

## McHenry County College Sustainability Center

### A to Z Guide

#### Recycling Directory

Please note: the following categories are not found here: Paint; Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs); Fluorescent Bulbs; Motor oil; Tires; Electronics, TVs and Computers; Appliances; Batteries; Household Hazardous Waste, Medications and Drop Off Centers. They can be found in the 2019-20 Green Guide located at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green).

Any questions? Please call the McHenry County College Sustainability Center at (815) 479-7765.

#### ACORNS

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County  
(815) 337-9502 [www.conservemc.org](http://www.conservemc.org)

#### AEROSOL CANS, EMPTY

See local garbage hauler or Recycling Drop-off Centers

#### AEROSOL PAINTS & PESTICIDES

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

#### AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

#### AIR CONDITIONERS

NOTE: PROOF OF PROPER FREON REMOVAL MAY BE REQUIRED. CALL AHEAD FOR DETAILS.

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com) With Proof of Proper Removal

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Fee. Call first.

Wahl Appliance Center – Harvard  
(815) 385-1872 Fee for Freon removal.  
7307 Maxon Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

### ALUMINUM CANS AND SCRAP

Also see local garbage hauler, Recycling Drop-off Centers & Metal, Non-Ferrous

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County  
(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)  
The Defenders are **no longer** hosting monthly recycling drives. However, they are participating in 4 residential recycling dates throughout the year. Check the Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green) for information on those dates.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconggreenresources.com](http://www.falconggreenresources.com) Fee. Call first.

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 [www.tandcmetalco.com](http://www.tandcmetalco.com)

### ALUMINUM FOIL & TRAYS

See local garbage hauler, Recycling Drop-off Centers & Metals, Non-ferrous

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconggreenresources.com](http://www.falconggreenresources.com) Fee. Call first.

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 [www.tandcmetalco.com](http://www.tandcmetalco.com)

Elgin Recycling – Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

### AMMUNITION

Behr Woodstock – Woodstock (Fired Shells Only)  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com) Accepts brass, steel, and aluminum. Call for quote.

Second Amendment Sports – McHenry  
(815) 385-5522 [www.secondamendsports.com](http://www.secondamendsports.com)

Call your local police department

### ANTI-FREEZE

Algonquin Lube Express – Algonquin  
(847) 458-8800 During business hours only.

Auto Tech Centers, Inc  
- 4005 W. Elm Street, McHenry; (815) 385-7300  
- 7101 Virginia Rd., Crystal Lake; (815) 459-7300  
- 681 S Eastwood Dr., Woodstock; (815) 338-5700  
- 10370 Route 47, Huntley; (847) 802-4051

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake  
(815) 455-4030 5 gallon quantities during business hours.

McHenry Lube Express – McHenry  
(815) 344-4443 During business hours only.

Northtown Auto Service & Tire Center  
(815) 363-2886 [www.northtownautoservice.com](http://www.northtownautoservice.com)  
Drop off during business hours only. Reserve right to limit or refuse products.

Also see the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## APPLIANCES (LARGE AND SMALL)

See the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## ASPHALT

Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills

(630) 497-8700 [www.bluffcitymaterials.com](http://www.bluffcitymaterials.com) Accepts clean, broken asphalt with fee.  
\$60/load – accepted loads from 4-wheelers, 6-wheelers, or semi-trucks

Curran Contracting Company – [www.currancontracting.com](http://www.currancontracting.com)

(815) 739-1445; McHenry  
(815) 455-5100; Crystal Lake

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Geske & Sons, Inc. – Crystal Lake

(815) 459-1671 [lori@geskeasphalt.com](mailto:lori@geskeasphalt.com)

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 Clean only. No Fee  
Accepts asphalt, concrete, and construction and demolition debris (fee)

## AUTOMOBILES, MOTORCYCLES, TRUCKS, VANS, OTHER VEHICLES AND PARTS

American Lung Association

(800) 586-4227 [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org) Will tow at no charge. Also take RV's and Motorhomes

B&O Used Auto – Sycamore

(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com) Must have title and be fully decommissioned

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com) Vehicle parts only

Habitat for Humanity - Lake County ReStore

(847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org/restore](http://www.habitatlc.org/restore) Call first. No pickup in McHenry County.

Home of the Sparrow – McHenry

(815) 271-5444 Vehicles in good working condition. Call first.

National Kidney Foundation

(800) 488-2277 [www.kidney.org/support/kidneycars](http://www.kidney.org/support/kidneycars)

Route 12 Used Auto Parts & Salvage, Inc.

(815) 675-6661 [www.route12autoparts.com](http://www.route12autoparts.com)

1997 or later only. No motorcycles.

Route 14 Used Auto Parts

(815) 338-2800 [www.rt14.com](http://www.rt14.com)

14020 Washington, Woodstock, IL 60098

Illinois Green Certified Automotive Recycler.

All automotive related materials from whole car and truck units.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, McHenry County Parishes

(800) 322-8284 [www.svdpusa.com](http://www.svdpusa.com)

Used vehicles of any kind (cars, golf carts, campers, etc.) Funds raised are used to help the needy in the donor's zip code

### **BATTERIES: LEAD ACID (CAR BATTERY), CELLULAR, HOUSEHOLD ALKALINE & RECHARGEABLE**

See the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### **BICYCLES**

McHenry County Bicycle Advocates

3502 S. Kilkenny Dr., Crystal Lake

(815) 790-0125 [www.mcbicyleadvocates.org](http://www.mcbicyleadvocates.org)

Takes used bicycles and repair for distribution to people in need of transportation.

Salvation Army Pick ups

(847) 662-7730 [www.usc.salvationarmy.org](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org) In good condition.

Working Bikes

(773) 847-5440 [www.workingbikes.org](http://www.workingbikes.org)

To donate at one of fifty drop off locations, visit their website or call to schedule a pick up.

Accepts bikes in any condition, wheelchairs, crutches, and sewing machines.

## BICYCLE CHAINS

Resource Revival

(800) 866-8823 [www.resourcerevival.com/pages/recycle-your-bike-chain](http://www.resourcerevival.com/pages/recycle-your-bike-chain)

Bicycle chains only – free shipping. Check website for details.

Working Bikes

(773) 847-5440 [www.workingbikes.org](http://www.workingbikes.org)

## BICYCLE INNER TUBES

Alchemy Goods

(206) 484-9469 Ext. 3 [www.alchemygoods.com](http://www.alchemygoods.com)

Pre-paid shipping for inner tubes. Call first.

## BINOCULARS

American Birding Association

(800) 850-2473 ext. 240 [www.aba.org](http://www.aba.org)

4945 N 30th St, Suite #200

Colorado Springs, CO 80919

## BLACK TOP DRIVEWAY SEALER

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## BLANKETS

Also See Resale Shops – page 43

Helping Paws Animal Shelter – Woodstock

(815) 338-4400 [www.helpingpaws.net](http://www.helpingpaws.net)

2500 Harding Ln, Woodstock, IL 60098

Also accept towels, newspaper,

dog and cat toys, tennis balls, and aluminum cans.

McHenry County Animal Control – Crystal Lake

(815) 459-6222 Ext. 0 [www.co.mchenry.il.us](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us)

100 N Virginia St. Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Also accept towels, newspaper, dog and cat toys,

tennis balls, and aluminum cans.

## BOATS

American Lung Association

(888) 300-5864 [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling

(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com) Fee.

## BOOKS

Aid Assoc. for Lutherans Drop Off

(815) 385-2853

At Zion Lutheran Church (next to Jewel)

Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

Drop off book deposit box for children's & young adult books (in good condition).

No magazines please. RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Books for Africa

(651) 602-9844 [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org)

Clothing Closet for McHenry County

(815) 338-5316

Environmental Defenders' Green Spot

(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)

110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock

Donations of books, CDs, and DVD's in sellable condition accepted during office hours or use drop box in front of building

International Book Project

(859) 254-6771 [www.internationalbookproject.org](http://www.internationalbookproject.org)

All types of gently used books, text should be 10 years old or newer.

