



Kane County RECYCLES

Green Guide

2015-2016

Kane County Division of Environmental Resources



2015 Events

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- Jun 13** - EXTRAVAGANZA
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Doc Shred, Latex Paint
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Letter from your Recycling Coordinator:

Dear Kane County Residents,

The Green Guide is, as always, packed with information on what, when, and where you can recycle nearly everything in Kane County. Here are a couple more resources I wanted to be sure to share with you.

If you want to learn even more about how to recycle right, sign up for the Kane County Connects newsletter, which includes a bi-monthly Recycling Tip based on questions I get from residents every day. To get connected go to countyofkane.org and click on *Kane County Connects Newsletter Signup*, bookmark our blog at *KaneCountyConnects.com* and like us on Facebook at *Kane County Connects*. It is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in the county, and if you have events or other news you'd like to share, you can contact Rick Nagel, the County Outreach Coordinator, at nagelrick@co.kane.il.us or 630-208-5133.

The new Hazardous Waste Facility opened in February of 2015 in Naperville. See address and hours on page 4. Wait times are expected to be greatly reduced with the new state of the art facility.

If you want to delve deeper into the world of resource management and recycling, the 2015 Kane County Solid Waste Plan Update is now on the Kane County Recycles webpage. See the left bar of the homepage for the *Solid Waste Plan* button where you can access the original plan and all of the updates.

Please always refer to the website if possible for the most updated information, especially as we near the end of 2015 because things are always changing. Thank you for helping create positive change in your community. Remember to ReThink, Reduce, ReUse, and Recycle!

Sincerely, *Jennifer Jarland*, Kane County Recycling Coordinator



Municipal Waste & Recycling Haulers

Hauler	Contact	City or Township Service Area
Advanced Disposal Services	630-587-8282	Batavia, Geneva, Mill Creek, St. Charles
Flood Brothers Disposal Co	630-261-0578	East Dundee, Pingree Grove
Groot Industries	800-244-1977	Algonquin
MDC Environmental Services	815-568-7274	Gilberts
Northern Illinois Disposal Svcs	800-930-7321	Virgil Township
Republic Services	630-892-9294	Aurora, Burlington, Carpentersville, Montgomery, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, West Dundee, Elgin Township
Waste Management	800-796-9696	Algonquin, Elburn, Elgin, Hampshire, Kaneville, Maple Park, North Aurora, Sugar Grove, Sun City, Campton & Plato Townships

Note: This list may be subject to change, check website for updates. Unincorporated County residents may contract with any of the licensed haulers operating in Kane County. See: <http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/2014LicensedHaulers.pdf>

Kane County Recycles Office:

recycle@countyofkane.org
630-208-3841

Kane County Recycles Website:

www.countyofkane.org/recycling

Kane County Recycling Events

In 2014,
Kane County
residents recycled over
1,683,000 pounds of
electronics and 90,000
pounds of books
through this County
program!

All Kane County events are for Kane County residents only. **NO BUSINESSES.** This service is for residents only, thank you!

Monthly Events: Electronics & Books Recycling

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

When: 2nd Saturday of each month | **Hours:** 8 am – 12 noon

2015 dates: May 9 | Jun 13 | Jul 11 | Aug 8 | Sept 12 | Oct 10 | Nov 14 | Dec 12

2016 dates: Please refer to the website or call the recycling office for 2016 dates.

- **We unload for you:** Please stay comfortably in your vehicle.
- **Responsible Recycling:** Kane County contracts with *eWorks* Electronics Services located in Elk Grove Village, an R2 (*Responsible Recycling*) certified and EPA Registered recycler for electronics collection and recycling services.
- **Data Destruction:** All data stored on computer hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed, so it is not necessary to wipe your drives before recycling at the event. Note: equipment delivered to drop-offs does not have the same level of security.
- We take **BOOKS** of any age, in any condition, either paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse, redistributed if possible, and the rest are recycled.
- This is a residential program only. Businesses, please see the website for a list of electronics recyclers you can use.



Electronics Recycling by eWorks Electronics Services



Book Recycling by Pacesetter Books

Quarterly Events: Document Shredding & Latex Paint Recycling

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

When: 2nd Saturdays quarterly | 8 am – 12 noon These events are in conjunction with the monthly events above.

