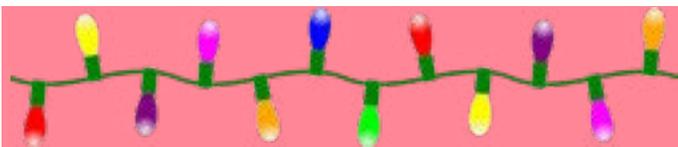
- ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs
- Programmable thermostats
- WaterSense® certified showerheads
- WaterSense certified faucet aerators for bathrooms and kitchens
- Hot water pipe insulation
- Advanced power strips\*

\* Advanced power strips are also available for free to eligible customers but will not be installed

The home energy assessment is a free visual inspection of your home. An energy advisor will collect information about your home's energy users by taking a look at your heating system (e.g. furnace or boiler), cooling system (air conditioner), water heater and attic, if accessible. The energy advisor will then provide you with personalized recommendations identifying additional ways to save energy and money. During the assessment, the energy advisor may install the energy-saving products.

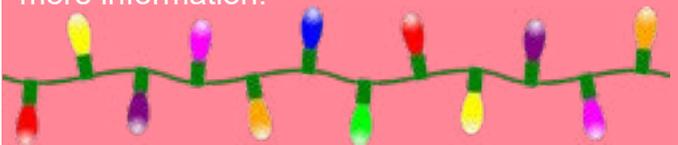
ENERGY STAR® certified Nest smart thermostats are available for purchase at a discount during the assessment and include FREE installation. Only smart thermostats purchased during the assessment are eligible for installation.

To schedule your assessment please call 1-855-433-2700 or visit <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/EnergyAssessments.aspx> for more information and scheduling.



## WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS?

Starting in the winter of 2019/2020 the Village of Park Forest will begin recycling Christmas and holiday lights. This will be in conjunction with the Christmas Tree recycling, which takes place at the Aqua Center. The recycling of the lights and Christmas Trees helps keep them out of landfills and allows them to be recycled instead! Stay posted to the Sustainability homepage on the Village website for more information.





## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DURABLE)

### United Cerebral Palsy

7550 W. 183rd St, Tinley Park, IL 60477  
708-444-8460x230 | <http://www.ucpnet.org>

### Goodwill Locations Nearby

- 13665 S. Rt 59, Plainfield, IL 60544 | 815-254-2661
- 441 E Lincoln Hwy New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-463-8832
- 7400 W 159th St, Orland Park, IL | 708-429-9030

Call or visit [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org) for more info.

### Village of Park Forest - Medical Equipment Loan Closet

350 Victory Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466 | 708-748-2005  
<https://www.villageofparkforest.com/directory.aspx?eid=84>  
| Contact Margaret Lewis, Community Health Coordinator.  
No residency required.

## MEDICATION TAKE-BACK LOCATIONS\*

\*Please do not drop off liquid medication or syringes at any of these locations

### Calumet Water Reclamation Plant

400 E 130th St, Chicago, IL 60628 | 773-256-3538

### Cook County Circuit Court House District 6

16501 Kedzie Ave, Markham, IL 60428

### Crete Police Department

1370 Benton St, Crete, IL 60417 | 708-672-0911

### Homewood Police Department

17950 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL 60430 | 708-206-3420

### Mokena Police Department

10907 Front St, Mokena, IL 60448

### Park Forest Police Department

200 Lakewood Blvd, Park Forest, IL 60466  
708-748-4701

### Peotone Police Department

208 E Main St, Peotone, IL 60468 | 708-258-3003

## NEEDLE DISPOSAL

According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the best way to dispose of needles is through drop off collection sites or mail back programs. Drop off collection sites can be found at:

<https://safeneedledisposal.org/solutions/pharmaceutical-programs/>

There you can enter your zip code to find the closest needle collection site to you. *If you cannot find a collection site or do not have access to a mail-in disposal system* an alternative to FDA-Cleared Containers is to place sharps into a strong, plastic container, like laundry detergent or bleach bottle. The container should be leak-resistant, remain upright during use, and have a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid. When the container is about 3/4 full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape and label DO NOT RECYCLE and SHARPS in black marker. Then put the container in the household trash. See the example below.



