

Kane County Recycles

Green Guide 2026



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Hello, Kane County!



That's me! ...
Want to do
lunch?

I'm so excited to introduce my new friend, Loop!

Loop, the little cart with a big appetite for recyclables, is the mascot of a historic recycling education and outreach campaign for Greater Chicago. The project, funded by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, is being led by the nonprofit Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in partnership with several suburban counties, waste agencies and the City of Chicago. The campaign, called **Feed the Cart**, is the largest recycling information campaign in Illinois history! *Please read more about it on p. 10.*

In these pages, you'll find information on what to feed your recycling cart and opportunities to recycle items that should not go in curbside recycling carts (*they give poor Loop cart-burn!*).

We are especially excited to announce new statewide programs for recycling housepaint and batteries. Since I started with the County four years ago, these have been the hard-to-recycle materials I get the most calls about. Hopefully, they are "hard to recycle" no more, with a robust network of locations now collecting them at no cost. We're also building on the success we saw last year with hosting frequent pop-up recycling events in various County locations. You just might get to meet Loop in person at some of these events!

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Follow the Kane County Green Team on Social Media



We were (very) late to the social media scene, but the Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources is now on **Facebook** and **Instagram**! Find us at [SustainKane!](https://www.sustainkane.org)

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County Recycling Centers

The County works with its contracted collection partner, eWorks, to operate two recycling centers open five days a week. No appointments are needed to visit us at:

517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Geneva

Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

630-208-3841 • recycle@kanecountyil.gov

900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee

Monday-Friday • 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

630-208-3841 • recycle@kanecountyil.gov



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/recycling-center to get detailed directions and a complete list of what the sites accept.

Both sites can be tricky to find for first-time visitors, and GPS often leads people astray!

The Geneva site is on the north side of **Fabyan Parkway** with a turn-in about halfway between Route 25 and Raddant Road. The **West Dundee site** is in the lot behind the West Dundee Department of Public Works building.



Materials Accepted for Recycling

The core materials accepted at both sites are

- Household electronics*
- Clothing, shoes & textiles
- Books & other paper
- Smoke & CO alarms*
- Strollers & ride-in toy cars*
- Plastic high chairs*
- Child car seats*

Accepted at the Fabyan Parkway site only

- Aerosol cans*
- Camp-size propane tanks*
- Flattened cardboard
- Inkjet cartridges
- Scrap metal & metal appliances without refrigerant
- Batteries of all types
(NEW: p. 7 for more info)
- Eyeglasses
- Reusable art supplies
- Six-pack rings

* Fees may apply, see p. 4 for details



Materials Not Accepted for Recycling

The following items are not accepted at County Recycling Centers: items containing refrigerant, including fridges, freezers, ice makers, A/C units and dehumidifiers; exercise machines; light bulbs; wooden/particle board speakers; non-metal furniture; spiral-bound books; clothes or textiles that are dirty, wet, moldy or infested (stains that won't wash out are fine!); and CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes and other media items. Call or check our website for answers to item-acceptance questions.

LRS E-waste Site

The waste and recycling company LRS offers electronics recycling at its transfer station in Elburn. Accepted items are limited to only those covered by the state Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (see link below). Use of this site is not limited to LRS customers.

Preregistration is required for this site only. Scan the QR code or visit lrsrecycles.com/ewasterecyclecenter or call 844-633-3577 to register. TV fees must be paid by phone for this site only.



1N138 Linlar Drive, Elburn
Monday-Friday • 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Center Fees



Televisions and peripheral monitors are priced by screen size:

- Screens less than 21" measured diagonally are **\$25 each**
- Screens 21" and over are **\$35 each**
- Aerosol cans = **\$2 each**
- Smoke and CO detectors = **\$2 each**
- Camp-size (16 oz.) propane = **\$4 each**
- Car seats, strollers, high chairs = **\$15 each**
- Ride-in toy cars, nonmotorized = **\$10 each**
- Ride-in toy cars, motorized = **\$20 each**

Fees at West Dundee and Fabyan can be paid at time of drop off by cash or credit card.