2015 dates: Jun 13 | Sept 12 | Dec 12 **2016 dates:** Mar 12

Document Shredding

- This service provides on-site shredding trucks, where you can watch your documents being shredded if you wish.
- This is for residential material only, not for businesses, thank you.
- Staples, paperclips, spiral bindings, file folders without metal, and cellophane envelope windows are fine to leave in.
- Please do not bring periodicals, magazines, and other paper that does not contain confidential information.
- We will receive documents for shredding only until the trucks are full, and may finish before 12pm.
- Quantity limit is 4 boxes or bags (per vehicle). **No business material will be accepted.**
- Please REMOVE all binder clips, three-ring plastic binders and any larger metal pieces.

Liquid Latex Paint Recycling

- Latex paint is non-toxic but difficult to dispose of because you have to dry it out before placing it in your landfill trash. However, it can be easily recycled into new products with no drying out necessary! Earth Paint Collection Systems will be collecting latex paint for recycling at these quarterly events in 2015. **No oil-based product will be accepted.** See page 4 for oil paint disposal.
- Latex Paint is the **only item that has a recycling fee** per container, payable by the resident with cash or check (Quart \$2; Gallon \$3.50; 5-Gallon \$10).
- See page 4 for oil-based paint disposal.



Latex Paint recycling by Earth Paint Collection Systems

Annual Recycling Extravaganza

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

When: Saturday, June 13th, 2015 | 8 am – 12 noon

What: Electronics; Books; Bikes, bike parts & helmets; Sewing machines; Wheel chairs & crutches; 4-foot fluorescent tubes; Clothes, linens, curtains, paired shoes, hats, ties, belts, purses, backpacks, stuffed animals, plush toys; Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap; Liquid latex paint (per-can fee applies) and Confidential document shredding.



Electronics Accepted



- Answering Machines
- Cable / Satellite Receivers
- Cables & Cords
- Calculators
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- CD Drives
- CDs with cases
- Cell Phones / PDAs
- Christmas / Holiday light strands
- Circuit Boards
- Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs, computer batteries)
- Copy Machines
- Dehumidifiers
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Digital Recorders
- DVD Players
- DVDs with cases
- Fax Machines
- Hard Drives
- Humidifiers
- Keyboards
- Media (software, floppy discs, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes, VCR tapes, and cases)
- Mice
- Microphones
- Microwaves
- Modems
- Monitors (all types, flat screen or glass tube)
- MP3 Players / Portable Music Players
- Network Equipment (servers, hubs, mainframes)
- Phones
- Postage Machines
- Power Tools
- Printers
- Scanners
- Servers
- Small Home Appliances (blenders, fans, toasters, vacuums)
- Stereos / Receivers
- Switch Boxes
- Tape Drives
- Telecommunications equipment (phones, phone systems, answering machines, intercom systems)
- Toner and Printer Cartridges (must be contained in a bag)
- Treadmills
- TVs (all types, all sizes, all ages)
- Typewriters
- Vacuum Cleaners
- VCRs
- VCR tapes and cases
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Game Controllers
- Word Processors
- Zip Drives

Items NOT Accepted

- Large Household Appliances/White Goods (see A-Z list, Appliances)
- Batteries not contained in equipment (see pg 5)
- Household Hazardous Waste (see pg 4)

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. ReStore (800 N State Street, Elgin, 847-742-9905) will receive for free full unused cans of latex paint for reuse. Earth Paint Collection Systems (www.earthpaintscs.com or 847-231-6044) may have locations near you to recycle opened cans of liquid latex paint. Or bring it to the Kane County Quarterly recycling event, see pg 2. Per-can fee applies.

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 in recycling.

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.



Permanent Electronic Recycling Drop-offs

For Kane County residents only. **NO BUSINESSES.** These Drop-offs are *self-serve* locations. Be prepared to unload into provided areas. Load carefully from back to front - *Pack it in like a moving truck!*

Batavia Public Works Department

200 N Raddant Road, Batavia, 630-454-2310 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm

Geneva Public Works Department

1800 South Street, Geneva, 630-232-1501 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm

St. Charles Public Works Department

1405 S 7th Avenue, St. Charles, 630-377-4405 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm

West Dundee Public Works Department

900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, 847-551-3815 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm

Association for Individual Development (AID) Drop-offs

Accepts: Electronics and small household appliances (*No TVs or Monitors*), and household recycling (*We take cans and plastic bottles. No glass or paper, please.*)

Hours: Electronics M-F 9:30am-3:30pm; containers and paper 24/7

Locations: • 309 W. New Indian Trail Court, Aurora, 630-966-4145
The AID building is east of the school.
• 1135 Bowes Road, Elgin, 847-931-6237

Other Monthly Collection Events

Village of Montgomery Collection Events

10 Civic Center Ave, Montgomery • 630-896-8080 x1114

Dates: every 3rd Saturday

Hours: 9am-12noon

Accepts: All electronic/electrical items; large and small appliances; batteries; metal; books; CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, floppy discs; shoes; textiles (clothes, linens, blankets, etc).

