DuPage County Spring Cleaning

Disposal in Flux
Our daily life has been temporarily changed causing significant modifications to how we go about doing basic things. DuPage County understands that many residents are stuck inside and are taking the time to do an extra thorough cleaning this spring. The difficulty is our normal disposal and recycling methods for many of these household items has been reduced by business and drop-off site closures. Please do your best to box and hold onto what you can during this time until the stay-at-home measures are lifted, and recycling sites are fully active. If this is not an option for you, below is information on where you can take certain items from your spring-cleaning efforts. Be sure to call ahead as hours and practices can change rapidly to protect you and employees.

Common Household Items
Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries pose a significant fire hazard and should not be placed in the waste or recycling bin. Some local drop-offs are listed below. Additional sites can be found at https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/.

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<th>Batteries + Bulbs</th>
<th>481 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137</th>
<th>1-800-677-8278 All Locations</th>
<th>• Batteries (Rechargeable) • Compact Fluorescent Bulbs</th>
<th>Fees may apply</th>
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<td>Batteries Plus</td>
<td>481 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137</td>
<td>630-790-8100</td>
<td>• Batteries (Rechargeable) • Cellular Phones • Compact Fluorescent Bulbs • Fluorescent Bulbs</td>
<td>Batteries Plus accepts: Lead acid batteries, Nickel Cadmium batteries, Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries, Lithium Ion and Lithium Polymer. They also accept CFLs, Fluorescent Tubes</td>
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<td>Batteries Unlimited</td>
<td>105 West Fullerton Avenue Addison, IL 60101</td>
<td>630-543-5554</td>
<td>• Batteries (Rechargeable)</td>
<td>Rechargeable, acid, car, phone</td>
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<td>Home Depot</td>
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<td>• Batteries (Rechargeable) • Cellular Phones • Compact Fluorescent Bulbs</td>
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Textiles – clothing & small household items

USAgain – Stand alone bins located throughout DuPage County
Accepted Items: Shoes and clothing
https://www.usagain.com/find-treemachine

The Give Back Box – Pack a box with donation items and print a free shipping label. Either request porch pick-up or drop-off at a shipping store.
Accepted Items: Clothing and other household items. NO liquids, fragile, hazardous or volatile items, or ammunition in the boxes.
https://givebackbox.shop/

eWorks – 1201 Estes St., Elk Grove, IL  217-364-7543
Acceptable items: clothing, sheets, bedding, towels and other household textiles in any condition. No heavily soiled items. ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED.

Large Items

| **1-800-Got-Junk** | 1-800-468-5865 | • Appliances  
• Aluminum  
• Bicycles  
• Electronics - Residential  
• Mattresses | Call for details of pickup service. |
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| **Junk Solution Pros** | 641 N Roselle Road  
Roselle, IL  60172 | 847-603-4305 | • Appliances  
• Construction & Demolition Material Recycling  
• Electronics - Residential  
• Furniture  
• Hard to Recycle Items  
• Mattresses  
• Office Furniture  
• Yard Waste | Possible discounted services for elderly and military. Accepts furniture, household items, appliances & electronics, yard & construction debris. |

| **Collage Hunks Hauling Junk** | 753 Springer Dr.,  
Lombard, Il 60148 | 630-934-1023 | • Furniture  
• Appliances  
• Yard waste  
• Electronics  
• Carpeting  
• Mattresses  
• Tires  
• Office equipment  
• Scrap metal  
• Hot tubs  
• Renovation debris  
• Attic cleanouts | }
**Books**

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**Book Driver** – Provides porch pick-up of pre-boxed books for donation.

**Wood and other Construction/Demolition type Material**

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<th>Lakeshore Recycling Systems (West DuPage)</th>
<th>1655 Powis Road, West Chicago, IL 60185</th>
<th>630-377-7000</th>
<th>Construction &amp; Demolition Material Recycling</th>
<th>Roofing Shingles</th>
<th>Scrap Metal</th>
<th>Roll-off containers for aggregates, brick, cardboard, carpet, dirt, drywall, lumber, metal, plastic, shingles and other construction associated materials. Fees may apply. Contact <a href="mailto:Questions@LRSrecycles.com">Questions@LRSrecycles.com</a> for any additional questions.</th>
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**Landscape Waste**

Landscape waste service in many communities has been postponed. The information below can help you continue to manage it.

**Do not burn** your landscape waste or any other waste, despite any advice to do so. See the EPA information on the hazards of burning waste. Do not fill the air with smoke at a time when people are struggling with respiratory-related illnesses, and do not take the risk of stressing already-overtaxed first responders.

For **large quantities** of landscape waste that can't be managed in-place, there are several landscape waste transfer stations in DuPage that will be or are currently open and accepting landscape waste. Each one will have its own procedures to accepting from residents or 3rd parties so residents will want to call for details.

| AK Mulch & Firewood | (630) 530-6900 | Anderson Landscape Supply | (630) 833-1251 | DuPage Yard Waste/Midwest Compost | 1195 W. Washington St. |
For **smaller quantities**, residents can manage their landscape waste with green lawn care practices or composting. Below are some tips on green lawn care or you can visit [University of IL](https://extension.illinois.edu/) Extension’s resources on maintaining a natural lawn.

**Recycling grass clippings back to the lawn**

- Clippings are a valuable source of nutrients and you can use less nitrogen fertilizer if you recycle clippings to the lawn.
- Adding organic matter from clippings may help improve your soil if it is sandy, heavy clay or low in organic matter.
- Regular mowing will greatly reduce the need to collect clippings. Avoid cutting more than 1/3 of the grass height at a time.

Composting at home is another way to avoid the need for yard waste pickup. However, improper and incomplete composting can lead to odor complaints if residents are not managing the compost pile correctly. Below are some additional sites that have composting lawn care info. The [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](https://illinoisfoodscrapcoalition.org/) (IFSC) has a great handout for starting composting at home. Here are some additional resources that help homeowners learn how to cut their grass to and help with setting up at-home composting.

- [https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home](https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home)
- [https://www.scarce.org/downloads/diy-outdoor-compost-bin/](https://www.scarce.org/downloads/diy-outdoor-compost-bin/)