



# Kane County RECYCLES

Green Guide

2017

Kane County Division of Environmental Resources

This annual guide is now published in January instead of April.



### 2017 Event Dates:

- Apr 1\*** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Latex Paint
- May 13** - Electronics and Books
- Jun 10** - Electronics and Books
- Jul 8** - EXTRAVAGANZA
- Aug 12** - Electronics and Books
- Sept 9** - Electronics and Books
- Oct 14** - Electronics and Books
- Nov 11** - Electronics, Books, Doc Shred, Latex Paint

See page 2 for details on above events.

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**Kane County Recycles Website:**  
[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)

## Electronics Recycling Rollercoaster

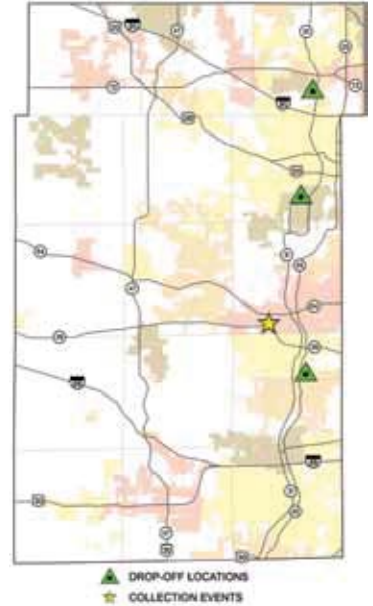
Dear Kane County Residents,

It was a tough year for Electronics Recycling in Illinois and Kane County was no exception. A tsunami of TVs coming in for recycling overwhelmed the Kane County drop-off locations, the last of which closed their doors in April of 2016. When the County announced that its electronics recycler would soon charge residents for TV recycling, thousands came to get their TVs in for free at spring events, causing unmanageable line-ups and forcing the temporary suspension of the program in mid-2016.

The fantastic news is that we again have 3 drop-off locations throughout Kane County - open 5 days a week, 8 hours a day - and 2017 events are scheduled (see left). Most electronic items are still FREE to drop-off, but there is a fee for TVs and Monitors due to the high cost of recycling the hazardous materials they contain.

Thank you for spreading the word about this great service and for responsibly recycling your electronics.

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 S.S.A., St. Charles, Prestbury
DC Trash of Illinois	815-758-7274	Virgil Township
Flood Brothers Disposal Co	630-261-0578	East Dundee, Pingree Grove
Groot Industries	800-244-1977 for 877-775-1200 for	Algonquin Big Rock
MDC Environmental Services	815-568-7274	Gilberts, Huntley
Republic Services	630-892-9294	Aurora, Burlington, Carpentersville, Montgomery, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, West Dundee, Elgin Township
Waste Management	800-964-8988	Elburn, Elgin, Hampshire, Kaneville, Maple Park, North Aurora, Sugar Grove, Sun City/Del Webb, Campton & Plato Townships

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/LicensedHaulers.pdf>

# Kane County Recycling Events

All Kane County events are for Kane County residents only. **NO BUSINESSES.**

In 2016,  
Kane County  
residents recycled  
over  
1 million pounds  
of electronics!

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

**Hours:** 8 am – 12 noon

**Apr 1\*** - electronics, books, shredding and latex paint

**May 13** - electronics, books

**Jun 10** - electronics, books

**Jul 8** - Annual EXTRAVAGANZA

**Aug 12** - electronics, books

**Sept 9** - electronics, books

**Oct 14** - electronics, books

**Nov 11** - electronics, books, shredding and latex paint

\*The April event is on the 1st Saturday of the month, no joke! The rest of the events are on the 2nd Saturday of the listed months as always.

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**We unload for you:** Please stay in your car if possible.

**Books:** Books can be of any age, in any condition, either paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse and redistributed if possible. Otherwise they are sent for recycling, having the bindings cut off and all paper recycled.

**Document Shredding:** Free confidential document shredding on specific dates listed above.

- 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 REMOVE all binder clips, three-ring plastic binders and any larger metal pieces.
- 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.**

**Electronics:** See list of acceptable and non-acceptable items on page 3. All data stored on computer hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed under the highest security (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements), so there is no need to wipe your drives before recycling at this event.