Photo from [safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org)

If you have any further questions, please contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at (217) 524-3289 or visit the website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa>.



## LATEX PAINT RECYCLING

### ePaint Recycling Drop Off Points & Ace Hardware Stores Accepting Paint

- Ace Hardware, 358 W. Maple, New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-485-3040
- Ebel's Ace , 18410 Governors Hwy, Homewood, IL 60430 | 708-799-8286
- Kink-ko Ace, 1202 Essington Rd, Joliet, IL 60435  
815-729-0155
- Park Ace, 16725 South Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park, IL 60477 | 708-429-2770
- Whitmore Ace, 11600 Francis Rd, Mokena, IL 60448  
708-478-3394

- Whitmore Ace, 1105 South Water St, Wilmington, IL 60481 | 815-476-1089
- Will-Cook Ace, 12121 W 159th St, Homer Glen, IL 60491 | 708-301-7130

Please contact the individual drop-off point for pricing fees and information

### LEAD PAINT CONCERNS

#### Regional Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Site

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 | Please, no direct calls. | Will accept many types of HHW, which includes paint.

#### State of Illinois - Department of Public Health

535 W Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761  
217-782-4977 | Please contact if you have lead paint concerns.

### WHAT IS LEAD BASED PAINT?

Lead-based paint waste can be generated by homeowners or contractors (painters, carpenters, commercial paint strippers, etc.).

Examples of places that may generate lead-based paint waste include:

1. Households (including single and multiple residence),
2. Hotels and motels,
3. Schools,
4. Commercial buildings, and
5. Painted structures.



### IS LEAD BASED PAINT WASTE HAZARDOUS?

Homeowner Generated Lead-based Paint Waste  
Lead-based paint waste removed from a home by the homeowner is considered general refuse and may be disposed of as municipal waste.

Lead-based Paint Waste Generated by a Contractor  
Lead-based paint waste removed from a home by a contractor may be: (1) demolition/construction debris (general refuse), (2) non-hazardous special waste, or (3) hazardous waste.

The generator may dispose of lead-based paint waste as demolition/construction debris if the paint is not removed from the painted surface prior to disposal.

Lead-based paint waste that is removed from a surface prior to disposal must be disposed of as a

special waste and may be a hazardous waste. In this case, the contractor must determine if the paint waste is hazardous for lead prior to disposal. Paint waste is hazardous if it has a concentration of lead equal to 5.0 mg/l or greater as determined by the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure.

### WHO CAN ACCEPT LEAD BASED PAINT WASTE?

Homeowner Generated Lead-based Paint Waste  
Paint waste generated by a homeowner may be disposed of in a properly permitted sanitary landfill.

Lead-based Paint Waste Generated by a Contractor  
Hazardous paint waste must be sent to a facility that has a federally mandated Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit to store, treat, or dispose of hazardous waste.

Lead-based paint waste which adheres to the demolition/construction debris may be disposed of in a properly permitted sanitary landfill or sent to a facility that has a permit issued by the state to accept non-hazardous waste for storage or treatment.

Non-hazardous paint waste which has been removed from the surface by a contractor is a special waste and must be disposed of in a properly permitted special waste landfill or sent to a facility that has a permit issued by the State to accept special waste for storage or treatment.

Source: Illinois EPA, retrieved May 8, 2019 from <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/factsheets/Pages/lead-based.aspx>



## PLASTIC GROCERY BAG AND PLASTIC FILM DROP-OFF

Local retailers with plastic grocery bag drop-off at their facilities include:

- IKEA
- Kohl's
- Jewel-Osco
- Meijer
- Target
- Walmart

## PLASTIC CONTAINER RECYCLING

**County Partner Program - New Lenox Township**  
1100 S Cedar Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451 | 815-485-6431  
Hours: Mon-Fri 1pm-3:30pm; 4th Sat of the month 8am-Noon

**County Partner Program- County Washington Twp**  
30200 Town Center Rd, Beecher, IL 60401  
708-946-2026 | Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-3pm; Second Sat of the month 8am-Noon

**Crete Lions Club**  
1215 Douglas Lane, Crete, IL 60417 | 708-672-4575  
Hours: Monday-Friday 7am-9am; Saturday 7am-12pm

**New Lenox Township**  
1100 S Cedar St, New Lenox, IL 60451 | 815-485-6431  
Electronics: Accept 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from 5PM - 7PM.