City of Aurora Electronics Events

Westside Central Garage, 720 N. Broadway Ave., Aurora
Eastside Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Drive, Aurora

Contact: Call 630-256-4636 for dates and times.

Accepts: Electronics. See www.aurora-il.org for full list.

Village of Hampshire Motor Oil Recycling

100 Klick Street, Hampshire, IL 60140

Contact: 847-683-2181 x0

1st Saturday of month, Apr-Oct; 9am-11:30am

Household Hazardous Waste (H

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.

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
just north of the Public Works building at Fort Hill Dr. and Jefferson Ave.

Free Pick-up Service (Limited areas)

Residents of the following areas may schedule one free collection per year from your home.

- Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, and Elgin Townships
- Mill Creek Special Service Area
- City of Elgin
- City of Geneva (beginning January 1 each year & continuing while funds last)

This service is supported by the County of Kane, the Cities of Elgin and Geneva, and the Villages of Carpentersville, South Elgin, and West Dundee.

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

Items Accepted

- Aerosol products
- Antifreeze
- Auto fluids
- Batteries – auto, sump & household sizes
- Blacktop sealer - oil based
- Cleaning products
- Cooking Oil (Naperville Only)
- Fire extinguishers (Naperville Only)
- 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 (Naperville only)
- Propane tanks (Naperville only, up to 20lb.)
- Solvents

Items NOT Accepted

- Latex paint (see pg 3)
- Ammunition, explosives or firework
- Biological or medical waste (dispose as biohazard)
- Syringes/needles (see pg 5)
- Farm machinery oil
- Smoke detectors
- Oxygen & Helium tanks



Medication/ Pharmaceutical Drop-off Locations

Please do not flush
your medicines down the toilet.

Expired and unwanted pharmaceutical drugs can be dropped off at the following locations. Both prescription and over-the-counter drugs are accepted.

Take pills and capsules out of original bottles before placing them in a clear resealable bag for delivery.

Batavia Police Department

(City of Batavia Residents ONLY)
100 N Island, Batavia, IL 60510
630-454-2500 Hours: 7 days, 24 hours

Elgin Police Department

(City of Elgin Residents ONLY)
Note: only pills, capsules, and tablets received at this location
151 Douglas Ave., Elgin, IL 60120
847-289-2500 Hours: 7 days, 24 hours

Geneva Police Department

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

Geneva, Kane County Coroner's Office

Government Center, 719 S Batavia Ave., Bldg. E
Geneva, IL 60134
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Naperville Fire Station #4

(Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off)
156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
630-420-6095
Hours: Sat & Sun 9-2pm (except holidays)

Oswego Fox Metro Office

682 Rt 31, Oswego, IL 60543 / 630-892-4378
Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm

Pingree Grove Police Department

31 Police Plaza, Pingree Grove, IL 60140
847-464-4600
Hours: M-F 7:30am-2:30pm

St. Charles, Kane County Sheriff's Office

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

St. Charles Police Department

(City of St. Charles Residents ONLY)
Note: Only prescription items accepted at this location.
211 N Riverside Ave., St Charles, IL 60174
630-377-4435
Hours: M-F 6am-12am; Sat 8am-4pm; Sun closed

Business Quantity Hazardous Material

Please contact one of the following Certified Hazardous Waste Companies that take business-generated hazardous materials

Clean Harbors	800-645-8265 • cleanharbors.com
Heritage Environmental	800-552-5986 • heritage-enviro.com
Veolia Environmental	312-552-2800 • veoliaes.com/en.html
Safety-Kleen	847-468-6600 • safety-kleen.com

HW) Recycling and Safe Disposal

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!

To recycle AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V & 12V batteries: first tape over the tops of all 9V & 12V batteries as they are a potential fire hazard, then place used batteries in a clear resealable plastic bag before delivering to the drop-off.

Due to automated disposal truck advances, **Curbside Battery Collection programs** are rarely an option these days. If you are in areas served by the HHW Pick-up Service (pg 4) you can include batteries in that collection. Or deliver them to one of these drop-offs, which are open 24/7 unless otherwise noted.