**EXTRAVAGANZA:** At the annual extravaganza we take Electronics; Books; Bikes, parts, & helmets; Wheel chairs & crutches; 4-foot fluorescent tubes; Styrofoam blocks, Liquid latex paint (per-can fee applies, see below), and we offer free Confidential document shredding. Check online in May for a full updated list.

**Latex Paint Recycling:** Liquid Latex Paint recycling (no oil paint) on specific dates listed above.

- Latex paint has a recycling fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or check (Quart \$2; Gallon \$3.50; 5-gallon \$10)
- No oil-based product will be accepted. See page 4 for oil paint disposal.
- 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!
- See page 3 for more options on latex paint disposal.

**Winter break:** Due to logistical difficulties and health risks associated with operating an outdoor event in extreme weather, at the time of printing there are no collection events planned for February, March, or December of 2017. Thank you for your understanding.

## Things Change

At Kane County Recycles, we do our best to provide accurate information on our programs, but things do change. Because this printed guide is an annual publication, it can have outdated information in it before the new guide comes out. It is because of this that we encourage you to always look on the website for the most current information.

## Mailing list:

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



Book Recycling by  
Pacesetter Books



On-site document  
shredding truck



Electronics Recycling by  
eWorks Electronics Services



Latex Paint recycling by  
Earth Paint Collection Systems

## Electronic Items Accepted



### Accepted for Free

- Cable & Satellite Receivers
- Cable & Satellite Receivers • Cables & Cords
- Cell Phones / PDAs • Christmas Lights
- Circuit Boards • Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs, computer batteries)
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Digital Recorders • DVD Players
- Fax Machines • Hard Drives
- Holiday Lights • Keyboards • Mice
- Phones • Portable Digital Music Players
- Printers • Scanners • Small Scale Servers
- VCRs • Video Game Consoles



### Accepted for a Cost

- Monitors (all types, flat screen or glass tube) • TVs/Televisions (all types, all ages, flat screen or glass tube)

**Cost:** TVs and Monitors cost \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally across the screen) or \$35 (for screens 21" and over). Pay at site with cash or card or online (link available on electronics page of [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling)).

**Cost applies at EVENTS (see pg 2) and at DROP-OFFs (top right).**

### Not Accepted

- Small household appliances like vacuums and microwaves, toner cartridges, DVDs, Video and audio cassettes, and other items that are not on the list above, are no longer acceptable in this program due to the limitations being experienced in electronics recycling in Illinois. These items can be placed with trash for collection at the curb. This may change again in the future. Please check the website for the most current information.
- Large Household Appliances/White Goods (see A-Z list, Appliances)
- Batteries not contained in equipment (see pg 5)
- Household Hazardous Waste (see pg 4)
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (See A-Z list Fluorescent tube lights and Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs)

## Electronic Recycling Drop-offs

As of January 2017, these drop-off locations are open weekly during the hours listed below. The sites are staffed, so you will have assistance unloading equipment. Please visit [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) to confirm before visiting.

### Fabyan Parkway, Batavia

**Location:** 517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510

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

### South Elgin Old Public Works

**Location:** 735 Martin Drive, South Elgin, IL 60177

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

### West Dundee Public Works

**Location:** 900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, IL 60118

**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm (Note: hours are an hour earlier than other sites)

2017 Holiday Hours: closed Jan 16, May 29, Jul 4, Sept 4, Nov 23 & 24, Dec 25.

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This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler - eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities. You are helping a good cause.



## Electronics Recycling for Businesses

Please refer to the list of electronics recyclers that can help with your business needs at: [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) and click on Business Recycling.

## 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 accept for free full unused cans of latex paint for reuse. Or bring it to a Kane County recycling event, see pg 2. Per-can fee applies to both the drop-offs and event.

**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, metal 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.



# Household Hazardous Waste (H

## Free Residential HHW Drop-off

### Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

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](http://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, Large grill tanks only, no camping sized – see A-Z list pg 8)
- Solvents

## Items NOT Accepted

- Latex paint (see pg 3)
- Ammunition, explosives or fireworks
- 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 drop-off.

