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Welcome,

Thanks to our residents, DuPage County continues to exceed state goals for recycling. With vast amounts of waste being generated, residents and businesses are doing their part to divert tons of material from the waste stream through recycling.

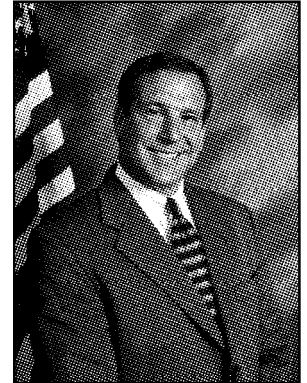
This resource guide lists a variety of options and programs available to help residents manage hazardous and other types of solid waste in an environmentally safe manner.

It is my goal to continue offering environmental programs to help DuPage County remain a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Most sincerely,

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Chairman, DuPage County Board



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# Automotive Products

Following is a list of locations for DuPage County residents to dispose of their automotive products. Note that prices are subject to change without notice, therefore, it is best to call first. BE SURE TO DROP OFF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY. IF SERVICE STATIONS CONTINUE TO FIND FLUIDS, TIRES, AND BATTERIES LEFT OUTSIDE THEIR BUILDINGS AFTER THEY ARE CLOSED, THEY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO OFFER THESE RECYCLING SERVICES.

## Addison

Krage's Mobil Service Center (630-832-9800)  
191 E. Lake St.  
Accepts air filters, batteries, and oil filters (N/C); antifreeze, motor oil, and transmission oil (\$.50/gallon); and tires (\$2/car tire, \$3/light truck, and \$5/large truck).

## Aurora

Farnsworth Tire & Auto (630-898-5510)  
1175 N. Farnsworth Ave.  
Accepts batteries (\$1); motor oil and transmission oil (\$1/gallon); and off-rim tires (\$2/car, \$5/light and large truck).

## Bloomingtondale

Discount Tire Co. (630-529-2003)  
86 Stratford Dr.  
Accepts tires (\$2/car and light truck).

## Carol Stream

Goodyear/Army Trail Tire & Service Center (630-830-5900)  
980 Army Trail Rd.  
Accepts antifreeze (\$1/gallon), batteries (N/C), motor oil (\$1.50/gallon), and tires (\$2/car & light truck, \$5-10/large truck).

## Darien

Oil Express (630-986-9178)  
6722 Rt. 83  
Accepts motor and transmission oil (N/C). Customer must take back container.

## Downers Grove

Oil Express (630-964-6457)  
1500 Ogden Ave.  
Accepts motor and transmission oil (N/C).

## Elmhurst

Rahman Tire & Service Co./ Goodyear (630-279-5490)  
293 S. Rt. 83 & St. Charles Rd.  
Accepts air filters, antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, & transmission oil (N/C); batteries (\$1); and tires (\$2/car & \$3.50/light truck).

## Glen Ellyn

Firestone (630-858-0662)  
681 Roosevelt Rd.  
Accepts batteries (N/C); oil filters (\$1); antifreeze (\$1/gallon); motor oil and transmission oil (\$2.50/gallon); and tires (\$2.50).

## Glendale Heights

Jiffy Lube (630-893-8844)  
2025 Bloomingdale Rd.  
Accepts motor oil and transmission oil (N/C). Customer must take back container.

## Hanover Park

Buckeye Car Care (630-372-6500)  
1910 Army Trail Rd.  
Accepts batteries and transmission oil (N/C); motor oil (\$2.50/quart); and tires (\$3). 3 gallon maximum.

## Lisle

Jiffy Lube (630-983-7337)  
3295 Ogden Ave.  
Accepts motor oil (N/C). Cannot be mixed w/any other fluids.

## Lombard

Oil Express (630-495-3335)  
1204 E. Roosevelt Rd.  
Accepts antifreeze, oil filters, motor & transmission oil (N/C).

## Naperville

Firestone Tire & Service Center (630-961-5757)  
44 W. Gartner  
Accepts batteries, antifreeze, motor & transmission oil (N/C); oil filters (\$1); and tires (\$2/car and light truck).

## Oakbrook Terrace

Al's Service Center (630-627-3485)  
17W615 Butterfield Rd.  
Accepts motor oil (N/C).

## Villa Park

Oil Express (630-627-3993)  
630 E. North Ave.  
Accepts antifreeze, oil filters, motor & transmission oil (N/C).