On Angels' Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake

(815) 356-8170 [www.onangelswings.org](http://www.onangelswings.org)

Operation Paperback

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

Operates like a virtual library with over 400,000 books. Send a book to someone, and receive one back for free.

SCARCE Book Rescue

(630) 545-9710 [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org)

Take donations of all types of books.

Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores

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

(847) 458-2420 Algonquin

(847) 639-4082 Cary

(815) 363-6008 McHenry

(815) 206-5070 Woodstock

Thrift Books

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

Walking Together Resale Shop

(847) 458-8958 [www.saintmargaretmary.org/walkingtogether.html](http://www.saintmargaretmary.org/walkingtogether.html)

Thrift Books

[www.thriftbooks.com](http://www.thriftbooks.com) Campus Book Drives

**BOXES**

See Cardboard or Wood – page 10/56

**BRASS**

See Metal, Non-ferrous – page 36

**BRICKS**

Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills

(630) 497-8700 [www.bluffcitymaterials.com](http://www.bluffcitymaterials.com)

**BRONZE**

See Metal, Non-ferrous – page 36

**BRUSH DROP-OFF SITES**

Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL  
NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



DeKalb County Landfill Compost Facility

(815) 758-6906

18370 Somonauk Rd., DeKalb

Yard waste cannot be contaminated. Fees. Compost available for purchase.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call for fee

McHenry Township Road District

(815) 385-3076 [www.mchenrytownship.com](http://www.mchenrytownship.com)

For McHenry Township residents only. At the township garage on the third Saturday of April through November, from 8 a.m. until noon. Brush and tree limbs up to 6 inches diameter, accepted for chipping. Absolutely NO grass clippings or leaves will be accepted.

Midwest Organics Recycling

(847) 493-9116 [www.compostmatters.com](http://www.compostmatters.com)

Fee. Accepts sod, wood chips, leaves, branches, logs up to 10" in diameter and limited amounts of grass. High-quality compost for sale.

Nunda Township Road District

(815) 495-4410 [www.nundatownship.com](http://www.nundatownship.com)

For Nunda Township residents only. Brush and branches accepted up to 10-12 inches in diameter. Accepted year round Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturdays 8-12 p.m. Woodchips available to township residents; call for availability. Absolutely NO grass clippings or leaves will be accepted

Rock River Valley Compost

(815) 874-5870 [www.winnebagolandfill.com](http://www.winnebagolandfill.com)

Accept leaves, grass and tree trimmings (pieces must be less than 4 ft. long and 6 inches in diameter). Fees. Also sell compost. Seasonal only.

Thelen Composting Facility at:

Thelen Sand & Gravel

(847) 395-3313 [www.thelensg.com](http://www.thelensg.com)

Will accept clean yard waste only in paper bags, no plastic. Will accept grass clippings and tree trimmings (pieces must be less than 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter). No rocks, concrete, or dirt. Fee.

## BUBBLEWRAP

### Chicago Logistic Service

(847) 429-1926 [www.chicagologisticservice.com](http://www.chicagologisticservice.com)  
 Go to rear overhead door. Bag or box separately.  
 All colors & varieties. Foam sheets accepted.

### Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

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Call local UPS Store locations.

## CAMERAS

### Best Buy

Recycle at store locations. Trade-in service for many electronics at [www.bestbuytradein.com](http://www.bestbuytradein.com)  
 Includes prepaid shipping label.

### Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

## CAMPING EQUIPMENT

### McHenry County PADS/Passageways – Woodstock

(815) 344-1230 [www.pioneercenter.org](http://www.pioneercenter.org)

## CANS, STEEL

See local garbage hauler, recycling drop-off centers and metal, ferrous. (page 37)

## CARDBOARD

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

### Accurate Document Destruction

(800) 407-4733 [www.shredd.net](http://www.shredd.net)

### Calco Pallets – Richmond

(815) 725-5387 [www.usacalco.com](http://www.usacalco.com)  
 Must call to schedule appointment.

Cleveland Corp.

(847) 872-7200 [www.clevelandcorp.com](http://www.clevelandcorp.com)

Call for quote

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call for fee

Freeport Recycling Center

(815) 232-2906 [www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com)

Lake Shore Recycling Company

(630) 377-7000 [www.lrsrecycles.com](http://www.lrsrecycles.com)

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling

(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com) Fee.

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

### **CARDS / GREETING CARDS**

St. Jude's Ranch for Children

(702) 294-7100 [www.stjudesranch.org](http://www.stjudesranch.org)

100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder, NV 89005

Mailing information on website

### **CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS**

Place in regular trash.

### **CARPET & PADDING**

Exceed Flooring & Home

(815) 459-3113 [www.exceedflooring.com](http://www.exceedflooring.com)

Accepts rebond urethane, prime urethane carpet pad, and prime urethane furniture cushion.

Call for questions or to make an appointment, or drop off during store hours.

Lake Shore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake  
[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

## CARTONS

See local garbage hauler

## CARTRIDGES

Cartridges for inkjet and laser printers, copiers and fax machines. Most cartridges are recyclable.

Check Ace Hardware stores.  
[www.acehardware.com](http://www.acehardware.com)

Best Buy  
Recycling kiosks at store entrances.  
[www.bestbuy.com/recycling](http://www.bestbuy.com/recycling)

Cardinal Office Supply  
(847) 476-5050 [www.cardinaloffice.com](http://www.cardinaloffice.com) Accepts toner and ink cartridges.

Cartridge World – Rockford  
(815) 316-7722 [www.cartridgeworld.com](http://www.cartridgeworld.com)  
6139 E State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
Pick up and deliver to local businesses.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County  
(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)  
110 s. Johnson St. Woodstock, IL

First Congregational Church – Huntley  
(847) 669-3691

Jewel/Osco Store locations

Office Max locations

Office Depot locations

Sam's Club locations  
Re-inking materials available for purchase.

U.S.A. Laser Imaging Inc.  
 (815) 316-8000 [www.usalaserimaging.com](http://www.usalaserimaging.com)  
 5155 Torque Rd, Loves Park,  
 Recycled toner cartridges for laser printers, printers

Walgreens Store locations

### CASSETTE TAPES

Alternative Community Training  
 (800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)  
 Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's, media products and cases Fee.

### CATALOGS

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

### CD PLAYERS

See Electronics in the McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### CDS (PLUS CD CASES)

Alternative Community Training  
 (800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)  
 Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's, media products and cases. Fee.

AMS Store and Shred, LLC  
 (800) 262-2344 [www.AMSstoreandshred.com](http://www.AMSstoreandshred.com)  
 Accepts CD's, DVD's, and VHS

Best Buy  
 Recycling kiosks at store entrances.  
[www.bestbuy.com/recycling](http://www.bestbuy.com/recycling)

Chicago Logistic Service  
 (847) 429-1926  
[www.chicagologisticservice.com](http://www.chicagologisticservice.com) Go to rear overhead door.

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Green Disk, Inc.

(800) 305-3475 [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

Most computer related accessories. Fee by weight.

MRC Polymers

(773) 890-9000 x2 [www.mrcpolymers.com](http://www.mrcpolymers.com)

Takes CDs and DVDs (and cases) at no charge. Postage fee.

MRK Group, Ltd.

(847) 468-1700 [www.mrkgroup.com](http://www.mrkgroup.com)

### CELLULAR PHONES

Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

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NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com) With Proof of Proper Removal

Best Buy

Recycling kiosks at store entrances.

Check website for buyback program [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) recycling

Cary Village Hall

(847) 639-0003

655 Village Hall Drive, Cary

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

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FedEx Kinko's stores.

First Congregational Church - Huntley  
(847) 669-3691 [www.fcchuntley.org](http://www.fcchuntley.org)

Hobi International, Inc.  
(630) 761-0500 [www.hobi.com](http://www.hobi.com)  
Accepts telephones & telephone equipment.