Batavia Public Works Department

(city residents only)

200 N Raddant Road, Batavia, IL 60510

Go to front desk: M-F 7am-4pm

Elgin Township Highway Garage

725 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123

Elgin Fire Station #2

650 Big Timber Rd., Elgin, IL 60123

(1/4 mile West of Route 31)

Geneva Public Works Department

(city residents only)

1800 South Street, Geneva, IL 60134

Go to front desk: M-F 8am-3pm

Pingree Grove Fire Station #4

39W160 Plank Rd., Elgin, IL 60124

South Elgin Fire District Annex

8N709 Stevens Rd., South Elgin, IL 60124

Village of Montgomery Police Department

10 Civic Center Ave., Montgomery, IL 60506

Hours: M-F 7am-6pm

Village of Montgomery-Village Hall

200 N River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

Hours: M-F 8am - 4:30pm

Batteries Plus *(rechargeable batteries only)*

Elgin & Aurora 800-677-8278

Hours: M-F 8a-8p; Sat 8a-7p; Sun 10a-5p



Auto Battery Recycling

Lead-acid batteries from cars, trucks, boats, can be recycled at any store that sells them, at Home Depot, or at the Naperville HHW facility. See pg 4.



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

Auto Zone

1283 N Lake St., Aurora

630-966-8940

209 Randall Rd., South Elgin

847-429-1095

Spring Hill Ford

800 Dundee Ave., East Dundee

847-551-1027

Super-Lube

1279 N Lake St., Aurora

630-844-5099

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

2076 W Main St., Batavia

630-406-7956

175 S Randall Rd., Elgin

847-697-1485

For Large Quantities

(100+ gallons) contact:

Future Environmental

708-479-6900

Heritage Crystal

847-836-5670 or 708-534-0592



Collection Event

Village of Hampshire

*Open to all residents of
Kane County*

Street Department Building

100 Klick Street,

Hampshire, IL 60140

Contact: 847-683-2181 x0

Collection events: 1st Saturday of
each month, April–Oct

Event Hours: 9am-11:30am

Accepts: Motor Oil

Motor Oil Pick-up

Please see Household Hazardous Waste (pg 4) for more information on the pick-up service available in some areas of Kane County.

Drop-off Locations

Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

Batavia - Advanced Recycling Transfer Station
Location: 766 Hunter Dr., Batavia, IL 60510
Contact: 630-879-3587
Hours: Sat 6am-10am Only (for Residential drop-off)
Accepts for: **Recycling** - Roofing shingles, household recycling, cardboard, containers, paper, etc.
Mulching - Yard waste, branches, leaves
Landfilling - Household garbage, treated lumber
Cost: \$25 for mixed acceptable materials up to a quantity equal to a level pickup truck bed-full. This is a Saturday special for Residents, cash or credit card only.

Household Recycling

Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs the-association.org

Aurora: 309 W. New Indian Trail Court, Aurora, 630-966-4145
East end of building, past the docks near the gated area.
Elgin: 1135 Bowes Road, Elgin, 847-931-6237
Please deposit recyclables in AID bin at back of building near dumpsters.
Hours: Open 24/7 for metal containers and paper drop-off bins: (Call M-F 9:30-3:30).
Accepts: aluminum, cardboard, scrap metal, cans, and electronics (**no TVs or Monitors**)

Carpentersville – Village Hall
Location: 1200 Besinger Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110
Contact: 224-293-1631
Hours: 24/7
Accepts: All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 10)

Elgin – Waste Management (*Elgin residents only*)
Location: 1225 Gifford Rd., Elgin, IL 60120
Contact: 847-608-7543, www.cityofelgin.org
Hours: M-F 8am-3:30pm
Accepts: All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 10)

Virgil Township - moved to Township Office
Location: 49W181 Winters Rd., Virgil, IL 60151
Contact: 815-827-3383
Hours: 24/7
Accepts: All items listed in the Recycling Guidelines (pg 10)

Paper Recycling

Paper Retriever has green parking lot bins throughout Kane County for large quantities of newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail. To find a bin nearest you, see (www.paperretriever.com) or call 1-800-874-1301, (x3).

St. Charles – RockTenn Paper Recycler
Location: 417 S 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174
Contact: 630-443-3538
Hours: M-F 7-4
Accepts: **Paper Only** Newspaper, cardboard, catalogs, magazines
Payment: Does pay for quantity or consistency

Yard Waste & Organics

Elgin - Midwest Compost/ DuPage Yard Waste
Locations: **Midwest Compost** • 1320 Spaulding Rd., Elgin, IL 60120 • 847-931-2900
DuPage Yard Waste • 1195 W Washington St., West Chicago 60185 • 630-876-8900
Website: www.midwestcompostllc.com
Hours: M-F 7-4 (Open mid-April through mid-December)
Accepts: Clean residential yard waste: Leaves, grass, branches, sod, dirt in brown paper bags, or in bulk.
Cost: \$2/bag or equivalent; cash, credit or check.