## Wheaton

Wheaton Firestone (630-682-5050)  
301 W. Butterfield Rd.  
Accepts batteries, oil filters, antifreeze, motor oil, transmission oil (N/C); and tires (\$2/car and light truck).

## Wood Dale

TJV's Marathon Service (630-766-0628)  
389 E. Irving Park Rd.  
Accepts batteries, antifreeze, motor & transmission oil (N/C). 5 gallon maximum. Limit 2 batteries per visit.

## Woodridge

Oil X-Change (630-985-8955)  
7520 Woodward Ave.  
Accepts motor and transmission oil (N/C). Customer must take back container. No oil drop-offs on Saturdays.

<p>See the Scrap Metal Recyclers section on page 5 for other businesses that will accept lead acid batteries for recycling.</p>
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# Drop-off Recycling Centers



Following is a list of centers that accept your recyclable materials at the locations and hours listed below. Please assist these centers by rinsing containers and removing lids and caps.

NAME, LOCATION, PHONE NUMBER, AND HOURS	PAPERS										GLASS	METALS				PLASTICS					COMMENTS					
	Newspaper	Corrugated Cardboard & Brown Paper Bags	Paperboard	Magazines & Catalogs	Telephone Books	Mixed Paper / Junk Mail	High-Grade Paper	Wet-Strength Carrier Stock	Frozen Food Packaging	Aseptic Packaging (Juice Boxes)	Gable Top Containers (Milk & Juice Cartons)	Glass Bottles & Jars	Aluminum Cans, Foil, & Baking Pans	Steel & Bi-metal Cans	Empty Aerosol Cans	Empty Paint Cans (Lids Removed)	Formed Steel Containers	#1 PETE Plastic Bottles	#1 PETE Custom Containers	#2 HDPE Plastic Bottles		#2 HDPE Custom Containers	#3 & #4 Plastic Bottles	#6 Polystyrene (Rigid- i.e., Clear Food Containers)	6-pack and 12-pack Rings	
<b>ADDISON</b> Addison Recycling Station 711 N. Addison Rd. (North Wastewater Treatment Plant) 630-279-2140 Mon-Fri 8-3, unattended Sat 8-noon, attended	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Accepts #6 polystyrene (expanded - i.e., foam food containers).
<b>AURORA</b> Aurora Recycling Center 1565 Aurora Ln. 630-897-5665 Wed Noon-6, Sat 8:30-3:30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Accepts # 5 & #7 plastic containers. Empty paint cans must be dry with lids removed. Also accepts motor oil (5 gallon max).
<b>BATAVIA</b> Settler's Hill Landfill 1031 E. Fabyan Pkwy. (west of Kirk Rd.) 630-232-7664 Mon-Fri 6-4, Sat 6-noon	X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X				Cannot accept large loads.	
<b>CAROL STREAM</b> Recycle America Alliance of DuPage County 550 Center Ave. (on Fullerton between Gary & Schmale) 630-752-8193 Open daily 7-7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	Empty paint cans must be dry with lids removed. One gallon size maximum on all containers.	
<b>NAPERVILLE</b> City of Naperville Drop-off Recycling Facility 1600 W. Jefferson 630-420-4190 Tue, Thurs, & Sat 8-4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sort paper items from containers. One gallon limit on formed steel containers. Accepts # 5 & #7 plastic containers. Also accepts hard- and soft-cover books.

"X" indicates materials accepted.

# Large Appliances

Stoves and refrigerators are bulky, and some contain CFC gases, capacitors, and other components that are hazardous to the environment. Therefore, proper disposal is critical. Contact your waste hauler to see how large appliance pickup is handled. In addition, large appliances are accepted at the businesses listed below. Also, see page 5 for scrap metal businesses that may accept waste appliances.

## Chicago

TNS Furniture and Appliance  
5301 W. Lake St.  
773-664-0900

\$25 for pickup of appliance containing CFCs (i.e., air conditioner, freezer, refrigerator). \$15 for pickup of other appliances. No scrap metals. Items must be outside for pickup on driveway or at curbside.

## Lombard

Appliance Outlet  
400 S. Main St.  
630-495-2990

\$20.00 for pickup services, no charge for drop-off during store hours.