Lakewood Village Hall  
(815) 459-3025 [www.village.lakewood.il.us](http://www.village.lakewood.il.us)  
2500 Lake Ave., Lakewood

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.  
(800) 558-1166 [www.lamprecyclers.com](http://www.lamprecyclers.com)

Recycling Fundraiser (formerly Eco Phones)  
(888) 326-7466 [www.recyclingfundraiser.com](http://www.recyclingfundraiser.com)  
Fundraiser for nonprofit groups. Pay for each cell phone and cartridge

SIMS Recycling Solutions  
(630) 231-6060 [www.us.simsrecycling.com](http://www.us.simsrecycling.com)

Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores  
[www.hosparrow.org](http://www.hosparrow.org)  
(847) 458-2420 Algonquin  
(847) 639-4082 Cary  
(815) 363-6008 McHenry  
(815) 206-5070 Woodstock

Turning Point – Woodstock  
(815) 338-8081 [www.turnpt.org](http://www.turnpt.org)  
Cell phone drop offs and mail ins

[epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling](http://epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling)

## CHIPBOARD

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Remove all tinsel, garland, decorations, and lights! Check with your waste hauler or municipality about pick-up for chipping. Reuse Christmas tree as a shelter for birds in the winter.

Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

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NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Dorr Township Highway Department

(815) 338-1060 Call for info.

12322 Davis Rd., Woodstock

For Fox River Grove residents

(847) 639-3171 [www.foxrivergrove.org](http://www.foxrivergrove.org)

Huntley Park District

(847) 669-3180 [www.huntleyparks.org](http://www.huntleyparks.org)

McHenry County Conservation District – Ringwood

(815) 338-6223 [www.Mccdistrict.org](http://www.Mccdistrict.org)

Christmas Tree Drop- Off to Jan 15th signs at Glacial Park's Hart Road  
parking lot and Rush Creek horse trailer parking lot.

Nunda Township Road District – Crystal Lake

(815) 459-4410 [www.nundatownship.com](http://www.nundatownship.com)

Nunda Township residents only.

Woodstock residents

Call Public Works at (815) 338-6118

## CLEANING PRODUCTS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)



## CLOTHING – DROP OFF

Call or check website for locations of drop-off bins for clothing and shoes.

Blessing Barn – Crystal Lake

(815) 382-0206 [www.blessingbarn.org](http://www.blessingbarn.org)

Most Needed: Box springs and mattresses, kitchen tables and chairs, towels, pots and flatware

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Goodwill Industries

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

Carpentersville (847) 426-2448

Crystal Lake (815) 444-6599

Huntley (847) 669-9338

Lake Zurich (847) 550-0769

McHenry (815) 385-3160

South Elgin (847) 741-0236

On Angels' Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake

(815) 356-8170 [www.onangelswings.org](http://www.onangelswings.org)

## CLOTHING, TEXTILES, HOME DÉCOR, FURNITURE (IN GOOD CONDITION) PET SUPPLIES

Presbyterian Church Thrift Store

119 S. State St. Marengo, IL 60152

## CLOTHING, DISHES, BOOKS, SMALL FURNITURE AND SMALL APPLIANCES

Salvation Army 24 Hr. Drop-off

(815) 455-2769

290 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake

Savers

230 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL

(815) 444-0276 [www.savers.com](http://www.savers.com)

Donate reusable clothing and household items  
at Savers Community Donation Center

Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store and Donation Center

[www.hosparrow.org/stores.html/](http://www.hosparrow.org/stores.html/)

Algonquin (847) 458-2420

Cary (847) 639-4082

McHenry (815) 271-5444

Woodstock (815) 206-5070

St. John's Mission Resale Shop

(847) 658-9105

Fridays & Saturdays Only

USAgain

(630) 293-1239 [www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com)

### **CLOTHING – WILL PICK UP**

Cancer Federation

(888) 875-4066 [www.cfdonationpickup.com](http://www.cfdonationpickup.com)

Illinois AMVET

(217) 528-4713 [www.ilamvets.org](http://www.ilamvets.org)

Pioneer Center

(815) 344-1230 [www.pioneercenter.org](http://www.pioneercenter.org)

Salvation Army Pick Up

(847) 662-7730 [www.usc.salvationarmy.org](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org)

Vietnam Veterans of America

(708) 371-4418 [www.clothingdonations.org](http://www.clothingdonations.org)

### **COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFLS)**

To clean up a broken CFL, see the USEPA instructions at: [www.epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html/](http://www.epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html/)

Batteries Plus Bulbs – Crystal Lake

(815) 219-4265 [www.batteriesplus.com](http://www.batteriesplus.com)

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware – McHenry

(815) 385-3660

Free recycling of all CFL bulbs.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)

The Defenders are **no longer** hosting monthly recycling drives. However, they are participating in 4 residential recycling dates throughout the year. Check the Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green) for information on those dates.

EverLights

(773) 734-9873 [www.everlights.com](http://www.everlights.com)

Fixtures, Lamp & Ballast Recycling. Fee.

Home Depot Stores

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

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.

(800) 558-1166 [www.lamprecyclers.com](http://www.lamprecyclers.com) Fee.

Lowe's Stores

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

Nunda Township Road District – Crystal Lake

3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake

(815) 459-4410 [www.nundaroaddistrict.com](http://www.nundaroaddistrict.com)

Residents only

Waste Management's THINKGREEN from Home

Light Bulbs Mail-in Option: [www.wmlamptracker.com/v2/product\\_lamp.cfm/](http://www.wmlamptracker.com/v2/product_lamp.cfm/)

General THINKGREEN website: [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com)

## COMPOSTING

See Yard Waste – page 57

## COMPUTERS, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, & EQUIPMENT

See "Electronics" in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## CONCRETE (BROKEN)

Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills

(630) 497-8700 [www.bluffcitymaterials.com](http://www.bluffcitymaterials.com)

Clean broken concrete.

Coral Lake Sand & Gravel, Inc. – Marengo  
(815) 568-1538 [legeske@mc.net](mailto:legeske@mc.net)  
Must be clean.

Curran Contracting Company – Crystal Lake  
(847) 344-6404 or Amy Musekamp (815) 338-0831  
[www.currancontracting.com](http://www.currancontracting.com) Must be clean

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com)  
Clean Concrete - 10 yd. Dumpster. Fee. Call first.

Gavers Sand & Gravel  
(815) 338-0831 Clean only.  
1505 Rose Farm Road, Woodstock

Geske & Sons, Inc. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-2407 | [lori@geskeandsonsinc.com](mailto:lori@geskeandsonsinc.com)  
Recycled concrete gravel.

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

Lowe Enterprises Inc – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)  
Free dumping. Clean only.

Ray Schrieber Disposal  
(847) 741-2684 [www.rayschrieberdisposal.com](http://www.rayschrieberdisposal.com)  
Rent dumpsters.

Thelen Sand & Gravel  
(847) 395-3313 [www.thelensg.com](http://www.thelensg.com)

#### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake  
[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com)  
Pick up service for a fee.

## Metals Only

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Brothers Junk Removal and Deconstruction

(815) 600-6697 [www.brothersjunkremoval.com](http://www.brothersjunkremoval.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com) Scrap metal.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore

(847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

Accept and sell donated construction materials and some furniture. Call about pick-ups.

Monthly drop-off in LITH. Check website.

Habitat for Humanity-Lake County ReStore

(847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org](http://www.habitatlc.org) restore

Habitat for Humanity – McHenry County ReStore

(815) 334-0500 [www.habitatmchenry.org](http://www.habitatmchenry.org)

Will pick up.

Lowes Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 [www.lowenterprisesinc.com](http://www.lowenterprisesinc.com)

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.

(708) 352-4111 [www.murco.net/](http://www.murco.net/)

## COOKING OIL

See Grease – page 30

## COPIERS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## COPPER

See Metal, Non-ferrous – page 36

## CORK (WINE BOTTLES)

Recycling at stores through  
[www.corkreharvest.org](http://www.corkreharvest.org)

Houlihan's Restaurants – Algonquin  
 (847) 658-4560 [www.houlihans.com](http://www.houlihans.com) Partnership with ReCork.