**Homewood Disposal Curbside Service - Park Forest**  
1501 W. 175th Street, Homewood, IL 60430  
708-798-1004

## HOW CAN PLASTIC BE HARMFUL?

### **Microplastics**

Microplastics are by definition any piece of plastic under 5 millimeters long. There are two main types of microplastics. The first are those that are made intentionally. They typically made to be used as abrasives. The second type of microplastics are those that have broken down from other larger pieces of plastics.<sup>1</sup>

### **Problems with Microplastics**

Millions of tons of microplastics end up in oceans, rivers and streams each year. Microplastics have been found in fish and wildlife as well as in groundwater in Illinois. Despite finding microplastics in critical ecosystems and natural resources, the studies on their effects are still in their relative infancy. We may not know the damage microplastics have done or will do for years.<sup>2</sup>

### **What can you do?**

1. Use an alternative to plastic.
2. Recycle plastic
3. If you can't find a replacement or recycle it, please throw it out. Plastic litter may find it's way to our streams, rivers and lakes.

Sources:

<sup>1</sup>Alexander, G. (2019, January 15). Microplastic 101. Retrieved July 10, 2019, from <https://earth911.com/business-policy/microplastics-environmental-dangers/>.

<sup>2</sup>Yoksoulia, L. (2019, January 25). Microplastic contamination found in common source of groundwater, researchers report. Retrieved July 10, 2019, from <https://news.illinois.edu/view/6367/743561>

Return plastic bags back to the store for recycling.

Do not bag your recyclables. Keep them loose.

Recyclables should be gently rinsed and dry.

**HDS HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL SERVICE** [www.mydisposal.com/recycling-basics](http://www.mydisposal.com/recycling-basics)

# STORAGE CONTAINERS



## COOKING OIL AND/OR GREASE RECYCLING AND TRAP SERVICE

### Black Gold Septic

2 N 806 S Bowgren Cir, Elburn, IL 60119  
630-879-3743

### City of Naperville Recycling Drop-Off

180 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 | 708-952-1896  
Sat & Sun 9am-2pm

### Darling International

3000 Wireton Rd, Blue Island, IL 60406 | 708-388-3223

### Green Grease Environmental

8916 Octavia Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455 | Phone:  
855-645-2246 | Fax: 877- 692-6652 | Email: info@  
green-grease.com | <https://green-grease.com/>

### Mahoney Environmental

1819 Moen Ave, Joliet, IL 60436 | 815-730-2080

### R & R Septic & Sewer

24451 W Black Rd, Shorewood, IL 60404  
815-741-4440

### Roto Rooter

1800 Landmier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
630-510-0823

## DRUM & CYLINDER DISPOSAL OR RECYCLING

### Meyer Steel Drum

3201 South Millard Ave, Chicago, IL 60623  
773-376-8376

## HEATING OIL TANK REMOVAL

### Alessio Brothers

800 Moen Ave, Rockdale, IL 60436 | 815-744-5039

### Cicero Oil Company

6259 S Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629  
773-581-2041 | <http://cicero-oil.com/>

## PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL OR RECYCLING

### Regional Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Site

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 | Please do not  
call directly; Hours: Sat & Sun 9am-2pm

## COMMERCIAL PROPANE RETURNS OR RE-FILLS

### Amerigas Propane Locations or Visit

[www.amerigas.com](http://www.amerigas.com)

- 7-Eleven, 425 Sauk Trail, Park Forest, IL 60466
- Aide Rentals, 186 Sauk Trail, South Chicago Heights, IL 60411
- CVS, 1 Main Street, Park Forest, IL 60466
- Dollar General, 10 Main Street, Park Forest, IL 60466
- Walmart, 21000 Western Avenue, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