### Batavia Police Department

(City of Batavia Residents ONLY, no needles)  
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  
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/ 630-232-3535  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

### Huntley Police Department

10911 E. Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142  
847-515-5311  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm (except holidays)

### Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility

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

### Pingree Grove Police Department

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

### South Elgin Police Department

10 N. Water Street, South Elgin, IL 60177  
847-741-2151  
Event: last Sat. of each month; 9am-12noon

### 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, NO inhalers, 211 N Riverside Ave., St Charles, IL 60174 / 630-377-4435  
Hours: M-F 8am-12am; Sat 8am-4pm; Sun closed

### Sugar Grove Police Department

10 S Municipal Dr., Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
630-466-4526 Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm

## Business Quantity Hazardous Material

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

<b>Clean Harbors</b>	800-645-8265 • <a href="http://cleanharbors.com">cleanharbors.com</a>
<b>Heritage Environmental</b>	800-552-5986 • <a href="http://heritage-enviro.com">heritage-enviro.com</a>
<b>Veolia Environmental</b>	312-552-2800 • <a href="http://veoliaes.com/en.html">veoliaes.com/en.html</a>
<b>Safety-Kleen</b>	847-468-6600 • <a href="http://safety-kleen.com">safety-kleen.com</a>

# 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 entryway: 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 60538

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

### Village of Montgomery-Village Hall

200 N River Street Montgomery, IL 60538

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

### Batteries Plus

Elgin 847-289-8990

Aurora 630-820-4880

**Hours:** M-F 8a-8p; Sat 9a-7p; Sun 10a-5p

- Rechargeable are free to recycle
- Single use are \$1/lb to recycle



## 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](http://www.nasen.org)

**Stericycle Mailback Program**, Lake Forest, IL, 800-355-8773, [www.stericycle.com](http://www.stericycle.com)

**Waste Management MedWaste System**, 866-699-6466, [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)

## Used Motor Oil Recycling

**Oil only, may not be mixed with gas or antifreeze.**

### Drop-Off Locations

#### Auto Zone

1283 N Lake St., Aurora

630-966-8940

209 Randall Rd., South Elgin

847-429-1095

1690 Douglas Road, Montgomery

630-844-0475

Check your local Auto Zone!

#### 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

Super Lube, Aurora / 630-844-5099



### 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

**2016 Collection Events:** 4/2, 6/4, 8/6, 10/1

**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** - Household recycling, cardboard, containers, paper, etc.  
**Mulching** - Yard waste, branches, leaves  
**Landfilling** - Household garbage, treated lumber  
**Cost:** \$35 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](http://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](http://www.cityofelgin.org)  
**Hours:** M-F 6am-4pm, Sat 6-10:30am  
**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](http://www.paperretriever.com)) or call 1-800-874-1301, (x3).

**St. Charles – WestRock Paper Recycler**  
**Location:** 417 S 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174  
**Contact:** 630-443-3538  
**Hours:** M-F 7am-3:30pm  
**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](http://www.midwestcompostllc.com)  
**Hours:** M-F 7-4, Sat 7-12 (*mid-April to 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](mailto:timf7@yahoo.com)  
*(please email or call to give Tim an estimated arrival time)*  
**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 are used in winter for boiling maple sap.  
Food scraps (*no meat*).  
**Cost:** Free of charge  
**Also:** Fresh farm vegetables and eggs for sale in season

**Geneva – Pushing The Envelope Farm**  
**Location:** 33W699 Averill Road, Geneva, IL 60134  
**Contact:** 973-885-5391 (*please call*)  
**Hours:** M-F 9-5  
**Accepts:** Leaves, grass clippings, and other non-woody clippings (*no branches*). Larger tree limbs for firewood.  
Food Scraps (*no meat*). Old pumpkins!  
**Cost:** Free of charge

## 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](http://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](http://countyofkane.org/Recycling) click on "Construction and Demolition Recycling."*



## 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/](http://www.directmail.com/junk_mail/)

To choose which companies you receive mail from: Visit [www.dmchoice.org](http://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, Carnel, NY 10512

### Opt Out of Phone Books

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

### Stop Catalog Mailings

[www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)

# SUSTAIN KANE

economy • environment • people

Kane County continues to make progress in improving the economic, environmental, economic, and social sustainability of its government operations.