Recycling Center Personnel



Employer: eWorks Electronics Services Inc. (6 months)

Role: Fabyan Recycling Center Attendant

Favorite Vacation Spot: Starved Rock

Favorite Food: Peach pie

Pets: Two Samoyeds

Hobbies: Collecting vintage bicycles and electronics



Employer: eWorks Electronics Services Inc. (9 months)

Role: West Dundee Recycling Center Attendant

Favorite Vacation Spot: Southern California

Favorite Sport and Athlete: Boxing, Ryan Garcia

Pets: Jack Russell puppy with lots of energy

Hobbies: Going to gym, skateboarding



Employer: Kane County (4 years)

Role: Program Coordinator — answers phones and emails and manages County Recycling Centers website

Favorite Vacation Spot: Costa Rica

Favorite Color: Purple

Hobbies: Gardening, DIY home projects

Fun Fact: Born in England and lived there until 8 years old

2026 Recycling Events



You can find our most current event news on our website bit.ly/county-recycling-events

Feb. 28, The Big One: Shred and Recycle #1, 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, 8 a.m.-noon; confidential document shredding and recycling of electronics, clothing and textiles, books, Styrofoam, batteries, fluorescent bulbs/tubes and LED bulbs, aerosol cans, child care gear, small propane and helium tanks, smoke and CO alarms.

April 4, “Electronics and More” pop-up, North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway, North Aurora, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

April 18, “Electronics and More” pop-up @ Geneva Earth Day, Peck Farm Park, 4038 Kaneville Road, Geneva, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

June 6, “Electronics and More” pop-up, in front of Ace Hardware, 994 N. Lake St., Aurora, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

Aug. 1, “Electronics and More” pop-up, Village of South Elgin Department of Public Works, 1000 Bowes Road, South Elgin, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

Aug. 29, The Big One: Shred and Recycle #2, 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, 8 a.m.-noon; confidential document shredding and recycling of electronics, clothing and textiles, books, bicycles, Styrofoam, batteries, fluorescent bulbs/tubes and LED bulbs, aerosol cans, child care gear, small propane and helium tanks, smoke and CO alarms.

Sept. 5, “Electronics and More” pop-up, North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway, North Aurora, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

Nov. 7, Pumpkin Smash & Recycle, Village of South Elgin Department of Public Works, 1000 Bowes Road, South Elgin, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries, fluorescent bulbs/tubes.

November, general election campaign sign recycling — dates and locations TBD.

Dec. 5, “Electronics and More” pop-up, in front of Ace Hardware, 994 N. Lake St., Aurora, 9 a.m.-noon; electronics, clothing and textiles, books and paper, batteries.

Volunteer Opportunities

The success of Kane County’s recycling events depends on community volunteers! We can find tasks to suit most activity levels and can sign off on hours for various programs. Email recycle@kanecountyil.gov or call 630-208-3841 for more info.

Confidential Document Shredding

Shredding is free but limited to household document shredding needs of County residents (no business shredding).

Documents are shredded at our events by mobile shredding trucks.

Quantity limit of one carload (~4 Bankers Boxes’ worth) per household per event.

Please remove binders, metal file hangers and large clips; staples and paper clips are fine, as are papers in envelopes and manilla folders.

Please do not bring the following, as they are not confidential and do not require shredding: junk mail, photographs, cash register receipts, greeting cards, school papers.

Event Recycling Fees

TVs and peripheral monitors: \$25 for screens under 21”, \$35 for screens 21” and larger, payable to vendor by cash or card.	Smoke and CO alarms: \$2 each , payable to vendor by card only.	vendor by card only.
Aerosols: \$1.25 each , payable to vendor by card only.	Camp-size propane: \$4 each , payable to vendor by card only.	Child care gear (high chairs, strollers, car seats): \$10 each , payable to vendor by card only.
	Small helium tanks (e.g., Balloon Time): \$5 each , payable to	All other recycling and services are free of charge.