### Blue Rhino Locations or Visit [www.bluerhino.com](http://www.bluerhino.com)

- Food4Less, 1333 Western Ave, Chicago Heights, IL 60411
- Save-A-Lot, 3310 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, IL 00411
- Speedway, 24520 Western Ave., University Park, IL 60466
- Speedway, 3602 S 211 Street, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- Walgreens, 3120 Chicago Rd., South Chicago Heights, IL 60411
- Walgreens, 15 S Orchard Dr, Park Forest, IL 60466

### Menards Locations

- Matteson - 21630 South Cicero Avenue, Matteson, IL 60443
- Homewood - 17545 South Halsted, Homewood, IL 60430

### Fryer Oil to Fuel?

Green Grease Environmental picks up your used oil and recycles the grease into energy for domestic consumption. Thereby Green Grease Environmental is reducing the need for foreign oil, diversifying the local economy and benefiting the environment.



## AUTOMOBILE AND BOAT REUSE/RECYCLING

### American Lung Association

Nationwide | 800-586-4227 | <https://www.lung.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/vehicle-donation-program/>

### America's Car Donation Charities Center

Nationwide | 800-513-6560 | <http://www.cureourchildren.org/donatecar.htm>

### Charity Cars, Inc

Nationwide | 800-242-7489 | <https://www.800charitycars.org/>

### Family Care Foundation

Nationwide | 888-831-1352 | <https://www.familycare.org/car-and-boat-donations-to-family-care-foundation/>

### Kars-4Kids

Nationwide | 877-527-7454 | <https://www.kars4kids.org/donate-car-il.php>

### National Kidney Foundation

Nationwide | 800-488-2277 | <https://www.kidney.org/support/kidneycars>

### Vehicles for Veterans

Nationwide | 855-811-4838 | <https://www.vehiclesforveterans.org/>

### Wheels For Wishes

Statewide | 877-431-9474 | <http://www.wheelsforwishes.org>

### The Salvation Army

150 N Halsted St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
800-182-1285 | <http://nwindiana.satruck.org/>

## BICYCLE REUSE OR DONATION

### Good Speed Cycles

2125 W 183rd St, Homewood, IL 60430 | 708-957-9888  
<https://www.goodspeedcycles.com/> | Accept Trade-Ins for in-store credit

### Savers

15625 94th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-460-3655 | <https://stores.savers.com/il/orlandpark/savers-thrift-store-1186.html>

### Goodwill

441 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451  
815-463-8832 | <https://www.amazinggoodwill.com/in-the-news/bid/202670/Goodwill-Store-Donation-Center-Now-Open-in-New-Lenox> | Do not accept televisions & CRT monitors. Bicycle Reuse-Donation

### The Working Bike Cooperative Warehouse

2434 S Western Ave, Chicago, IL | 60608  
773-847-5440 | <https://www.workingbikes.org/>  
Store Hours During Spring and Summer: Wed - Fri 11am - 7pm, Sat 10am - 6 pm & Sun 11 am - 4 pm.

## TIRE RECYCLING

### Empire Tire & Battery

16201 Wolf Rd, Orland Park, IL 60467 | 708-349-6280

### Dellwood Tire & Auto

711 S State St. Lockport, IL 60441 | 815-838-5067

### Treadstone Tire Recycling

175 S Des Plaines St, Joliet, IL 60436 | 815-726-4644

### Tri-State Tire Disposal

13903 Ashland Riverdale, IL 60827 | 708-388-9910

### Bahlman Tire & Supply

548 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401 | 708-946-9770

### Robert's Tire & Auto

15741 S. Bell Rd, Homer Glen, IL 60491 | 708-301-6665

### Scott's U-Save

3530 Chicago Rd, Steger, IL 60475 | 708-756-3999

### Tire Tracks

859 S. Center St, Frankfort, IL 60423 | 815-469-4444

### Just Tires

213 S Bolingbrook Dr, Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630-759-3360

### Pomp's Tire Service

10 Meadows Dr, Rockdale, IL 60436 | 815-741-1182

# POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM™)



## POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM™)

### Cardinal Recycling

2600 Beyer Rd, Morris, IL 60450 | 815-416-1499  
<http://www.cardinalrecycling.com>

### Dart Corporation

310 Evergreen Drive, North Aurora, IL 60542  
630-896-4631 | Open All Year, 24 hours

### FP International

17031 Canal St, Thornton, IL 60476 | 708-877-5180

### I Sold it on eBay

18090 Wolf Rd, Orland Park, IL 60467 | 708-590-4658  
Reusable Packing Materials Only

### Verdeco Plastics (for Foam Plastic)

23315 S Youngs Road, Channahon, IL 60410  
815-255-1585 | Clean Foam Plastic Only, NO Peanuts.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Examples of Polystyrene items that can be brought to collection sites:

Meat trays  
Egg cartons  
Cups, plates  
To-go containers  
Packing materials (any size, except peanuts)

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE CLEAN & DRY**

## HOW TO REDUCE OR STOP USING POLYSTYRENE

1. Bring your own takeout containers to restaurants.
2. Refuse Polystyrene cups whenever possible. Instead bring your own water bottle or coffee mug.
3. Choose paper plates or bowls instead of Polystyrene.
4. Avoid Polystyrene egg cartons. Instead choose paper or cardboard egg cartons.
5. Convince your grocery store to cut out the Polystyrene trays for produce and meat. Instead ask for it to be wrapped in freezer paper.
6. Work with your school system to find alternatives for Polystyrene lunch trays. Instead try to convince your school to use reusable trays or biodegradable or compostable alternatives.
7. Resist and reuse Polystyrene packing peanuts.
8. Reuse: Make your own bean bag refills. Use packing peanuts to refill bean bags.
9. Recycle: Some forms of polystyrene can actually be recycled. See Above!
10. As a last resort, smash. If you smash up the styrofoam you could save up to 80% of the space it would have taken up otherwise.

Source: Life Your Way: Intentional and Creative Living, retrieved May 8, 2019, from <https://lifeyourway.net/10-steps-to-a-styrofoam-free-world/>.

## SPECIAL THANKS ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois EPA - Beyond the Bin  
McHenry County Sustainability Office  
Will County Green - Green Guide

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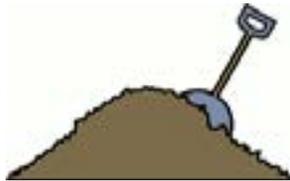
Visit these sites to learn more about local and regional  
reuse and recycling resources:

- Cook County Sustainability | <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/sustainability/>
- Earth 911 | <https://earth911.com/>
- Illinois EPA Interactive Curbside Bin Recycling Guide | <http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/recycle/curb-side-bin-recycling-guide.html>
- Homewood Disposal Service | <https://www.mydisposal.com/towns/park-forest>
- Will County Green | <http://www.willcountygreen.com/>

## DID YOU KNOW!?

**Park Forest offers MULCH and COMPOST to Park  
Forest Residents for FREE!?**

The Village of Park Forest has **FREE**  
mulch and compost available for  
pick-up! **For a fee** the mulch or com-  
post can be delivered to an address  
within Park Forest.



**For Pickup:** Please visit the Municipal Garage at 75 Park Street, Park  
Forest, Illinois 60466. The Municipal Garage is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm,  
Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

**For Delivery:** Please call (708) 748-2005 with the delivery address and  
a credit card or visit the the Recreation and Parks desk at Village Hall  
where either cash or credit card is accepted.

EQ Compost is now available through  
the Village of Park Forest and produced  
by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District. It is locally produced, sustain-  
able and **FREE** for pick-up! EQ Compost  
helps soil retain nutrients and water  
your plants need to thrive. It works  
great as a mulch, in potting soil blends  
and to establish plants and grass.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE AT 708-748-1112 EXT. 5698  
OR VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.VILLAGEOFPARKFOREST.COM/99/SUSTAINABILITY](http://www.villageofparkforest.com/99/sustainability)



## Park Forest Sustainability Programs for Residents



## INTERESTED IN?

- RAIN GARDENS
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- PARKWAY TREE SHARE
- SIDEWALK 50/50 PROGRAM
- FREE MULCH (DELIVERY FEE NOT INCLUDED)
- ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS
- CHRISTMAS TREE & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RECYCLING

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