Sustainability efforts stretch across all County government operations—including reducing energy and water consumption at the County's two dozen facilities, revising purchasing procedures and contracts to make a shift toward using more eco-friendly products and services, and taking steps to make the County's fleet of nearly 300 vehicles more fuel-efficient.



Upgrading to LED bulbs in the pole lights at the Kane County Government Center reduced the electricity consumption of those fixtures by over 75%.

Here are some of Kane County government's achievements during 2016:

- Completed LED lighting upgrades at 8 County buildings.
- Made insulation and HVAC improvements to Kane County Animal Control to reduce energy consumption.
- Purchased a hybrid car for the Kane County Health Department, and several vehicles with Eco-Boost for other departments to reduce fuel consumption.
- Hosted a Bike to Work Challenge for County staff to promote alternative commuting options and employee wellness.
- Held a surplus office supply swap event for all County departments to reduce waste and save money on supply purchases.

Visit [www.countyofkane.org/sustainability](http://www.countyofkane.org/sustainability) to learn more about the greening of Kane County government.

## Backyard Composting

Food scraps and yard waste make up the largest portion of the waste stream. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills and benefits your yard by improving soil structure, texture, and fertility. It also increases the soil's ability to hold both water and air, and stimulates healthy root development in plants.

## Soil Saver Compost Bins

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

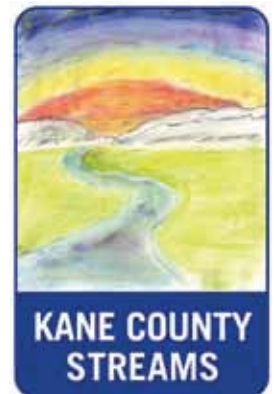
**Cost:** \$60.00 cash or check please, payable to Kane County Treasurer



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](http://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 Kane County Division of Environmental & Water Resources at 630-208-8665.

Kane County is also a partner in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **WaterSense** program. Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) to access educational tools and water savings calculators, or to find information on programs or rebates available for making water-saving improvements to your home or business.



During 2016, 42 new stream crossing signs were installed to build public awareness of Kane County's waterways



# A-Z

## Listing of Reuse & Recycle Opportunities in

**American Flags:** Ace Hardware, 1901 W Wilson, Batavia, 630-879-1330. VFW on 645 S River (Rt.25), Batavia, 630-879-9630. SCARCE\*.

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

**Appliances:** Small appliances are not currently accepted in the Electronics program and may be disposed of at the curb, see p 3. For disposal large appliances/white goods like washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and air-conditioners, please call your waste hauler (p 1) or the Crusher\*. If the appliance is reusable please take it to a thrift store or list it on Craigslist or Freecycle.

**Batteries:** See p 5.

**Bicycles:** See [workingbikes.org](http://workingbikes.org) for drop-off locations, or call 773-847-5440.

**Books:** See p 2. Also SCARCE\*.

**Bowling Balls:** SCARCE\*.

**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).

**Car seats:** Gurnee Police Station, 100 N. O'Plaine Rd, Gurnee, 847-599-7050. OR Falcon Waste and Recycling, 2 Kennedy Dr, Harvard, 815-334-8689, collected 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 9-11am, \$2 fee per car seat. OR BabyEarth RENEW Mail-in Recycling Program, 1-888-868-2897.

**Cars:** Contact nonprofit Wheels for Wishes at [illinois.wheelsforwishes.org](http://illinois.wheelsforwishes.org) or at 1-877-351-9474.

**Cell phones:** Batavia Public Library\*. SCARCE\*. Also see Electronics (p 2-3).

**CFLs - Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs:** Drop-boxes at most Home Depot, and other hardware stores. Call to confirm. Deliver used CFLs in a resealable plastic bag.

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

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

**Clothing:** See Textiles.

**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](http://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](http://www.scarcecoed.org). Or call Hopkins Grease Company at 847-458-1010, for information on times for drop-off at 9150 Pyott Road, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156. Or freeze it and put it in the trash on trash day (for landfill disposal)

**Corks:** Some locations of Whole Foods and Target, Call to ask. Also see [www.recork.org](http://www.recork.org) to find restaurants with drop boxes.