Household Hazardous Waste

What Is HHW?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is waste material used and stored in homes that poses a hazard in the waste stream. These materials are usually either toxic to people and the environment and/or are highly flammable or reactive. Several common HHW materials that are accepted at both the Naperville drop-off and through the County's collection program are listed below. Items with a * are prohibited from regular trash by state law.

- Aerosol products (spray paint)
- Antifreeze & auto fluids
- Car batteries*
- Fertilizers
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes
- Gasoline & other liquid fuel
- Household cleaners
- Pesticides
- Propane tanks
- Mercury-containing items
- Motor oil*
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Strong acids & bases



Not safe for me or your trash can!

Drop-Off Site

What: Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Where: 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville

When: Every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (closed major holidays)

Accepting: Open containers of residentially generated HHW from any Illinois household at no cost

Contact: 630-420-6095, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with questions or scan the QR code to visit the website bit.ly/Hazardous-Waste-Dropoff



Home Collection (Eligible Areas)

What: Once-per-year free HHW collection

Eligibility:

- Residential Kane County addresses in any of the following municipalities: Algonquin, Batavia, Burlington, Carpentersville, East Dundee, Geneva, Gilberts, Hampshire, Huntley, Pingree Grove, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, West Dundee
- Unincorporated addresses within the bounds of the following townships and SSA: Blackberry, Burlington, Dundee, Elgin, Hampshire, Plato, Rutland, Mill Creek SSA

Eligibility Questions: Kane County Recycling Program, 630-208-3841

Booking and Acceptance Questions: Clean Harbors Environmental Services, 866-466-5060

Visit bit.ly/Hazardous-Waste-Pickup or use the QR code to request service.



Other Options

Some municipalities provide HHW collection as part of trash and recycling service. City of Elgin residents served by LRS can schedule collection of HHW and electronics at 855-612-7938. Maple Park residents can use WM At-Your-Door (800-449-7587). Village of Hampshire and Village of Sugar Grove residents can contact their hauler customer service about HHW collection (see back cover for contacts).

Green Tip



Got a small lawn? See if you can go 50/50 on lawn care chemicals with a neighbor who also DIYs. Lawn chemicals are the most common HHW collected by weight.

New Statewide Programs: Paint and Batteries



Paint and Coatings

This program includes all formulations of housepaint and similar coatings, including primer, stains, sealants, epoxies, urethanes, shellacs, varnishes, metal coatings/rust preventatives, waterproof coatings and lawn/field paints. It does not include spray paint (see HHW), automotive paint or fine art or craft paint. The program is funded by a fee of less than \$1 per gallon on new paint sold. There is no fee to take paint to participating locations. At the time of writing, all paint collection in Kane County is through retail stores:

- JC Licht (all locations): Algonquin, Aurora, Geneva, South Elgin
- Sherwin-Williams (select locations): Aurora, Bartlett, Elgin, Huntley, North Aurora, Oswego, St. Charles, South Elgin

Note that stores may impose a quantity limit per visit.

The most current directory of drop-offs throughout the state is maintained by Paint Care. Visit [paintcare.org/drop-off-sites](https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites) or use the QR code to find addresses or call 630-208-3841 for assistance.



**Not for me,
please! Take them
to the centers
listed instead!**

Batteries

This program includes all portable batteries (generally, anything under 11 lbs. and 300 watt-hours capacity) and medium-format batteries (11-25 lbs. and 300-2,000 watt-hours capacity, which includes most e-bike and lawnmower batteries). Not all locations will accept medium-format batteries. The program does not cover automotive/vehicle batteries (return to any retailer of vehicle batteries), large emergency backup batteries (take to any metal scrap facility) or electric vehicle batteries (auto-salvage companies).