Whole Foods Stores  
[www.wholefoodsmarket.com](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com)

## CRAYONS

Crazy Crayons LLC  
 (952) 473-8259 [www.crazycrayons.com](http://www.crazycrayons.com) Call for shipping directions  
 Unwanted crayons, markers, pencils, chalk, erasers, art materials.

SCARCE - Crayon Rescue  
 (630) 545-9710 [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org)  
 Rescue Programs - makes Super Crayons for disabled.

## DECONSTRUCTION AND ESTATE LIQUIDATIONS

1-800-GOT-JUNK?  
[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware – McHenry  
 (815) 385-3660  
 Paper shredding- fee

Blessing Barn – Crystal Lake  
 (815) 382-0206 [www.blessingbarn.org](http://www.blessingbarn.org)

Brothers Junk Removal and Deconstruction  
 (815) 600-6697 [www.brothersjunkremoval.com](http://www.brothersjunkremoval.com)

Building Materials Reuse Association (BMRA)  
 (773) 340-BMRA (2672) [www.bmra.org](http://www.bmra.org)  
 P.O. Box 47776, Chicago, IL 60647  
 Non-profit to facilitate building deconstruction and reuse of recovered building materials.

Demolition Sales  
 (847) 795-9139 [www.demolitionsales.com](http://www.demolitionsales.com)

Fox Valley Disposal  
(847) 639-1525

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore  
(847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

Habitat for Humanity – Lake County ReStore  
(847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org/restore/](http://www.habitatlc.org/restore/)

Habitat for Humanity-McHenry County ReStore – Woodstock  
(815) 334-0500 [www.habitatmchenry.org](http://www.habitatmchenry.org)  
Will pick up.

Home of the Sparrow – McHenry  
(815) 271-5444 Pickup available.

Lowes Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

Murco Recycling Enterprises Inc.  
(708) 352-4111 [www.murco.net/](http://www.murco.net/)

## DEHUMIDIFIERS

NOTE: PROOF OF PROPER FREON REMOVAL MAY BE REQUIRED. CALL AHEAD FOR DETAILS.

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com) With Proof of Proper Removal

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Thompson's Appliance – Woodstock  
(815) 338-5611 Fee.

Wahl Appliance Center – Harvard  
(815) 385-1872 Fee for Freon removal.  
7307 Maxon Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

## DEMOLITION DEBRIS

Eagle Biomass, Inc. – McHenry  
(815) 344-8777 [www.eaglebiomass.com](http://www.eaglebiomass.com)

Fox Valley Disposal  
(847) 639-1525

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.lowenterprisesinc.com](http://www.lowenterprisesinc.com)

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

## DIABETES TESTING KITS

Fox Lake Lions Club  
[www.crystallakelions.org](http://www.crystallakelions.org)  
Check online under Services for drop-off locations.

## DISKETTES (COMPUTER)

Alternative Community Training  
(800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)  
Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's, media products and cases Fee.

## DRAIN CLEANERS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## DRYWALL

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

## DVDS (SEE CDS)/DVD PLAYERS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)



## EGG CARTONS

Paper based egg cartons and Plastic #1 (PETE) egg cartons can be recycled in Municipal Curbside Programs.

## ELECTRIC MOTORS

See Motors, Electric – page 37

## ELECTRICAL

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Metals Only

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware – McHenry  
(815) 385-3660  
Accepts fuses and circuit breakers – free.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 [www.tandcmetalco.com](http://www.tandcmetalco.com)  
Accepts circuit boards only

## ELECTRONICS

The Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act went into effect on January 1, 2012 prohibiting disposing of unwanted electronics in regular trash for burial in landfills. This includes televisions, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, DVRs, etc... Electronics must be taken to an Illinois EPA-registered collector, recycler, or refurbisher who can accept these electronic devices for recycling. These products can contain hazardous chemicals that require special handling, as well as valuable metals that can be recycled. Check the list for REGISTERED electronic waste collection sites and more information at: [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us)

See McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## ESTATE LIQUIDATION

See Deconstruction when an entire household needs to be recycled!

Blessing Barn – Crystal Lake  
(815) 382-0206 [www.blessingbarn.org](http://www.blessingbarn.org)

## EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

B&O Used Auto  
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Play It Again Sports – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-1717 [www.playitagainsportscrySTALLAKE.com](http://www.playitagainsportscrySTALLAKE.com)  
Pay cash or on consignment. Accepts working equipment only.

## EYEGLASSES

Aid Association for Lutherans Drop off – McHenry  
(815) 385-0859  
At Zion Lutheran Church (next to Jewel)

Crystal Lake Lions Club  
[www.crystallakelions.org](http://www.crystallakelions.org)  
Check under Services for drop-off locations.

OneSight  
(888) 935-4589 [www.onesight.org](http://www.onesight.org)

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Consider purchasing rechargeable fire extinguishers. Most companies that sell fire extinguishers will recycle them.

Kirchner Fire Extinguisher  
(815) 385-8364  
4420 S. Hi Point Rd., McHenry

## FISHING LINE

Mail to: Berkley Recycling  
1900 18TH Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
They will turn it into fish habitat structures

## FLAGS

Woodstock VFW, Post #5040  
(815) 338-5040  
240 Throop St., Woodstock  
Drop in designated box

Bjorkman's Ace Hardware – McHenry  
(815) 385-3660 Free.

Check Ace Hardware Stores.  
[www.acehardware.com](http://www.acehardware.com)

City of Crystal Lake – McCormick Park  
(815) 459-2020  
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 165

Crystal Lake Park District Nature Center  
(815) 455-1763  
330 N. Main St., Crystal Lake  
Call first. Drop box is inside of the Nature Center.  
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 158

Davenport Funeral Home  
(815) 459-3411  
419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake

## FLIP FLOPS

Terra Cycle-Old Navy Recycling Flip Flops  
[www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)

## FLUORESCENT TUBES

See 2018-2019 McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## FOOD PANTRIES

All local food pantries accept only nonperishable food items (within expiration date limit), and paper products. Many accept produce.

Algonquin/LITH Interfaith Food Pantry

(847) 854-1904 [www.alith-foodpantry.org](http://www.alith-foodpantry.org)

1113 Pyott Rd., LITH

Cary-Grove Food Pantry

(847) 516-3602 [www.cgfoodpantry.org](http://www.cgfoodpantry.org)

8901 S. Cary-Algonquin Rd., Cary

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

(815) 455-0961 [www.clpantry.org](http://www.clpantry.org)

257 King St., Crystal Lake

Fish of McHenry Food Pantry

(815) 344-4717 [www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org)

3515 N. Richmond Rd., McHenry

Grafton Food Pantry

11481 Allison Court, P.O. Box 1074, Huntley

(847) 495-0922 [www.GraftonFoodPantry.org](http://www.GraftonFoodPantry.org)

Harvard Food Pantry

6817 Harvard Hills Rd., Harvard

(815) 943-4909

Hebron Community Food Pantry

(815) 648-2512

10317 Freeman Rd, Hebron

Helping Hands Food Pantry

2502 Spring Ridge Dr, Ste B, Spring Bluff Industrial Park, Spring Grove

(815) 245-7345

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

(815) 459-5907

Call for sites and times McHenry County

McHenry County PADS/Passageways

(815) 338-5231 [www.mchenrycountypads.com](http://www.mchenrycountypads.com)

**Northern Illinois Food Bank**

273 Dearborn Court, Geneva  
 (630) 443-6910 [www.solvehungertoday.org](http://www.solvehungertoday.org)

Accepts non- perishable and perishable food items from stores, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and food drives, including slightly dented or damaged nonperishable food.