**Couches:** See Furniture.

**Crayons:** SCARCE\*.

**Crutches:** Working Bikes also takes mobility devices. See [workingbikes.org](http://workingbikes.org) or call 773-847-5440. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

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

**Document Shredding:** See p 2.

**Electronics:** See p 2-3.

**Eye glasses:** Batavia Public Library\*. SCARCE\*. Lions Club Drop Boxes, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), 630-571-5466.

**Fire extinguishers:** See HHW (p 4).

**Fluorescent tube lights:** Geneva Ace Hardware, 617 W State St, 630-208-6600. 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 Craigslist or Freecycle.

**Gardening plant pots, plastic 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](http://craigslist.org) or [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) to list unwanted items



# Kane County and Beyond

**Holiday Lights:** See Electronics (p.2-3).

**Inkjet cartridges/ Toner cartridges:** 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 (p 6).

**Latex Paint:** See p 3.

**Light bulbs (incandescent):** not recyclable, trash.

**Magazines:** Reuse - SCARCE\*. (takes National Geographic only). Recycling - Place in household recycling. Large quantities can also be brought to the monthly event and recycled with books (p 2).

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

**Medications:** See p 4.

**Mercury thermostats:** See HHW (p 4).

**Metal:** There are many Scrap Metal Recycling facilities on the online Drop-off list at [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling).

**Motor Oil:** See p 5.

**Musical Instruments:** SCARCE\*.

**Needles:** See p 5.

**Office, art and craft supplies:** SCARCE\*.

**Oil:** See Motor Oil or Cooking Oil.

**Oxygen tanks:** Full or Empty: The Crusher\*

**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](http://www.epspackaging.org), 800-828-2214.

**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):** Small camp sized propane cylinders and 30-gallon sized tanks: The Crusher\*. 30-gallon sized tanks only: Naperville HHW (p 4). Naperville does not accept small camp sized tanks.

## Can't find your item here?

See [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) for the full A-Z list  
Or try [earth911.com](http://earth911.com)

**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. Also refrigerators can be taken to The Crusher\*. Also, check with your local electric utility for rebate takeback programs.

**Sharps:** See p 5.

**Shingles (Roofing):** See Construction and Demolition Debris.

**Shoes:** USAgain recycles clothes and shoes. See [www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com) for a drop-box near you. Also see: [www.shoe4africa.org](http://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.

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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 & toner cartridges.

**The Crusher** 651 W Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185, [theautocrusher.com](http://theautocrusher.com), 630-231-6888.

**Accepts:** appliances, air conditioners, cars, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers, freezers, lawn mowers, propane tanks (*all sizes*), refrigerators, & scrap metal. For large loads, please make an appointment.

**SCARCE** 799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn, [scarce.org](http://scarce.org), 630-545-9710.

**Accepts:** art supplies, books, buttons, cell phones, crayons, flags, keys, musical instruments, office & school supplies, Brita water filters, 35mm canisters w/ lids, sewing supplies, yarn, fabric, bowling balls, small pieces of scrap metal, and more. Check website or call.

# 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) No lids.
  - **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](http://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



## Things Change:

This is an annual guide published once a year. Please always refer to the website for the most updated and accurate information!  
[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)



## Kane County Connects

Please sign up for the Kane County Connects newsletter, which includes a bi-monthly Recycling Tip based on questions from residents. To get connected go to [countyofkane.org](http://countyofkane.org), click on Kane County Connects Newsletter Signup, bookmark our blog at [KaneCountyConnects.com](http://KaneCountyConnects.com), and like us on Facebook at Kane County Connects.

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

Thank you.



## A-Z Listing *continued from page 9*

### **Styrofoam, polystyrene, styrene:**

Dart Container Corp, 310 Evergreen Dr., North Aurora, 630-896-4631, [www.dart.biz](http://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 (p 9) for Packing Peanuts. Also see Extravaganza (p 2).

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

**Syringes:** See p 5.

**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](http://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.

\*See page 9.

**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.

**Tyvek:** Recycle quantities of plastic mailer envelopes, banners, and signs at Tyvek Recycle. Contact Sheree Hardin 804-518-2905.

**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, [www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm](http://www.xrayfilmsrecycling.com/pick-up-rates/Chicago-Illinois.htm). Drop-off: Cardinal Recycling, Co., 815-416-1500, [www.cardinalrecycling.com/services.html](http://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).