The Battery Network, the nonprofit organizing the program, is working with local governments and retail partners to set up a recycling network for batteries.

Kane County's Fabyan Parkway Recycling Center is now accepting loose small and medium format batteries for recycling at no cost. Visitors should separate out any damaged (puffy or swollen) lithium-ion batteries and point them out to the attendant for appropriate handling.

In the northern part of the County, Elgin Township is continuing its battery recycling program for all battery types with drop-off kiosks at the Township highway garage (725 S. McLean Blvd.), Pingree Grove Fire Station (39W160 Plank Rd.), Elgin Fire Station 2 (650 Big Timber Rd.), and Elgin Fire District Annex (8N709 Stevens Rd.)

Many Home Depot and Lowe's locations throughout the state are also expanding existing rechargeable battery recycling programs to include single use batteries as well. We recommend asking your local store what types of batteries they accept before bringing them in. Large quantities are better brought to one of the County or Township locations discussed above or to a County recycling event (see p. 5).

The most current directory of drop-offs throughout the state is maintained by The Battery Network.

Visit [batterynetwork.org/illinois](https://www.batterynetwork.org/illinois) or use the QR code to find addresses or call 630-208-3841 for assistance.



Curbside Recycling Guidelines – YES!

Feed your recycling cart these things;
Just make sure all containers are empty

Metal Food & Beverage Containers; Clean Foil



Household Paper & Carboard (Flattened)



Yum!

Paper Cups & Cartons



Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Jugs & Jars
(Caps and Lids On)



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Lids On)



Questions?

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recycle@kanecountyil.gov

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Curbside Recycling Guidelines – NO!

Don't feed your recycling cart these things; They make a mess and can harm facility workers



Batteries & Electronics



Clothing & Textiles



Food, Sanitary Items & Sharps



No thanks!



Shredded Paper



Film & Flexible Plastics



Cords, Wires & Tangles



Learn the best way to dispose of just about anything with **Recycle Coach** at bit.ly/Curbside-Recycling-Guidelines



In the Loop With Loop!

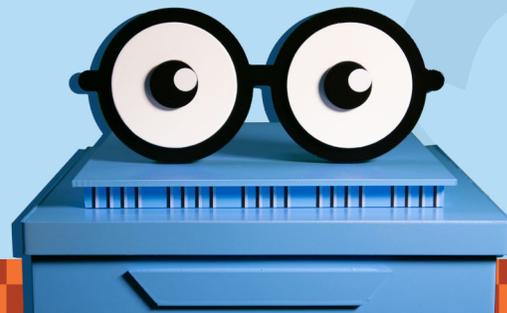
Loop is the spokes-cart of the Feed the Cart campaign, the result of a collaboration that started in fall 2022 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced funding opportunities under the Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program. The partnership draws on the recycling expertise of recycling program coordinators and managers from DuPage, Kane, McHenry and Will counties; the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County; and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. The grant application and overall effort were pulled together through the organizing superpowers of the nonprofit Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Since the project was funded, we've added even more partners, including the City of Chicago and Recycle Coach, and have retained paid services from SCS Engineers to wrangle before-and-after data and GÜD Marketing for creative design and implementation.

Feed the Cart is a multimedia marketing campaign with a primary goal of getting people excited about recycling — and, ultimately, recycling more and better. It is the largest campaign of this kind in state history. The first wave, which began in fall 2025, involved Loop's debut on billboards and social media, as well as a campaign website (FeedTheCart.org). Over the coming year, Loop will be available in the plastic flesh for community events (tables, parades, demos — you name it!)

Want to see Loop near you?

Start with the Kane County recycling coordinator — recycle@kanecountyil.gov or 630-208-3841.