**Richmond Community Food Pantry**

1308 Main St. (Memorial Hall Downstairs), Richmond  
 (815) 678-4351

**The M.O.R.E. Center Food Pantry**

829 Greenlee St., Marengo  
 (815) 568-7950

**Wonder Lake Neighbors Food Pantry**

3506 E. Wonder Lake Rd., Wonder Lake (at Nativity Lutheran Church)  
 (815) 355-5459 [www.wlfoodpantry.com](http://www.wlfoodpantry.com)

**Woodstock Food Pantry**

1033 Lake Ave., Woodstock  
 (815) 337-0375

**FOOD SCRAPS****Prairieland Disposal & Recycling**

(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com)

**FURNITURE**

See Resale Shops for locations – page 43

FURNITURE – WILL PICK UP

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

Habitat for Humanity-Elgin Restore

(847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

Home of the Sparrow – McHenry

(815) 271-5444

Salvation Army Pick Up  
(800) 728-7825 [www.usc.salvationarmy.org](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org)  
Accepts furniture In good condition.

### **GASOLINE**

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake  
(815) 455-4030 [www.independentautocraft.com](http://www.independentautocraft.com)

### **GIFT CARDS**

Best Buy  
Recycle at kiosk in front of stores.

### **GLASS - BOTTLES & JARS ONLY**

See local garbage hauler.

### **GLASS - MIRRORS & WINDOWS**

If usable contact: Habitat for Humanity Restores.

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

### **GLUE BOTTLES**

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

### **GRASS CLIPPINGS**

See Yard Waste – page 57

### **GREASE**

Hopkins Grease Co.  
9150 Pyott Rd., LITH  
(847) 458-1010 [www.hopkinsgrease.com](http://www.hopkinsgrease.com)

### **GUTTERS, PLASTIC**

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)  
Plastics and industrial

### HANGERS, CLOTHES HANGERS

Many dry cleaners will take these, check with your local dry cleaner.

### HARD DRIVE DESTRUCTION

AMS Store and Shred, LLC  
(800) 262-2344 [www.AMSstoreandshred.com](http://www.AMSstoreandshred.com)

Abraham's On-Site Shredding Service  
(262) 877-8878 [www.abrahamsshredding.com](http://www.abrahamsshredding.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

### HEARING AIDS

Aid Association for Lutherans Drop off – McHenry  
At Zion Lutheran Church (next to Jewel)  
(815) 385-0859

Crystal Lake Lions Club  
[www.crystallakelions.org](http://www.crystallakelions.org)  
Check under Services for drop-off locations.

### HEATING OIL

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake  
(815) 455-4030 [www.independentautocraft.com](http://www.independentautocraft.com)

### HELIUM TANKS

Call local garbage hauler.

## HERBICIDES

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## HOBBY CHEMICALS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Check local municipalities recycling strings of lights: Algonquin, Cary, Crystal Lake, Lakewood, McHenry, Port Barrington, Prairie Grove, Spring Grove and others recycling holiday lights.

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)  
Accepts all types of holiday lights.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County  
(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)  
The Defenders are **no longer** hosting monthly recycling drives. However, they are participating in 4 residential recycling dates throughout the year. Check the Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green) for information on those dates.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

See McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## INHALERS

GSK Respiratory Inhaler Recycling Program  
<http://uk.gsk.com/en-gb/responsibility/our-planet/complete-the-cycle/>

## INSECTICIDES

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)



### IRON SCRAP METAL

See Metal, Ferrous – page 35

### JUICE BOXES (ASEPTIC)

See local garbage hauler.

### JUNK MAIL

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

Stop unwanted mail. Free service to opt out of catalogs, coupons, and more.  
[www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)

To reduce junk mail sent to your home, either register online or send \$3.00 with registration form to:

DMAchoice  
Data & Marketing Association  
P.O. Box 900  
Cos Cob, CT 06807  
[www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)

### KEROSENE

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake  
(815) 455-4030 [www.independentautocraft.com](http://www.independentautocraft.com)

### LANDSCAPE WASTE

See Yard Waste – page 57

### LAWN CHEMICALS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

See Batteries in the McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## MAGAZINES

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

## MANURE

University of Illinois Extension

[www.manureshare.illinois.edu/](http://www.manureshare.illinois.edu/)  
[www.manurecentral.illinois.edu/](http://www.manurecentral.illinois.edu/)

Prairieland Disposal, Inc.

(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com)

## MATTRESSES

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

Can schedule mattress removal appointment over the phone or online

[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com)

Earth 911

[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

The site contains a Recycling Locator that gives you locations close to you that accept your used mattress.

Verlo Mattress Factory

3710 West Elm Street McHenry, IL

(815) 578-8375 [www.verlo.com](http://www.verlo.com)

Accepts mattresses and box springs but need to be dropped off at store location.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Senior Care Volunteer Network

(815) 455-3120 [www.scvnmchenrycounty.org](http://www.scvnmchenrycounty.org)

Accepts donations of durable medical equipment for needy. No crutches or beds accepted.

Please call for locations for pick-up or donation.

United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of Greater Chicago

(708) 444-8460 ext. 230 [www.infinitecdme.org](http://www.infinitecdme.org)

## MEDICAL WASTE

See Needles and Syringes – page 38

## MEDICATIONS

Expired and unwanted medicines can pose a hazard to the environment and to public safety if they are not properly disposed of. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Residents can properly dispose of expired and unused medications at the locations listed below. Do not flush medicine down the toilet! Doing so pollutes our waterways, which is also a drinking water source for many area communities. Many area police departments are in the process of adding new programs, so if you do not see your local department listed, please call for up to date information.

See 2018-2019 McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.

[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## METAL, FERROUS

Metals that stick to a magnet, i.e. steel and iron. Examples: Brake parts, cast iron tubs, sinks, pipes, electric motors, farm machinery, fencing, radiators, water heaters, etc. Many pay for ferrous metals. Call first.

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake

[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

B&O Used Auto

(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Cleveland Corp.

(847) 872-7200 [www.clevelandcorp.com](http://www.clevelandcorp.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call for fee

Lakeshore Recycling Company

(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

Rondout Iron & Metal  
(847) 362-2750

### METAL, NON-FERROUS

Metals that do not stick to a magnet, i.e. copper, brass, aluminum. Many pay for non-ferrous metals. Call first.

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake  
[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

Aid Association for Lutherans Drop off – McHenry  
At Zion Lutheran Church (next to Jewel)  
(815) 385-0859

### Aluminum cans only

A-1 Recycling Center  
96 Honing Road, Fox Lake  
(847) 587-0788

B&O Used Auto  
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Cleveland Corp.  
(847) 872-7200 [www.clevelandcorp.com](http://www.clevelandcorp.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County  
(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)  
The Defenders are **no longer** hosting monthly recycling drives. However, they are participating in 4 residential recycling dates throughout the year. Check the Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green) for information on those dates.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

Lowes Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.lowenterprisesinc.com](http://www.lowenterprisesinc.com)

Rondout Iron & Metal  
(847) 362-2750

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 [www.tandcmetalco.com](http://www.tandcmetalco.com)

### MICROFILM

Alternative Community Training  
(800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)  
Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's,  
media products and cases. Fee.

AMS Store and Shred, LLC  
(800) 262-2344 [www.AMSstoreandshred.com](http://www.AMSstoreandshred.com)

### MICROWAVES

Algonquin Township Road District  
(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)  
RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL  
NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Habitat for Humanity-Elgin ReStore  
(847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

### MOTOR OIL

Call for hours and preparation. Some locations charge a fee. Most places require you to take back your container.

See 2018-2019 McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### **MOTORS, ELECTRIC**

B&O Used Auto  
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 [www.tandcmetalco.com](http://www.tandcmetalco.com)

### **NEEDLES, SYRINGES, DENTAL AND MEDICAL WASTE**

Needles should not be disposed of in regular trash, in recycling containers or in the toilet.  
Guidelines: [www.epa.gov/epawaste](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste)

Also, contact The Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at [www.safeneedledisposal.org](http://www.safeneedledisposal.org).