## West Chicago

St. Charles Scrap  
3N780 Powis Rd.  
630-377-0008

Drop-off fee: \$5 for small, \$10 for large appliances.  
No butane tanks accepted.

The Crusher  
651 W. Washington St.  
630-231-6888

Drop-off large appliances (i.e., stoves, water heaters, washers and dryers) at no charge. No refrigerators or freezers accepted.

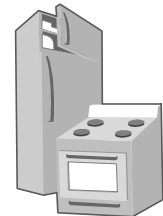
West Chicago Auto Wreckers  
641 W. Washington St.  
630-231-6322

No microwaves accepted.

## Wheaton

Wheaton Junk Service  
630-469-0298

Offers pickup service only for a fee.



# Propane Tanks

Propane cylinders and tanks are hazardous because they are pressurized with a flammable gas and must be managed with special care. Small propane cylinders (used with camping stoves, etc.) **must be empty and depressurized** (expelled of all gas) in order to be recycled by one of the companies listed below, or disposed of in the regular trash. Larger propane tanks (used with BBQ grills, etc.) **must be empty with the relief valve removed** in order to be recycled.

The following list of companies accept empty, depressurized propane cylinders and/or tanks for recycling:

## Carol Stream

Ferrellgas  
27W071 St. Charles Rd.  
630-231-0105

\$10 per cylinder up to 100 lbs. Call for prices on cylinders greater than 100 lbs.

## Hillside

Active Propane Co.  
4158 Division St.  
708-544-1131

Accepts 4 lb. to 100 lb. cylinders only.

## Melrose Park

Ferrellgas  
4809 W. Lake St.  
708-343-8600

\$10 per cylinder up to 100 lbs. Call for prices on cylinders greater than 100 lbs.

## West Chicago

St. Charles Scrap  
3N780 Powis Rd.  
630-377-0008

West Chicago Auto Wreckers  
641 W. Washington St.  
630-231-6322

Propane tanks **must** be empty.



# C&D Recycling



According to the Construction Materials Recycling Association, construction and demolition (C&D) debris makes up approximately 25% to 45% of the waste stream in North America today. Generally, C&D is generated through the private sector (i.e., construction, demolition, and remodeling contractors). However, individuals may also generate C&D waste through the remodeling of their own homes.

DuPage County co-sponsored the publication of two innovative reference materials entitled the *Illinois Construction and Demolition Site Recycling Guidebook* and the *Illinois Construction and Demolition Recycling Directory*. The Guidebook and



Directory are designed to provide the construction, demolition, or remodeling contractor with a detailed list of recycling options which may reduce their waste stream and disposal costs.

In addition, the Directory may be valuable to individuals who remodel their own homes



because it provides a list of service providers that accept recyclable C&D materials. Please

note that individuals generating only small quantities may not qualify for pick-up services, and may be required to drop-off their C&D debris. The following table is an excerpt from the Directory. Please contact each company individually for information about the services offered, current charges, hours of operation, and other specific requirements. Visit [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec) or call 630-682-7130 for a copy of the Directory.

AREA	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SERVICE PROVIDED		MATERIALS ACCEPTED				COMMENTS
				Drop-off	Pick-up	Asphalt	Brick	Concrete	Wood	
Addison	Crush-crete Inc.	600 S. Lombard Rd.	630-627-1713	X	X	X		X		Serves Chicagoland.
Aurora	Captain Skid Pallet Recyclers	1515 1/2 E. New York	630-820-8399	X					X	Accepts 1x4s, 1x6s, 2x4s; serves 50-mile radius.
Elgin	American Wood Recycling	1100 Brandt Dr.	847-426-6354	X					X	Roll-off containers, call before drop-off. Wood, mixed construction debris, yard & landscape waste, lumber, RR ties, fee based.
Elmhurst	DuPage Materials	1N550 Route 83	630-832-4213	X		X				Serves primarily DuPage County.
Glen Ellyn	Molenshouse Enterprises	1N282 Park Blvd.	630-790-9900		X	X		X	X	Also accepts cardboard and scrap metal. Serves the western suburbs.
Melrose Park	BFI	5050 W. Lake St.	708-345-7050		X	X	X	X	X	Also accepts cardboard and scrap metal.
Naperville	K-Five Construction Corp.	29W255 North Aurora	630-355-0201	X		X		X		Must be clean.
North Aurora	Geneva Construction Company	216 Butterfield Rd.	630-892-6536	X		X		X		No protruding rebar in concrete.
Villa Park	Dave's Hauling Service	1005-F W. North Ave.	630-629-1440		X	X	X	X		Also accepts cardboard and scrap metal. No chemicals in materials, uses dump trucks, serves Chicagoland.
West Chicago	Harry W. Kuhn Co.	28W651 North Ave.	630-293-1166	X		X		X		Serves northern Illinois.
	K. Hoving Recycling & Disposal	3N551 Powis Rd.	630-377-7000		X	X	X	X	X	Also accepts cardboard and scrap metal. Offers roll-off containers. Serves Chicagoland.