Elburn – Erehwon Farm
Location: 40W248 Hughes Rd., Elburn, IL
Contact: 630-485-9963, timf7@yahoo.com
(please email or call to give Tim an estimated arrival time)
Website: www.erehwonfarm.com
Hours: 9-5 including weekends
Accepts: Clean residential yard waste: grass clippings, weeds, leaves, sod, and other non-woody clippings. No branches, please.
Clean larger tree limbs are accepted for firewood which is used in winter for boiling maple sap.
Food scraps (*no meat*).
Cost: Free of charge
Also: Fresh farm vegetables for sale in season

South of Kane – Green Organics in Kendall County
Location: 1270 E Beecher Rd., Bristol, IL 60512
630-553-6409
Website: www.greenorganicinc.com
Hours: M-F 7-4 (Summer Sat 7-12)
Accepts: Clean residential yard waste: Leaves, grass, branches in bulk. Food scraps (no meat)
Cost: call for pricing

Building Material Re-use

Aurora – ReStore – Habitat For Humanity
Location: 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora
Contact: 630-585-5508
Hours: Tu-F 10-8 / Sat 10-6 / Sun Noon-6/ Mon closed
Accepts: Used building materials, furniture

Elgin – ReStore – Habitat For Humanity
Location: 800 N State St., Elgin (Rt 31)
Contact: 847-742-9905, www.habitatnfv.org
Hours: Tu-Sat 9-5 / Sun-Mon closed
Accepts: Used building materials, furniture, unused latex paint

Donate: ReStore accepts donated new and gently used home improvement materials (tax deductible) from individuals, contractors, retailers, distributors and manufacturers that may otherwise go into landfills. Please call before bringing materials and understand that ReStore reserves the right to decline the item if it is felt it cannot be resold. We Pick Up!

Purchase: ReStore is open to the general public. Donated home improvement materials are sold at greatly reduced prices and the funds generated support the local home construction of Habitat for Humanity.

Construction and Demolition Waste is mostly recyclable. More info at countyofkane.org/Recycling click on "Construction and Demolition Recycling."

Backyard Composting

What do I need to do to make compost?

Bin or Pile. Some people start with an easy pile, and then move to a bin when they're ready. A pile works great for just leaves and grass clippings, but when you want to incorporate food waste; it's time to use a bin to prevent rodents. Soil Saver bins are a great model because they have a lock on lid. They are bottomless, so they are in contact with the soil, offering access to all of the microorganisms and worms that come up from the soil to help process the scraps into compost.

Space. Select a dry, mostly shady spot near a water source for your compost pile or bin. Ideally, the compost area should be at least three feet wide by three feet deep by three feet tall (one cubic yard). This size provides enough food and insulation to keep the organisms in the compost warm and happy and working hard. However, piles can be larger or smaller and work just fine if managed well.

Browns for carbon, greens for nitrogen, air for organisms, and water for moisture. Brown material provides carbon: Paper like shredded paper, cardboard, and paper rolls; Dry yard waste like dry leaves, small branches, and twigs; Straw, sawdust, and used potting soil. Green material provides nitrogen: Wet yard waste like fresh grass clippings, green leaves, and soft garden prunings; Food scraps like chopped vegetables, coffee grounds, and tea bags. Keep the pile as moist as a wet sponge, adding water as needed.

Source: Backyard Composting guide published by the EPA, can be found on the KCR website www.countyofkane.org/Recycling under "Compost & Yard Waste."

Soil Saver Compost Bins

Offered at a discounted price for Kane County Residents, from: 535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 630-584-6166

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

SUSTAIN KANE

economy • environment • people

In February 2013, the Kane County Operational Sustainability Plan was adopted. This plan was created to help conserve energy and water, reduce waste, and save money through Kane County government's own facilities and operations.

Implementing the Sustainability Plan is no simple task—it depends on every Kane County government department playing an important role. Here are some recent accomplishments:

- Completed full energy audits for 9 County buildings.
- Installed a dual-plug electric vehicle charging station at the 3rd Street Courthouse, and a single-plug station at the Government Center in Geneva.
- Commissioned a Solar Feasibility Study to assess the benefits of solar power for County facilities.
- Began the transition to a new court case management system that will greatly reduce paper use for several County offices.
- Adopted an Idling Reduction Policy for County vehicles and staff.
- The first electric vehicle, a Chevy Volt, added to the County fleet in Spring 2015.