GRP & Associates, Inc.  
(800) 207-0976 [www.sharpsdisposal.com](http://www.sharpsdisposal.com)  
Disposal of sharps and other biohazardous waste. Fee.

Stericycle, Inc.  
(866) 783-7422 [www.stericycle.com](http://www.stericycle.com)  
Mail service to dispose of needles, syringes, bandages, etc. Fee.

Waste Management's THINKGREEN from Home  
Med Waste Mail-in Option: [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com)

### **NEON SIGNS**

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## Fluorecycle

(815) 363-4411 [www.fluorecycle.com](http://www.fluorecycle.com)

For Businesses Only. Fee.

## NEWSPAPER

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

## PAINT

See 2018-2019 McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.

[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## PALLETS

### Calco Pallets

(815) 725-5387 [www.usacalco.com](http://www.usacalco.com)

Will pay for scrap pallets. Must call to schedule appointment.

### Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

### Midwest Companies

(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

Pallets and (wood waste products)

## PAPER

See local garbage haul and recycling drop-off centers

### Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

## PAPER BAGS

Grocery bags and paper bags can be recycled if they do not have a plastic liner, foil or grease on the bag.

## PAPER SHREDDING

See 2018-2019 McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.

[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## PDAS, MP3 PLAYERS, ETC.

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### PEANUTS (PACKAGING)

See Styrofoam – page 50

### PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

Illinois Department of Agriculture-Environmental Programs  
(800) 641-3934 [www.agr.state.il.us/environment/](http://www.agr.state.il.us/environment/)  
Check schedule of collections for containers up to 5 gal.

Local collection in August at:

Northern FS, Inc.  
20515 Harmony Rd, Marengo  
(815) 568-7211 Call first.

### PESTICIDES

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

### PET SUPPLIES

McHenry Co. Animal Control  
(815) 459-6222 [www.co.mchenry.il.us/](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/)

On Angels’ Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 356-8170 [www.onangelswings.org](http://www.onangelswings.org)

Helping Paws Animal Shelter – Woodstock  
2500 Harding Ln, Woodstock, IL 60098  
(815) 338-4400 [www.helpingpaws.net/](http://www.helpingpaws.net/)

### PHONE BOOKS

See local garbage & Recycling Drop-off Centers and see Paper.

### PLASTIC #1 THROUGH #6

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.



Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Freeport Recycling Center  
(815) 232-2906 [www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com)

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling  
(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com)

### PLASTIC BAGS

Many large retail stores recycle plastic grocery bags, newspaper wrappers, dry cleaner bags, bread wrappers, cereal liners, paper towel or other plastic wrappers. Clean Ziploc bags with zip strip removed. [www.plasticbagrecycling.org](http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org)

### PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

Leave caps on bottles and put in recycling bin

### PLASTIC POUCHES & MISC.

Terracycle Inc.  
[www.terracycle.net/](http://www.terracycle.net/)  
Fundraising opportunity for non-profit groups by collecting plastic pouches, cookie wrappers, etc.

### PLASTICS, INDUSTRIAL

Freeport Recycling Center  
(815) 232-2906 [www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com)  
Businesses Only.

### PLASTIC SHRINK WRAP

Idea: Large quantities put on freecycle or Craigslist. Small quantities put in store plastic bag recycling bin. Cardboard rolls can go in curbside bin.

Freeport Recycling Center  
(815) 232-2906 [www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com)  
Businesses only.

### POLYSTYRENE (FOAM)

See Styrofoam – page 50

## POOL CHEMICALS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide  
– found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## POP TABS

Ronald McDonald Houses

1900 Spring Rd, Ste 310, Oakbrook, IL 60523

(630) 623-5300 [www.rmhcni.org/pop-tab-collection/](http://www.rmhcni.org/pop-tab-collection/)

Information on where to drop off pop tabs and how to receive collection boxes.

## PROPANE TANKS

Check Ace Hardware Store Fee.

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

B&O Used Auto

(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Must be emptied, and valves removed

## CEMCO

(315) 253-2886 [www.cylinderdisposal.com](http://www.cylinderdisposal.com)

Fee. Small Camp stove cylinders and larger

Also accepts butane, oxygen, mapp gas and Helium tanks/cylinders

## PUZZLES

Huntley Public Library

(847) 669-5386 [www.huntleylibrary.org](http://www.huntleylibrary.org)

Call in August for collection dates.

## RADIOS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at  
[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## RECORDS (VINYL)

Alternative Community Training

(800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)

Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's,  
media products and cases Fee.

## RECYCLING INFO

Illinois Recycling Association

P.O. Box 3717, Oak Park

(773) 203-3453 [www.illinoisrecycles.org](http://www.illinoisrecycles.org)

Recycling info & short videos on recycling processes.

## RESALE SHOPS

All clothing must be clean and in good condition. Clothing is donated unless listed for consignment. Check listings-some shops carry both clothing and furniture and others don't. Call first!

A Little Of This That & Other

3321 W. Elm St., McHenry

(815) 344-6237

"Shabby Chic" furniture & household items.

Angels With Tails Resale Shop

4000 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg

(815) 385-7704 [www.angelswithtailsshelter.org](http://www.angelswithtailsshelter.org)

Barrington Resale Shop

2212 E. Algonquin Rd., Algonquin

(847) 658-6100 [www.barringtonresale.com](http://www.barringtonresale.com)

No clothing.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

7606 Rt. 14, Crystal Lake

(815) 455-2325

Clothes & misc.

Boss Office Products, Inc.

110 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake

(815) 568-5498 [www.bossofficepro.com](http://www.bossofficepro.com)

Accepts any type of office furniture.

Catchpenny

118 E. Main St., Barrington  
(847) 381-7721

Cottage Boutique

1253 N. Green St, McHenry  
(815) 385-5588 [www.CottageBoutique.biz/](http://www.CottageBoutique.biz/)

Diva's Attic

106 N. Benton, Woodstock  
(815) 338-3482

Fiona's Finds

39 N. Williams Street, Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4770  
Smoke-free, Pet-free furniture and home décor items.

Goodwill Industries

[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)  
Carpentersville Store (847) 426-2448  
Crystal Lake (815) 444-6599  
Huntley (847) 669-9338  
Lake Zurich (847) 550-0769  
McHenry (815) 385-3160  
South Elgin (847) 741-0236

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore

(847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

Habitat for Humanity – Lake County ReStore

(847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org/restore/](http://www.habitatlc.org/restore/)

Habitat for Humanity – McHenry County ReStore

(815) 334-0500 [www.habitatmchenry.org](http://www.habitatmchenry.org)

Congregational Church of Algonquin

307 S. Main St., Algonquin  
(847) 854-4552

Interiors Anew

134 Cass St, Woodstock  
(815) 337-9131  
Accepts furniture & accessories.

Jan Comer's Rummage Room – Harvard  
(815) 943-1903  
Clothes & furniture.

Kay Englehardt Resale Furniture  
3314 W. Pearl St., McHenry  
(815) 404-0486  
Accepts furniture & household items.

kd3 Decorative Arts  
6704 Pingree Rd., Suite 3, Crystal Lake  
(815) 477-2920 [www.kd3decorativearts.com](http://www.kd3decorativearts.com)  
Accepts furniture & accessories

Kids 2nd Wardrobe  
61 Polaris Dr, Lake in the Hills, IL  
(224) 678-9274

Lakeshore Fashions  
418 Hwy. 50, Delavan, WI  
(262) 725-7300

Little Christopher Resale Shop  
469 Lake, Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4747

Love It Again Ltd. – Lake In the Hills  
(224) 333-0264 [www.loveitagainltd.com](http://www.loveitagainltd.com)

On Angels' Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 356-8170 [www.onangelswings.org](http://www.onangelswings.org)  
Accepts clothes & small furniture items.