"X" indicates materials accepted.

# Scrap Metal Recyclers

The following businesses may pay the public for their recyclable materials, particularly metals. Prices will vary with the market. Call ahead for prices, hours, and more specific information. In addition, some materials may be accepted, but not purchased by these businesses. Materials and information on this list are subject to change without notice. For more information on businesses that will accept lead-acid batteries for recycling, see the Automotive Products section on page 1.

## Addison

Addison Recycling  
607 Winthrop  
630-543-9868

Accepts aluminum, brass, copper, iron, lead, nickel, and carbide. Separate materials.

## Aurora

Fox Valley Iron & Metal Corp.  
637 N. Broadway  
630-897-5907

Accepts all scrap metals, including aluminum, brass, copper, iron, stainless steel, steel, computers (no monitors), lead-acid batteries, and large appliances (no freezers or refrigerators).

## Lombard

The Recycling Depot  
905-9 N. Ridge Ave.  
630-629-8760

Accepts non-ferrous metals (aluminum, brass, copper, stainless steel) only.

## Stone Park

West Side Corp.  
3316 North Ave.  
708-343-8885

Accepts aluminum, brass, copper, iron (not purchased), stainless steel, steel, lead-acid batteries, nickel alloys and carbides and certain auto parts (call for details).

## West Chicago

St. Charles Scrap  
3N780 Powis Rd. (1/2 mile north of North Ave.)  
630-377-0008

Accepts aluminum, brass, copper, iron, stainless steel, steel, computers and monitors for a fee, large appliances, lead-acid batteries, and liquid mercury. Also accepts all grades of paper.

## Westmont

Region Metals, Inc.  
108 E. Chicago Ave.  
630-964-0979

Accepts aluminum, brass, copper, iron, stainless steel, steel, large appliances (no refrigerators or microwaves), and lead-acid batteries. Roll-off services available.

Wright Recycling (800-732-2218), which accepts non-ferrous metals only, has trucks set up in the following locations:

### Bolingbrook

Route 53 (Wal-Mart parking lot)

Tues - Sat 9-12:30

### Carol Stream

Schmale & Geneva Rd. (Northland Mall)

Tues - Sat 9-12:30

### Darien

75th & Cass (behind Brookhaven)

Tues - Sat 1:30 - 4:30

### Elmhurst

Route 83 & North Ave. (NW corner)

Tues - Sat 1:30 - 4:30

Materials accepted include aluminum cans and scrap, brass, copper, and stainless steel. Scrap must be in pieces of 4 feet or less in length. Must be free of plastic, glass, iron, and screens.



# Resale Shops

Reuse is a great way to divert items from the landfills! Following is a list of resale shops and donation organizations in the DuPage County area. Some may provide pick-up as well as drop-off services, so be sure to call first. Donations should be in usable/working condition unless otherwise noted. Check your local yellow pages for other resale shops in your area.

## Addison

St. Vincent DePaul Resale Shop  
90 W. Lake St.  
630-628-9008

Accepts appliances, books, clothing, computers/electronics, food, furniture, household items, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, and vehicles. Pickup available.

## Aurora

The Hope Chest - Wayside Cross  
36 N. Lincoln  
630-892-2785

Accept appliances, books, clothing, computers (working), furniture, household items, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, and vehicles. Free pickup available.

## Bloomingtondale

Walk-In Closet  
107 S. Third St.  
630-924-8044

Consignment - upscale women's clothing.

## Clarendon Hills

Divine Treasures  
231 W. Burlington Ave.  
630-325-1183

Accepts small appliances, books (no textbooks) clothing, computers/electronics, furniture, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

## Elmhurst

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Guild Resale Shop (Pink Elephant)  
121 First St.  
630-834-7379

Accepts books (no textbooks), clothing, furniture, and household items.