The goal is that Feed the Cart will produce a measurable bump in recycling rates and a higher-quality recycling stream across the region. We're collecting data with help from our regional waste companies to see how we measure up. *Stay tuned for results!*



Check it out at bit.ly/Curbside-Recycling-Guidelines, scan the QR code or download it from your chosen app store.

Download the Mobile Recycling App

Kane County now has access to a full database of reuse, recycling and disposal advice for just about every situation through **Recycle Coach**, a mobile app and desktop web tool.

It has many cool features, including a collection calendar and educational tools. The real “brains” of Recycle Coach is the What Goes Where tool, which allows users to search thousands of household materials they may need to get rid of. Mobile app users can even search using a photo! Once the right item is found, the user is given information about whether that item has reuse or donation potential, whether it can be recycled curbside, taken to a specialized drop-off or event, or whether it is best disposed of in the trash. All the content in What Goes Where was written and is maintained by the Kane County recycling coordinator, so the tool is local and current.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Directory

Here are options for some of the most-asked-about hard-to-recycle items, in alphabetic order:

A

Aerosol Cans: Empty cans that held nonhazardous products (food, shaving cream, etc.) can go in curbside recycling. All aerosols are accepted for \$2 per item at our Batavia recycling center (p. 3) and at Flat Can Recycling (732 Hicks Drive, Elburn). Aerosols are also accepted through HHW programs (p. 6).

Appliances: Household appliances are great candidates for repair or reuse. Collect a few quotes for fixing broken appliances before settling on replacement. If you're upgrading a working appliance, sell or donate the old one. Many thrift stores accept small appliances in working order. Habitat for Humanity ReStore (800 N. State St., Elgin, and 868 Route 59, Naperville) accepts both small and larger items.

Kane County Recycling Centers accept kitchen electrics and appliances without refrigerants for recycling. Our pop-ups and the West Dundee site accept small appliances (microwaves are the largest item accepted at West Dundee). The Fabyan Parkway site can accept larger refrigerant-free items like washing machines and dishwashers.

Federal law requires the recovery of refrigerant chemicals from appliances like A/C units, fridges, freezers and dehumidifiers prior to recycling. These items are most easily and cheaply disposed of curbside as "white goods" (call your hauler — back cover). Elgin Recycling (660 Schiller St., Elgin, and 161 Center Drive, Gilberts) accepts drop-off of these items with a fee for refrigerant reclamation. Call 847-741-4100 for pricing.

Arts & Craft Supplies: Accepted at our Fabyan Parkway site to benefit local nonprofits. Association for Individual Development in Aurora also accepts art supplies directly — call 847-931-2292. Chain thrift stores also accept art supplies in good condition.

B

Batteries: Fabyan Parkway Recycling Center, as well as Home Depot and Lowe's locations (p. 7). Don't put them in your recycling or trash carts.

Books: Reuse is best for fiction and current nonfiction. Donate to your public library book sale, a Little Free Library, a church, a day care center or a thrift store — or sell/trade books online. Kane County takes books for

recycling at our pop-up events and at the Fabyan and West Dundee Recycling Centers. No spiral or comb bindings, please!

C

Child Care Gear: Reuse is best for items such as high chairs, strollers, baby bathtubs and playpens. Once Upon a Child, with locations in Elgin and Aurora, will buy items in good condition for resale. Car seats and certain items not in condition for reuse are recyclable at special drop-offs. Our Fabyan and West Dundee Recycling Centers take car seats, boosters, strollers and plastic frame high chairs for a fee of \$15 per item.

Clothing, Shoes, Apparel: If it's not possible to have ill-fitting or slightly damaged items repaired or tailored to keep them in your closet longer, sell or donate them locally. Clothing, apparel and home textiles brought to Kane County Recycling Centers and events are sold to benefit eWorks' job skills training programs for developmentally disabled students. The program accepts items in both good and poor condition, including those that wouldn't normally be reused such as bedding and underwear, as long as everything is clean and dry.