Plato's Closet  
1481 S. Randall Rd, Algonquin  
(847) 658-2600 [www.platosclosetalgonquin.com](http://www.platosclosetalgonquin.com)

Posh Threads-Consignment Boutique  
148 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, WI  
(262) 275-2707 [www.poshthreads.net/](http://www.poshthreads.net/)

**Potpourri Resale Shop**

3012 Rt. 120 #E, McHenry

(815) 385-8555

Clothing, furniture &amp; collectibles on consignment.

Call for appointment.

**Presbyterian Church Thrift Store**

119 S. State St. Marengo, IL 60152

Clothing, dishes, books, small furniture and small appliances

**Salvation Army Thrift Shop**

(815) 759-9101

**Sam's Scene II**

206 E. Walworth Ave., Elkhorn, WI

(262) 723-6633

**Sandy's Upscale Consignment**

212 N. Main St., Walworth, WI

(262) 275-8221 [www.sandysupscaleconsignment.com](http://www.sandysupscaleconsignment.com)**Savers**

230 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL

(815) 444-0276 [www.savers.com](http://www.savers.com) [www.supersaversclubcard.com](http://www.supersaversclubcard.com)**Scene II**

237 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan, WI

(262) 728-9640

**Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores**[www.hosparrow.org](http://www.hosparrow.org)

(847) 458-2420 Algonquin

(847) 639-4082 Cary

(815) 363-6008 McHenry

(815) 206-5070 Woodstock

Clothes, furniture, children's toys.

Fridays &amp; Saturdays Only.

**St. Joseph's Renewed Treasures**

105 S. Ayer St, Harvard, IL

(815) 943-7690

Sweet Repeats Thrift Shoppe – Pioneer Center  
 (847) 961-4259 [www.pioneercenter.org](http://www.pioneercenter.org)  
 In Huntley Outlet Center

The Clothing Closet for McHenry County – Woodstock  
 (815) 338-5316

Too Cute Kids Consignment  
 5150 NW HWY, Unit 8, Crystal Lake  
 (815) 444-4711

Walking Together Resale Shop  
 (847) 458-8958 [www.saintmargaretmary.org/resale-shop](http://www.saintmargaretmary.org/resale-shop)  
 Clothing of all types and small household items.

Woodstock Community Thrift  
 780 S. Eastwood Dr, Woodstock, IL  
 (815) 334-0288

Your Best Friend's Closet  
 3955 W. Algonquin Rd., Algonquin  
 (847) 458-9530 [www.yourbestfriendscloset.biz/](http://www.yourbestfriendscloset.biz/)  
 No men's clothing.

## ROOFING SHINGLES

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
 (815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com)  
 Drop-Off or Dumpster rental, Fee. Call first.

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
 (847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

Midwest Companies  
 (847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
 (630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

## SALT BAGS

For Water Softeners Bags:  
 Remove wood handle & deposit bag at retail store plastic bag recycling locations.

## SCHOOL DESKS

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
 (815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)  
 Metal only.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
 (847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)  
 Metal only.

Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores  
[www.hosparrow.org](http://www.hosparrow.org)  
 (847) 458-2420 Algonquin  
 (847) 639-4082 Cary  
 (815) 363-6008 McHenry  
 (815) 206-5070 Woodstock

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES & OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Scarce Tools for Schools  
 (630) 545-9710 [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org)  
 Take donations of school supplies, books and office equipment for schools and disadvantaged children.

## SCRAP METALS

See Metal, Ferrous & Non-ferrous – page 35-37

## SHOES

Check Resale Shop, Clothing Drop-off location and Pick-up listings – page 44

Achieve Footwear  
 1 Crystal Lake Plaza, Unit AW, Crystal Lake  
 (815) 444-7239 [www.achievefootwear.com](http://www.achievefootwear.com)  
 Accepts all types of shoes.

Passback Program-Eurosport  
[www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org) (Passback)  
 Outfits teams around the globe that cannot afford equipment.



## SIX/TWELVE PACK RINGS

Check Curbside recycling.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

Ionization smoke detectors contain small amounts of radioactive materials. Never disassemble a smoke detector. Intact detectors pose little threat, but can be a health hazard if broken open. By federal regulation, all smoke detectors contain the mail-back address to send used units with radioactive chips. [www.epa.gov/radtown/smoke-detector.html](http://www.epa.gov/radtown/smoke-detector.html)

## SOD

Midwest Organics Recycling  
(847) 493-9116 [www.compostmatters.com](http://www.compostmatters.com)

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

## SOIL (CLEAN)

Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills  
(630) 497-8700 [www.bluffcitymaterials.com](http://www.bluffcitymaterials.com)

Curran Contracting Company  
(847) 344-6404 Amy Musekamp [www.currancontracting.com](http://www.currancontracting.com)  
Must be uncontaminated

## SOLVENTS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information. [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Alpine Accessories  
9219 S. IL Route 31, Lake in the Hills  
(847)854-4754  
[www.alpineaccessories.com](http://www.alpineaccessories.com)  
Trade-ins and repairs of skis, snowboards and cross-country gear

Passback Program-Eurosport  
[www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org) (Passback)  
Outfits teams around the globe that cannot afford equipment.

### Play It Again Sports

6124 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake

(825) 459-1717 [www.playitagainsportscryallake.com](http://www.playitagainsportscryallake.com)

Pay cash or take on consignment. Must be in good condition.

### STEEL

See Metal, Ferrous. – page 35

### STEREOS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

Accepts closed or open metal, plastic or fiber drums. Call about drop off or pick up, depending on quantity.

### STYROFOAM



This is the recycling symbol you will find on polystyrene plastics. Although most often associated with “Styrofoam”, polystyrene can also come in many other forms, such as clear plastic food containers and beverage cups. All colors and sizes will be accepted, just please make sure it is clean. Currently there is only one available option for drop off:

- Local UPS shipping stores accept packing peanuts for reuse free of charge.

### TAPE MEDIA

RecycleYourMedia.com

(877) 798-2737 [www.recycleyourmedia.com](http://www.recycleyourmedia.com)

Will buy used tapes.

### TELEPHONES

See Cellular Phones – page 15

## TELEPHONE BOOKS

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

## TELEVISION SETS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## TENNIS BALLS

Crystal Lake Park District Racquet Club  
9101 S IL Route 31 Algonquin, IL 60102  
(847) 658-5688

McHenry County Animal Control  
(815) 459-6222 [www.co.mchenry.il.us/](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/)

Rebounces  
[www.rebounces.com](http://www.rebounces.com)

## THERMOSTATS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

Bjorkman’s Ace Hardware – McHenry  
(815) 385-3660 Fee.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
(217) 524-9642 [www.epa.state.il.us/mercury/iepa-mercury-report.pdf/](http://www.epa.state.il.us/mercury/iepa-mercury-report.pdf/)  
Heating, ventilation and air conditioning wholesalers and contractors contact Thermostat Recycling Corporation for collection bins. Fee.  
[www.nema.org/gov/ehs/trc](http://www.nema.org/gov/ehs/trc)

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.  
(800) 558-1166 [www.lamprecyclers.com](http://www.lamprecyclers.com)

## TIN CANS

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

## TIRES

Illinois tire retailers must accept for recycling used tires from customers in a quantity equal to the number of new tires purchased. Retailers must collect a \$2.50 per tire user fee for all tire purchases. For information on local collections, call the McHenry County Dept. of Health at (815) 334-4585.

Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL  
NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Auto Tech Centers, Inc.

Fee of \$2.75/Tire

4005 Elm St., McHenry, (815) 385-7300

7101 Virginia Rd., Crystal Lk, (815) 459-7300

681 S Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, (815) 338-5700

10370 Route 47, Huntley, (847)802-4051

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Lakin Corp.

(773) 871-6360 [www.lakincorp.com](http://www.lakincorp.com)

Service area: Midwest (large quantities)

Midwest Companies

(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

S.T.A.R. Used Tire Disposal Inc.