## Glen Ellyn

Treasure House Resale Shop - Metropolitan Family Services DuPage  
497 Pennsylvania Ave.  
630-469-6907

Accepts small appliances, books, clothing, small furniture, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

## Lisle

The Resale Connection  
1719 Ogden Ave.  
630-963-0600

Accepts small appliances, computers/electronics, furniture, household items, and mattresses.

## Lombard

Second Time Around Resale Shop  
837 S. Westmore  
630-495-2772

Accepts appliances (call first), books (no textbooks), clothing, computers/electronics, furniture, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

## Naperville

St. John's Pennywise  
750 W. Aurora Ave.  
630-355-4451

Accepts small appliances, books, clothing, furniture, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

## Oakbrook Terrace

The Salvation Army  
687 Roosevelt Rd.  
630-889-8780

Accepts large and small appliances, books, clothing, computers (486 or higher) and electronics, furniture, household items, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, and vehicles.

## Roselle

Marklund Resale Shop  
121 E. Main St.  
630-529-1006

Accepts small and large appliances, books, clothing, computers/electronics, food, furniture, household items, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, and vehicles.



## Villa Park

Craft Corner & Resale Store  
424 N. Ardmore  
630-279-9148

Accepts small appliances, books, clothing, small furniture, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

## West Chicago

St. Vincent DePaul Resale Shop  
213 Main St.  
630-562-4801

Accepts appliances, books (no textbooks), clothing, computers/electronics, food, furniture, household items, mattresses, sporting goods, toys, and vehicles. Pickup available.



## Westmont

CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage  
671 N. Cass Ave.  
630-455-0335

Accepts baby clothing up to 2T and maternity clothing. Accepts baby furniture and other baby items. Also accepts baby formula and food.

## Wheaton

The Wesley Resale Shoppe  
216 N. Main St.  
630-665-2511

Accepts small appliances, books (no textbooks), clothing, household items, sporting goods, and toys.

# Latex Paint Management

Paint is one of the most common products that can become a household hazardous waste when it is not used up. Although paint poses little threat when stored or used according to directions on the label, it can damage the environment and endanger human health if disposed of improperly.

## Tips for Reducing the Generation of Waste Paint

- Purchase only the paint you need. Calculate the proper amount of paint required and reduce the chance of having paint left over.
- Use up excess paint. Use excess paint for touch-up or apply additional coats of paint until all remaining paint is used up.
- Donate or exchange excess paint. Offer excess paint to a friend, neighbor, school, church, or community group that may be interested in using the paint, or host a neighborhood paint exchange.
- Properly store paint for future use. Properly stored paint can last for years if you place plastic wrap over the top of the paint can, secure the lid, and then store the can upside down to create a seal with the lid. Be sure to store the paint where it will not freeze.
- Dry up small quantities of latex paint. Latex paints, which do not contain the solvents found in oil-based paint, can be dried out (in a well-ventilated area away from children and pets) with an absorbent materials such as sand, sawdust, oil dry, or kitty litter. Dispose of the hardened/dried out paint with the lid removed, in your regular garbage.
- Consolidate paint and recycle the empty paint cans with lids removed. Similar paints should be consolidated (i.e., latex with latex and oil with oil) into as few cans as possible.

## Drop Off Latex Paint at a Recycling Facility

If you are unable to use up or give away your unwanted latex paint, the next best solution is to take it to a designated collection facility. DuPage County and local paint retailers have teamed up with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through their "Partners for Waste Paint Solutions" program to accept latex paint from residents. Latex-based paints that are less than 10 years old and have never been frozen can be recycled for reuse. The usable paint is filtered and rebled into 5-gallon buckets and offered to the public for reuse. Contact the following program participants for information about hours and fees (where applicable).

### Latex Paint Recycling Collection Facilities

#### DuPage County Wastewater Treatment Facility

7900 S. Rt. 53, Woodridge  
630-985-7400

The DuPage County Paint Recycling Facility is open for drop-off of latex paint **during the summer months only**. Visit [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec) or call 630-985-7400 for more information.

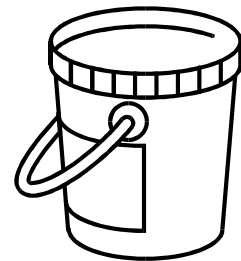
#### Grobe's True Value

103 W. Washington St.  
West Chicago  
630-231-3813

Call ahead for drop-off hours and fees.