Visit www.countyofkane.org/sustainability to learn more about the greening of Kane County government.

Stop Junk Mail for Good

Reduce your junk mail

in half almost instantly by unsubscribing from the National Direct Mailing Lists and from phonebook and catalog distribution lists via the below links. To eliminate the remainder, call directly any distributors of junk mail as you receive each piece, and ask to be removed from their mailing list and stop junk mail for good!

Removal from Mailing Lists

For free removal from all national lists, unsubscribe online at: www.directmail.com/junk_mail/

To choose which companies you receive mail from: Visit www.dmchoice.org

To unsubscribe by mail: send a letter requesting removal from all mailing lists. Include name, address & signature. Enclose \$1 for processing fee, and send it to: DMA, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512

Opt Out of Phone Books

www.yellowpagesoptout.com

Stop Catalog Mailings

www.catalogchoice.org



Water Wise Corner

Want to learn how you can help conserve our precious water resources? Visit Kane County's **Clean Water for Kane** webpage—just go to www.countyofkane.org and click on *Stormwater Education* on the bottom right.

You'll find links to a variety of educational tools for homeowners, teachers, students, and municipal government representatives. Or, if you'd prefer to receive some water educational materials via the mail, please contact the Resource Management Coordinator at the Kane County Division of Environmental & Water Resources at 630-208-8665.

Kane County is also proud to be part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **WaterSense** program. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense/ to access educational materials, water savings calculators, or find information on rebates available to make water-saving improvements to your home.



A-Z

Listing of Reuse & Recycle Opportunities in

American Flags: (*drop boxes for old flags*) Ace Hardware, 1901 W Wilson, Batavia, 630-879-1330. VFW on 645 S River (Rt.25), Batavia, 630-879-9630. SCARCE, www.scarcecoed.org, 630-545-9710.

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

Appliances: Small appliances – See Electronics (p 2-3). Large appliances/white goods like washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and air-conditioners – call your waste hauler (p 1) or the Crusher*.

Batteries: See p 5.

Bicycles: See workingbikes.org, email marie@workingbikes.org, or call 312-421-5048.

Books: See p 2.

Building Supplies: See p 6.

Carbon Monoxide (CO): detectors can be disposed of in the regular trash (*remove batteries*).

Cardboard: See Recycling Guidelines (p 10).

Cars: Contact nonprofit Wheels for Wishes at illinois.wheelsforwishes.org or at 1-877-351-9474.

CDs, DVDs, Audio & Video Tapes, Floppy discs, CD cases, Cartridges: See p 2-3.

Cell phones: Batavia Public Library, 10 S. Batavia Ave., 630-879-1393. SCARCE, www.scarcecoed.org, 630-545-9710. Also see Electronics (p 2-3).

Chemicals, cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides: See p 4.

Christmas Lights: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Christmas Trees: Contact your city, township, or waste hauler for current information. Or see the countyofkane.org/recycling Christmas tree page in December & January.

Clothing: See Textiles.

Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs): Drop-boxes at most Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and other hardware stores. Deliver used CFLs in a resealable plastic bag.

Computers and computer equipment: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Confidential Document Shredding: See p 2.

Construction and Demolition Debris: See complete list at www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/CDRecyclingFlyer.pdf

Containers: See Recycling Guidelines (p 10).

Cooking Oil: See HHW (p 4). See permanent drop off location list at www.scarcecoed.org. Or call Hopkins Grease Company 847-458-1010; to find local restaurants that have a grease recycling dumpster.

Corks: Wholefoods and Target, some locations. Also see www.recork.org to find restaurants with drop boxes.

Couches: See Furniture.

Crayons: SCARCE*.

Crutches: Working Bikes also takes mobility devices. See workingbikes.org, email marie@workingbikes.org, or call 312-421-5048. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Dehumidifiers & Humidifiers: The Crusher* or Electronics (p 2-3).

Document Shredding: See Confidential Document Shredding.

Electronics and Electric appliances: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Eye glasses: Batavia Public Library*. SCARCE*. Lions Club Drop Boxes, www.lionsclubs.org, 630-571-5466.

Fire extinguishers: See HHW (p 4).

Fluorescent tube lights: See HHW (p 4). Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Food Scraps: See Backyard Composting (p 7) and Drop-offs (p 6).

Furniture, and Household items: Furniture and other household items that are reusable can be taken to ReStore in Elgin. See Building Material Reuse (p 6). Also Thrift stores. Or list it on Craigs List.

Gardening plant pots, trays, tags: Drop-off at all Lowes Gardening Centers.