Construction/Remodeling

Debris: Surplus building materials and fixtures in good condition should be sold or donated. Try local online marketplaces or donate them to Habitat for Humanity ReStore (800 N. State St., Elgin, and 868 Route 59, Naperville).

Nonreusable debris includes scrap wood, used flooring, broken brick and landscaping pavement, drywall, pipes, plate glass, insulation and old fixtures. For small projects generating less than a couple of cubic yards of debris, it is usually easiest to dispose of material in regular trash, following hauler requirements for bulk items. For moderately sized DIY projects, renting a small roll-off dumpster may make the most sense. Drop-off facilities that specialize in processing construction debris primarily serve only commercial customers and charge by the ton. Locations include ARC, 213 Mettel Road, Aurora, 847-776-1500; LRS, 1655 Powis Road, West Chicago, 630-377-7000; and MMM, 370 S. Briar Hill Road, Hampshire, 847-426-6354.

Cosmetics Packaging: The beauty chains Sephora, Ulta and Nordstrom Rack provide in-store drop boxes for empty and clean cosmetics packaging through a nonprofit called Pact Collective. Empty cosmetic jars and rigid bottles larger than 2" across can be recycled curbside too.

D

Discs and Tapes: Commercially recorded CDs and DVDs in playable condition can often be sold or donated to thrift stores. Tapes and home-recorded items are more challenging. One location accepting these items for recycling is AVA Recycling, 135 Laura Drive, Addison. There is a fee per pound — call 847-397-2900 for info. GreenDisk (GreenDisk.com) accepts these items by mail for a modest fee.

E

Exercise Equipment:

Reuse or repair is best! For working unwanted equipment, try local online marketplaces or donation. Association for Individual Development in Aurora accepts working treadmills and stationary bikes — call 847-931-2292 for info. Cash For Treadmills/Hydra Fitness Exchange (CashForTreadmills.com) is a Chicago-area company that buys gently used equipment and parts. Worn-out equipment generally goes in the trash. Call your waste hauler (back cover) about bulk item pickup. The Fabyan Parkway Recycling Center or any metal scrap facility takes items like free weights, pull-up bars and metal machine components. Kane County Recycling Centers do not accept whole exercise machines.

F

Food/Food Scrap: The most sustainable and budget-friendly thing to do is buy carefully and monitor what actually gets eaten at your house to avoid overbuying. Pantries usually accept donations of surplus nonperishable food items in sealed packaging, as well as unspoiled produce and perishables.

Some degree of food waste is inevitable, and the best thing to do when it happens is to compost, typically either in the backyard or indoors with a worm bin. Other options include subscribing to a special collection service

(the Chicago-based food scrap hauling company Urban Canopy currently includes the southeastern portion of Kane County in its residential service area), taking advantage of seasonal options to mix food waste with yard waste for curbside collection (not available in all communities) and using drop-offs. Pushing the Envelope Farm (1800 Averill Road, Geneva) and Midwest Compost (1320 Spaulding Road, Elgin, and 1195 W. Washington St., West Chicago) accept plant-based food scraps for composting (no compostable packaging, please). We plan to pilot food scrap collection at the Fabyan Parkway Recycling Center later this year — stay tuned for details!

Furniture: Reuse is best for items in decent condition. Maybe you can revitalize a slightly shabby piece with new paint, stain or upholstery. Or try selling items through local online marketplaces or a garage sale, or donate them. Habitat for Humanity ReStore (800 N. State St., Elgin, and 868 Route 59, Naperville), Wayside Cross (215 E. New York St., Aurora) and St. Vincent de Paul (911 Sullivan Road, Aurora) take used furniture and may offer pickup. Junk hauling companies sometimes also facilitate furniture donation. Worn-out and broken furniture generally goes in the trash — call your hauler (back cover) about bulk item pickup. Kane County Recycling Centers do not accept furniture other than fully metal items at the Fabyan Parkway location only.