### Free Recycled Latex Paint

Usable latex paint that is dropped off by residents during designated collections is inspected, sorted, filtered and then rebled into five gallon buckets of recycled paint. The end product is a quality-recycled paint available in a variety of colors, types, and finishes. This paint is available for free to residents, churches, and community groups for pickup from the DuPage County Paint Recycling Facility **during summer months only**. Visit [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec) or call 630-985-7400 for more information.



### Solvent or Oil-Based Paints

Solvent or oil-based paints are considered hazardous and should be brought to the County's mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections or the regional HHW Facility in Naperville (see page 10 for more information).

# Batteries

Many new, non-rechargeable household batteries, commonly alkaline and carbon zinc dry cells, made in the United States can be disposed in the regular refuse collection. The mercury content has been lowered to such an extent that they pose little risk to the environment while at the same time offering little economic recovery incentive. Check the package labeling on new batteries to determine the suitability of disposing of new non-rechargeable batteries.

Older batteries made prior to 1996, button-size batteries used in hearing aids, watches, etc., and some imported batteries should continue to be properly disposed or recycled.

Refer to the chart below to determine the proper method of disposal or recycling for each different type of battery.

## WHAT TYPE OF BATTERY DO YOU WANT TO RECYCLE?

<b>TYPE:</b>	Household	Rechargeable	Button type
<b>NAME:</b>	Alkaline and Carbon Zinc Dry Cell	Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)	Silver and Mercury
<b>FOUND IN:</b>	Walkman radios, toys, etc.	Power tools, cordless and cellular telephones, camcorders	Hearing aids, watches, calculators
<b>RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:</b>	Regional HHW facility, mobile HHW collections (see pg. 10)	Regional HHW facility, mobile HHW collections (see pg. 10), RBRC* (see below)	Local jewelers and electronics retailers, regional HHW facility, mobile HHW collections (see pg. 10)
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Newer, non-rechargeable household batteries can be placed in the regular trash.	Rechargeable batteries should NOT be placed in the regular trash.	Silver and Mercury batteries should NOT be placed in the regular trash.

\* The RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) will provide you the name of the nearest cooperating retailer that will accept rechargeable batteries for recycling. Visit [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) or call 1-800-822-8837 for more information.

# Books



For information on reuse and recycling of textbooks and other books, please visit the SCRAP Book Rescue Program website at [www.bookrescue.org](http://www.bookrescue.org), or call 630-790-4345.

# Waste Haulers

For a list of haulers and recycling service providers that do business in DuPage County, please refer to the local yellow pages in your telephone book. Most of these companies provide residential services ranging from regular refuse collection to special roll-off container (dumpster) services. Others may provide only commercial services.

If you live in an incorporated area of DuPage County, your municipal offices may also be able to provide you information on the waste hauler / recycler that services your municipality.



# Thermostats - Fire Extinguishers - Smoke Detectors

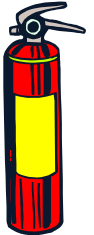
## Thermostats (containing mercury)

Options for proper disposal of a thermostat containing mercury include:

- bring it to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection (see page 10)
- check with your local heating ventilation and air conditioning repair contractors
- St. Charles Scrap  
3N780 Powis Rd., West Chicago  
630-377-0008

## Fire Extinguishers

Many fire extinguishers currently marketed are not designed to be refilled after they have been discharged or have otherwise lost their pressure. If you have a fire extinguisher that is still pressurized, contact the manufacturer for advice regarding disposal or reuse. The following companies will accept fire extinguishers at no charge.



### Aurora Tri-State Fire Protection

1080 Corporate Blvd., Aurora  
630-978-0600

Accepts pressurized and depressurized.

### St. Charles Scrap

3N780 Powis Rd., West Chicago  
630-377-0008

Accepts depressurized/empty only.

## Smoke Detectors

Most smoke detectors contain a tiny amount of Americium 241, hence the warning label telling users not to open the detector. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recommends that residents and commercial generators contact the manufacturer to make arrangements to send detectors back.

The vast majority of smoke detectors are made by First Alert/BRK Electronics (800-392-1395). Please call for information on sending these brands back.