Gasoline: See HHW (p 4).

Glass: See Recycling Guidelines (p 10). Glass windows or other glass objects, if broken, are trash. Also see Windows.

Hangers (clothes): Many dry cleaners will take these, check with your local cleaner.

Hazardous Waste: See p 4-5.

Hearing aids: Batavia Public Library*.

ReUse!

Use craigslist.org or freecycle.org to list unwanted items

Kane County and Beyond

Inkjet cartridges/ Toner cartridges: See Electronics (p 2-3) or Batavia Public Library*.

Junk Mail: Remove any plastic inserts & recycle the paper. See info on stopping junk mail on p 7.

Landscape Waste: See Yard Waste.

Latex Paint: See p 3.

Magazines: Reuse - SCARCE*. Recycling - Place in household recycling. Large quantities can also be brought to the monthly event (p 2).

Mattresses: Most thrift stores do not receive mattresses. If reusable, list on Craigslist or freecycle. If beyond use, contact your waste hauler for curbside collection.

Medications: See p 4.

Metal: There are many Scrap Metal Recycling facilities on the online Drop-off list at countyofkane.org/recycling.

Microwaves: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Motor Oil: See p 5.

Needles: See p 5.

Office, art and craft supplies: SCARCE*.

Oil: See Motor Oil or Cooking Oil.

Packing peanuts: Shipping and packing stores will reuse clean, bagged and unmixed foam peanuts. Call your local UPS store. Or contact the Peanut Hotline www.epspackaging.org, 800-828-2214. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Paint: Oil paint – see HHW (p 4). See also Latex Paint (p 3).

Paper: See Recycling Guidelines (p 10).

Pharmaceuticals: See p 4.

Phones: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Phone Books: Place in household recycling, see Recycling Guidelines (p 10). To opt out, see Junk Mail (p 7).

Plastic grocery bags and plastic film: See p 11.

Propane gas tanks: Full or empty: HHW (p 4). Empty only: Fox Valley Iron & Metal, Aurora, 630-897-5907.

Can't find your item here?

If you cannot find an item on this list, please check online at countyofkane.org/recycling for the most updated version of the A-Z list, or call 630-208-3841.

Also search earth911.com to find where to recycle nearly anything!

Record Albums (vinyl): For reuse as a craft item - SCARCE*. Otherwise trash; no known recycling program for these. Cardboard covers can be recycled.

Refrigerators / Large household Appliances:

Call your waste hauler for collection. ComEd has a takeback program for working refrigerators and freezers that are between 10 & 30 cubic feet inside volume, 888-806-2273. They pay you up to \$50 and pick it up. Also refrigerators can be taken to The Crusher*.

Sharps: See p 5.

Shingles (Roofing): See Construction and Demolition Debris.

Shoes: USAgain recycles clothes and shoes. See www.usagain.com for a drop-box near you. Also see: www.shoe4africa.org.

Smoke detectors: These are not banned from the landfill, so you are allowed to throw them into the regular trash. Or you can return used smoke alarms to the supplier - address is usually listed in the product warranty or user's manual.

Software: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Syringes: See p 5.

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*One-stop Drops

Batavia Public Library 10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510, 630-879-1393, ext. 310.

Accepts: cell phones, eye glasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges, & toners.

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

Accepts: appliances, air conditioners, cars, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers, freezers, lawn mowers, refrigerators, & scrap metal. For large loads, please make an appointment.

Scarce 799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn, scarce.org, 630-545-9710.

Accepts: art supplies, books, buttons, cell phones, crayons, electronics, and electronic cords, flags, keys, office & school supplies, Britta water filters and small pieces of scrap metal.

Recycling Guidelines Single-stream Recycling

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*)



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 bottle caps are recyclable (*place in recycling loose*)
- **NO** utensils, propane tanks, wire hangers, or small appliances



Cartons

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

Glass Bottles and Jars

- All colors are accepted (*Please empty and rinse, labels can be left on, and avoid breaking the glass. Remove caps and put metal caps in the recycling separately, throw plastic caps in the trash. Plastic caps are recyclable only if attached to plastic bottles or jars, see below*)
- **NO** window or auto glass, bakeware, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, coffee pots or drinking glasses