L

Light Bulbs: The Kane County Recycling Program continues to support free collection of fluorescent and LED bulbs and tubes for recycling at the Ace Hardware located at 617 W. State St., Geneva. Bulbs are also accepted for recycling at all Batteries Plus locations (fees may apply — call nearest store for details). Home Depot and Lowe's locations accept compact fluorescent bulbs only. Incandescent and halogen bulbs are not hazardous but are nonrecyclable and can go in regular trash.

DID YOU KNOW: A new Illinois law banned the sale of compact fluorescent bulbs starting on Jan. 1, 2026. LEDs are now the safest and most energy-efficient choice.

M

Mattresses & Box Springs:

A like-new item may be sold or given away online. Most thrift shops and charities do not take used mattresses. Companies that specialize in mattress collection for recycling include Bedder World (ABedderWorld.com, 720-263-6094) and Mattress Disposal Plus (MattressDisposalPlus.com, 877-708-8329). Nonspecialized junk removal companies will also collect mattresses and send them for recycling when possible. The least expensive disposal option is usually curbside disposal through your regular waste hauler (back cover). Call your hauler for details and requirements.

Medications: A significant network of law enforcement departments and pharmacies accept prescription and over-the-counter drugs for safe disposal through a manufacturer-funded program. See MedTakebackIllinois.org for the directory of locations.

Motor Oil: It is illegal to put motor oil in regular trash or to pour it into sewers, plumbing or drains. It is accepted through HHW programs (p. 6). Many chain auto parts stores accept residential quantities of used oil for little or no cost.

P

Plastic Bags and Films: Avoid single-use carrier bags by choosing reusable bags or boxes when you shop. However, households can still accumulate a lot of film plastic from food packaging, shipping materials, case and package wrap, etc. These items are best dropped off at retail locations. Area chains that participate in the NexTrex program to collect plastic film for use in composite decking include Fresh Thyme, Goodwill, Jewel-Osco, Kohl's, Mariano's, Meijer and Save-a-Lot. *Please do not put any plastic bags or flexible plastic items in your regular recycling cart!*

Printer Cartridges: Kane County accepts inkjet cartridges at the Fabyan Parkway Recycling Center kiosk. No toner cartridges please! OfficeMax stores (321 N. Randall Road, Batavia, and 3070 Route 34, Oswego) accept toner and ink cartridges from home office printers.

S

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide

Detectors: Kane County is working with Flat Can Recycling and eWorks to collect and recycle these items at our Fabyan and West Dundee Recycling Centers. There is a fee of \$2 per item to recycle.

Styrofoam and Other Foam

Packaging: There are two recycling drop-offs in the County for Styrofoam. Dart Container at 310 Evergreen Drive, North Aurora, has a recycling vestibule that accepts packaging foam (marked #6 plastic) and clean, bagged takeout containers and cups 24/7. Chicago Logistics Service at 701 Wesemann Drive, West Dundee, accepts packaging foam, clean takeout containers and containerized foam packing peanuts. Drop-off is at rear dock door 109 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; call 847-429-1926 for assistance. Other flexible plastic foams are not readily recyclable. If you can bend a piece of foam packaging and it doesn't break or crack, it is not Styrofoam and should go in regular trash.

Flexible plastics get stuck in my teeth. Don't feed them to me — drop them off at retail locations instead!



Sustain Kane

Conserve Water for Kane

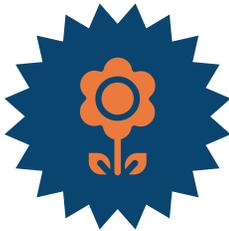


Eligible County residents may apply for a rebate for the purchase and installation of a U.S. EPA **WaterSense-labeled high-efficiency toilet**. Learn more about this opportunity and access other resources for using water more efficiently at [conservewaterforkane.org](https://www.conservewaterforkane.org) or scan the QR code.