(815) 961-8615 [www.starusedtiredisposal.com](http://www.starusedtiredisposal.com)

Sam's Club

Crystal Lake, IL - (815) 477-9876

6 tire limit per participant per day.

No rims please.

Wal-Mart Super Center

Crystal Lake, IL - (815) 477-5150

Woodstock, IL - (815) 206-0256

## TOYS

See local Resale Shop listings – page 44

Domestic Metals and Plastics

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

Accepts plastic toys of all types for recycling.

## TRANSMISSION FLUID

Algonquin Lube Express – Algonquin

(847) 458-8800 During business hours only.

Auto Zone – Four McHenry Co. Locations:

- 3112 Three Oaks Rd., Cary

(847) 462-1248

- 6410 NW Hwy., CL

(815) 788-8840

- 4313 W. Elm, McHenry

(815) 363-8529

- 2075 S. Eastwood, Woodstock

(815) 337-8775

McHenry Lube Express – McHenry

(815) 344-4443 During business hours only.

## TYVEK ENVELOPES

Tyvek Recycle

Quantities less than 25: Send to: Tyvek Recycle,

Attn: Shirley B. Wright, 8401 Fort Darling Rd., Richmond, VA 23237

More than 25 Call: (866) 338-9835

[www.envelopes.tyvek.com](http://www.envelopes.tyvek.com)

Check the website for mailing instructions.

## VACUUM CLEANERS

See Appliances in the McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.

[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## VCRS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at

[www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green)

## VEHICLES

See Automobiles – page 4

## VIDEO CAMERAS & GAME SYSTEM

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Best Buy  
Recycle at store locations.  
Trade-in service  
[www.bestbuytradein.com](http://www.bestbuytradein.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

## VIDEOTAPES (VHS)

Alternative Community Training  
(800) 359-4607 [www.actservices.org](http://www.actservices.org)  
Mail-in program for audio tapes, VCR tapes, DVD's, CD's, media products and cases Fee.

Best Buy Stores  
Kiosks in front of store.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County  
(815) 338-0393 [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org)  
The Defenders are **no longer** hosting monthly recycling drives. However, they are participating in 4 residential recycling dates throughout the year. Check the Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green) for information on those dates.

## VINYL SIDING

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

## WASTE EXCHANGES (BUSINESSES)

Waste exchanges are a cost-effective means of helping businesses save money, as well as, help divert waste into usable raw materials. See following list of exchanges:

Recycler's World

[www.recycle.net/](http://www.recycle.net/)

Reuse Development Organization

[www.loadingdock.org redo/](http://www.loadingdock.org/redo/)

## WATER HEATERS

B&O Used Auto

(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock

(815) 206-5511 [www.jbehr.com](http://www.jbehr.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Lowes Enterprises Inc. – Cary

(847) 639-2775 [www.lowesenterprisesinc.com](http://www.lowesenterprisesinc.com)

Thompson's Appliance – Woodstock

(815) 338-5611

Wahl Appliance Center – Harvard

(815) 385-1872 Fee for Freon removal.

7307 Maxon Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

## WINDOWS

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake

[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com) Pick up service for a fee.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights

(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

Aluminum Only

Habitat for Humanity - Elgin ReStore  
 (847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)

Habitat for Humanity-Lake County ReStore  
 (847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org/restore/](http://www.habitatlc.org/restore/)

Habitat for Humanity-McHenry County ReStore  
 (815) 334-0500 [www.habitatmchenry.org](http://www.habitatmchenry.org)

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.  
 (708) 352-4111 [www.murcorecycling.com](http://www.murcorecycling.com)

### WOOD AND WOOD CHIPS

Treated wood is not easily recyclable. Contact Midwest Companies, your waste hauler, or call the McHenry County Department of Health, at (815) 334-4585.

Calco Pallets – Richmond  
 (815) 725-5387 [www.usacalco.com](http://www.usacalco.com)  
 Will pay for scrap pallets. Must call to schedule appointment.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
 (815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

Freeport Recycling Center  
 (815) 232-2906 [www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com)  
 Pallets and skids

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore  
 (847) 742-9905 [www.restoreelgin.org](http://www.restoreelgin.org)  
 Building material only

Habitat for Humanity – Lake County ReStore  
 (847) 249-3160 [www.habitatlc.org/restore/](http://www.habitatlc.org/restore/)  
 Building material only

Habitat for Humanity – McHenry County ReStore  
 (815) 334-0500 [www.habitatmchenry.org](http://www.habitatmchenry.org)  
 Building material only

JAD Treecycle, Inc.  
 PO Box 117, Cary  
 (847) 639-0549 [www.jadtrecycle.com](http://www.jadtrecycle.com)  
 Logs, brush, woodchips, dimensional lumber



Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000 [www.khoving.com](http://www.khoving.com)

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.com)

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 [www.mwcompanies.com](http://www.mwcompanies.com)

Midwest Organics Recycling  
(847) 493-9116 [www.compostmatters.com](http://www.compostmatters.com)

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.  
(708) 352-4111 [www.murco.net/](http://www.murco.net/)

Ray Schrieber Disposal  
(847) 741-2684

### X-RAYS

AMS Store and Shred, LLC – Lake in the Hills  
(800) 262-2344 [www.AMSstoreandshred.com](http://www.AMSstoreandshred.com)

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)

### YARD WASTE

See Brush Drop-off

Yard waste or landscape waste includes grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs and other materials from the care of lawns, trees, vines and shrubbery. Yard waste is banned from Illinois landfills (Christmas trees are excluded) and open burning is limited in McHenry County.

Most municipalities have a system for collecting landscape waste. Call for more information.

McHenry County Open Burning of Landscape Waste Regulations:

The Open Burning of Landscape Waste Ordinance became effective April 1, 2008 and applies to all areas of McHenry County. If you live in a city with more stringent restrictions, the more restrictive rules apply.

Summary flyer and full ordinance is available from the McHenry County Dept. of Health Environmental Division. (815) 334-4585 [www.mcdh.info/](http://www.mcdh.info/)

#### Algonquin Township Road District

(847) 639-2700, x6 [www.algonquintownship.com](http://www.algonquintownship.com)

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#### DeKalb County Landfill Compost Facility

18370 Somonauk Rd., DeKalb

(815) 758-6906

Yard waste cannot be contaminated. Fees. Compost available for purchase.

#### Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

(815) 334-8689 [www.falconresources.com](http://www.falconresources.com) Call first

#### Midwest Organics Recycling

(847) 493-9116 [www.compostmatters.com](http://www.compostmatters.com)

Fee. Accepts sod, wood chips, leaves, branches, logs up to 10" in diameter and limited amounts of grass. High-quality compost for sale.

#### Prairieland Disposal & Recycling

(847) 381-9300 [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com)

#### Rock River Valley Compost

6200 Baxter Rd., Cherry Valley, IL.

(815) 874-5870 [www.winnebagolandfill.com](http://www.winnebagolandfill.com)

Accept leaves, grass and tree trimmings (pieces must be less than 4 ft. long and 6 inches in diameter). Fees. Also sell compost.

#### Thelen Composting Facility at Thelen Sand & Gravel

(847) 395-3313 [www.thelensg.com](http://www.thelensg.com)

Will accept clean yard waste only in paper bags, no plastic. Will accept grass clippings and tree trimmings (pieces must be less than 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter). If you have a large amount of brush material, call a tree removal or lawn service company. No rocks or concrete or dirt. Fee.

#### Reducing Your Yard Waste

The best strategy for managing yard waste and your disposal costs is to:

leave grass clippings on your lawn - you will also reduce your need to weed and fertilize.

purchase a mulch mower, shred your leaves, compost in your backyard, or use grass as ground cover or in flower beds

Reducing the amount of grass you grow and replacing it with ground covers or native wildflower beds invites birds and butterflies to your yard. Birds will serve as nature's insecticide.

### **YELLOW PAGES**

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

### **YOGA MATS**

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

DIDN'T FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR? SEARCH EARTH 911:

[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to find where to recycle nearly anything!