# Computers and Electronics

## Batavia

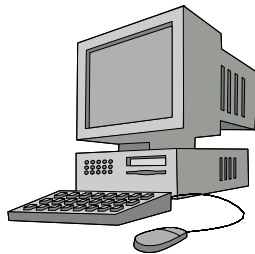
HOB International  
1202 Nagel Blvd.  
630-761-0500  
Fee charged - call for details.

## Lemont

Heritage Environmental  
15330 Canal Bank Rd.  
630-739-1151  
Accepts from businesses only. Fee charged - call for details.

## Lombard

Supply Chain Services (SSI)  
250 W. North Ave.  
630-629-9344  
Accepts items for drop-off only. Fee charged - call for details.



## Naperville

Bizzy Bee Tube Audio  
418 E. School Street  
630-369-6291  
Drop-off service available 12 pm - 6 pm M-F, 11 am - 4 pm Sat. Accepts home audio electronic items such as radios, amplifiers, turntables, tape decks, etc. Also accepts old records. NO VIDEO ITEMS OR COMPUTER ITEMS ACCEPTED.

## West Chicago

United Recycling Services  
1600 Harvester Lane  
630-231-6060  
Drop-off service available 8 am - 3:30 pm M,W,F. Fee charged - call for details. Accepts computers, TVs, VCRs, modems, answering machines, radios, stereos, and microwaves. Does not accept large or small appliances.

Dell currently offers consumers a home pick-up recycling option for computer equipment from any manufacturer. See [www.dell.com/recycling](http://www.dell.com/recycling) for more information.

# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

## What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Discarded consumer products with flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive ingredients are called household hazardous waste (HHW). This section provides simple guidelines to avoid or manage HHW in an environmentally sound manner.

## How Can I Avoid Household Hazardous Waste?

**USE IT UP!!** If you use all of a product with hazardous ingredients in accordance with label directions, there is no HHW to manage.

Containers that once held a hazardous product are not considered HHW if they are completely empty. If you can't use it up, see if someone else can use the remainder of the product.

**BUY SAFER PRODUCTS.** Seek out and purchase products without hazardous ingredients. If no safer alternatives exist, purchase only as much of the hazardous product that you need to do the job. Avoid large, economy size containers unless you are sure that you can use it all. DuPage County offers a booklet entitled *A Guide to Safer Household Cleaners*, which offers non-toxic and safer, less toxic cleaning recipes. They can work just as well as their commercial counterparts, but you may have to use a little more elbow grease. Best of all, you know what is going into them, and they tend to cost less than ready-made products. Please call 630-682-7130 to request a copy of this publication provided by the DuPage County Environmental Committee.

**TRY TO RECYCLE.** Many local businesses recycle leftover products with hazardous ingredients. See the sections of this guide referring to Automotive Products, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks, etc. for information on recycling and other diversion options for certain types of HHW.

## How Can I Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely?

Because some hazardous products cannot be safely used up or recycled, there is a regional HHW collection facility and a mobile HHW collection program to serve DuPage County residents.

**REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY.** Residents from throughout the state can drop off HHW at the regional collection site operated by the City of Naperville. The regional HHW collection facility is located at Naperville Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road (just off Route 59) and is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on holidays. Visit [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec) and click on Waste and Recycling or call the County's Hotline at 630-510-2810 for more information.



**MOBILE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM.** DuPage County conducts one-day HHW collection events at temporary sites throughout the County. Collection hours at mobile events are from 8 am to 3 pm. Visit [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec) or call the County's hotline at 630-510-2810 for more information.

**Note:** Latex paint is not accepted at the regional HHW Facility or at the mobile HHW Collections. Please refer to the Latex Paint Management section on page 7 for information on how to properly manage and dispose of latex paint.

**STATE-SPONSORED HHW COLLECTION EVENTS.** The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) sponsors one-day HHW collections throughout the state. Visit the IEPA's website at [www.epa.state.il.us/land](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land) for a schedule of upcoming events.

### Examples of HHW Materials:

- ▶ Automotive fluids
- ▶ Fluorescent ballasts and bulbs
- ▶ Household batteries
- ▶ Lead-acid batteries\*
- ▶ Oil-based paint
- ▶ Pesticides
- ▶ Poisons
- ▶ Propane tanks\*
- ▶ Solvents
- ▶ Thermostats (mercury)



\*Only accepted at the mobile collection events - not at the regional HHW facility.