EPA's **WaterSense program** webpage ([epa.gov/watersense](https://www.epa.gov/watersense)) has more helpful tips on how to conserve water at the household level.

County residents with **sprinkler systems** that result in high summer water bills are invited to participate in a pilot program to receive a control system that optimizes watering based on real-time weather data and site-specific conditions. Contact HinshawSarra@kanecountyil.gov if you are interested in participating.



Climate Action and Energy Conservation

In June 2024, the Kane County Board adopted the County's first **Climate Action Implementation Plan (CAIP)**. The plan, which recommends more than 250 actions, educates residents on the escalating challenges from climate change while directing County staff to secure funding for projects that address our vulnerability to these risks. If you'd like to learn more about the County's efforts or assist staff with implementing CAIP actions, please contact HinshawSarra@kanecountyil.gov or call 630-444-3157.

Nicor Gas is offering its customers several rebate opportunities to help save money on utility bills in 2026:

- \$500 rebate for sealing air leaks.
- \$400 for adding attic insulation.
- \$100-\$125 back on each high-performance window installed, up to \$3,000.

For more information on how to qualify, visit [nicorgas.com](https://www.nicorgas.com) or call 877-886-4239.

Kane County's Sustainability Program is offering a rebate to County farmers for weatherization of their homes. Weatherization activities such as window sealing and attic insulation can earn up to \$800 in rebates on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is spent. For more information, call 630-444-3457.



Mail-In Recycling

Almost all consumer products are theoretically recyclable. However, complex products made from multiple materials usually cost more to recycle than the recovered material is worth. TerraCycle, probably the first and certainly the largest mail-in recycling company in the U.S., works with a broad range of hard-to-recycle materials, from coffee pods to toys. The company recently opened a distribution and logistics facility in Aurora at the old Pratt Building (401 S. Highland Ave.). While it does not function as a drop-off facility, Illinois customers likely have their orders processed, packed and shipped by employees there. Explore brand-funded opportunities and browse zero waste kits at TerraCycle.com.

Ridwell, a more recent entry to the mail-in recycling space, focuses on a narrower set of materials — primarily flexible plastic packaging. Ridwell starter kits are available to purchase online (Ridwell.com) and at the Shedd Aquarium's gift shop.

Green Disk (GreenDisk.com), another specialized company, accepts and processes only old media and items like CDs, DVDs, tapes, video game cartridges, printer cartridges, etc.

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Mailing List

If you are not already on our mailing list and would like a copy of future Green Guides mailed to you, please call 630-208-3841 or email recycle@kanecountyil.gov to be added.



Feedback Welcome

The content of this guide was developed by the Kane County Department of Environmental & Water Resources. Please direct any questions or comments to 630-208-3841 or recycle@kanecountyil.gov.

All listings of private reuse and recycling services and businesses are illustrative and do not constitute County endorsement.

All information in this guide is believed to be accurate and up to date at the time of printing. The most up-to-date information is always available at kanecountyil.gov/recycling.

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Curbside Waste Collection Contacts

East Dundee, Village of Hampshire or Pingree Grove
Hauler: Flood Brothers
Call: 630-231-0578

Algonquin
Hauler: Groot (east district)
Call: 847-734-6400

Aurora, City of Batavia, North Aurora or Big Rock
Hauler: Groot (southwest district)
Call: 630-892-9294

Bartlett, Village of Burlington, Carpentersville, Elgin Township, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin or West Dundee
Hauler: Groot (north district)
Call: 847-429-7370

Blackberry Township, Campton Hills, Campton Township, Elburn, City of Elgin, City of Geneva, Kaneville, Mill Creek SSA, Montgomery, Plato Township, City of St. Charles, Sugar Grove or Virgil Township
Hauler: LRS
Call: 844-633-3577

Gilberts
Hauler: MDC
Call: 815-568-7274

Maple Park, Prestbury or Sun City by Del Webb
Hauler: WM
Call: 800-964-8988



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