Plastic Containers

- ♻️ – ♻️ **Note:** the numbers in the chasing triangles do not necessarily mean that the item is recyclable; it just tells you what type of plastic it is. Please follow the guidelines below and recycle by item shape rather than the number on it.
- **Bottles** (i.e. empty water, soda, juice bottles; empty squeezable containers; laundry detergent, soap, shampoo bottles; empty health and beauty products; cleaners) Replace plastic screw-top caps on empty plastic bottles and jars to recycle them.
 - **Tubs** (i.e. coffee, tofu, cottage cheese, yogurt, margarine tubs)
 - **Jugs** (i.e. milk and juice jugs)
 - **Jars** (i.e. mayo jars) Replace plastic screw-top caps on empty plastic bottles and jars.
 - **Boxes** (i.e. fruit or lettuce boxes)
 - **Buckets, pails** (Buckets up to 5 gallons, pails without the metal handles)
 - **Other narrow neck containers** (i.e. kitty litter containers)
 - **DO NOT RECYCLE** flat plastic lids (from yogurt tubs or lettuce boxes); black plastic of any shape; plastic bags or film (see Plastic Bag Recycling box); plastic utensils or plates; plastic wraps, sandwich bags, freezer bags, tarps; plastic toys; hard plastic packaging; candy wrappers, cereal bags, potato chip bags, or snack bags; empty motor oil bottles; Styrofoam or polystyrene (See A-Z list).



See the A-Z list (pg 8-9 & 12) for a list of all the other things you can recycle in Kane County, that don't go in your curbside bin.

Guidelines for Home and for Work

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, stationery, 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, or frozen food boxes, 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*)
- Pizza boxes - A little bit of grease will not hurt the recycling process, so if the box has only a few grease spots, you can recycle the whole thing! If there is cheese or grease on the bottom of the box, rip the box in half and recycle the relatively clean top and put the bottom portion in the trash.
- Shredded Paper - Loose shredded paper causes major sorting problems in the Recycling Facility, so please find out how your waste hauler (p1) recommends packaging it for recycling. Some suggest enclosing it in paper bags, some in clear plastic bags
- **NO** used paper plates or fluorescent paper (*they contaminate the paper stream with food or dye*)
- **NO** paper towels, tissues, or napkins, which are not recyclable because they are usually soiled and also the fibers are too small to reuse (*please compost them with kitchen food scraps if possible*)

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!

Recycling Plastic Bags and Plastic Film

Please do not place plastic bags or film in your household recycling! 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.plasticfilmrecycling.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** bio-based or compostable plastic bags



Mailing list:

Please call 630-208-3841 or email recycle@countyofkane.org to sign up to be mailed a paper copy of the Guide each year.



Things Change:

This is an annual guide published in April of each year. Please always refer to the website for the most updated and accurate information! www.countyofkane.org/recycling

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Additions, updates, or corrections can be referred to the Kane County Recycling Office: (630) 208-3841 recycle@countyofkane.org

Thank you.



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Styrofoam, polystyrene, styrene:

Dart Container Corp, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora, 630-896-4631, www.dart.biz. Recycle Drop-Off is open 24/7. List of accepted items: block foam #6, clean food containers. NO straws, cup lids, paper, or packing peanuts. If dropping a large load please call for an appointment. See above for Packing Peanuts. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

Sump Pumps: The Crusher*. For large loads, please make an appointment.

Televisions: See Electronics (p 2-3).

Textiles: Clothes, shoes, linens, curtains, towels, blankets, and more will be received at the Extravaganza event (p 2). Thrift Stores take all reusable textiles. Drop-boxes take reusable textiles as well as worn or torn items. USAgain has over 25 drop-boxes in Kane, usagain.com, 630-293-1239. Credential Wholesalers has three locations, 630-659-8449.

Tires: Most local tire retailers take back old tires for a small fee. Large quantities, call Treadstone Tire Recyclers at 815-726-4644.

Toilets: If under 5 years old and reusable, see ReStore under Building Materials on the Drop-off page (p 6). If old or broken, please dispose of at the curb. Contact your Waste & Recycling Hauler (p 1) for cost, and please separate the bowl and cistern so that it is in two pieces for pick-up.

Walkers & Wheelchairs: See Crutches.

Windows: If new, complete w/ unbroken, insulated glass (or under 5 years), see ReStore under Building Materials on the Drop-off page (p 6). If old or broken, please dispose of at the curb. Contact your Waste & Recycling Hauler for cost, and please duct tape an X on both sides of glass for pick-up.

X-rays: Pick-up: B.W. Recycling, Inc., 877-217-7020, <http://www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm>. Drop-off: Cardinal Recycling, 815-416-1499, www.cardinalrecycling.com/services.html.

Yard waste: Collection programs are managed by towns and waste haulers (p 1). Also see Drop-offs (p 6) and section on Back Yard Composting (p 7).

* See One-stop Drops on page 9.