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.

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

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

AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at 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 With Proof of Proper Removal

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com
Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock

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

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 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 for information on those dates.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falcongreenresources.com Fee. Call first.

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4445 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

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falcongreenresources.com Fee. Call first.

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4445 www.tandcmetalco.com
Elgin Recycling – Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

AMMUNITION

Behr Woodstock – Woodstock (Fired Shells Only)

Second Amendment Sports – McHenry
(815) 385-5522 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
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
**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  
$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

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 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

Route 12 Used Auto Parts & Salvage, Inc.
(815) 675-6661 www.route12autoparts.com
1997 or later only. No motorcycles.

Route 14 Used Auto Parts
(815) 338-2800 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
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

**BICYCLES**

McHenry County Bicycle Advocates
3502 S. Kilkenny Dr., Crystal Lake
(815) 790-0125 www.mcbicycleadvocates.org
Takes used bicycles and repair for distribution to people in need of transportation.

Salvation Army Pick ups

Working Bikes
(773) 847-5440 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
Bicycle chains only – free shipping. Check website for details.

Working Bikes
(773) 847-5440 www.workingbikes.org

BICYCLE INNER TUBES

Alchemy Goods
(206) 484-9469 Ext. 3 www.alchemygoods.com
Pre-paid shipping for inner tubes. Call first.

BINOCULARS

American Birding Association
(800) 850-2473 ext. 240 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

BLANKETS

Also See Resale Shops – page 43

Helping Paws Animal Shelter – Woodstock
(815) 338-4400 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
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.prairieelanddisposal.com](http://www.prairieelanddisposal.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  
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
Take donations of all types of books.

Sparrow’s Nest Thrift Stores
www.hosparrow.org
(847) 458-2420 Algonquin
(847) 639-4082 Cary
(815) 363-6008 McHenry
(815) 206-5070 Woodstock

Thrift Books
www.thriftbooks.com

Walking Together Resale Shop
(847) 458-8958 www.saintmargaretmary.org walkingtogether.html

Thrift Books
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

BRONZE

See Metal, Non-ferrous – page 36

BRUSH DROP-OFF SITES

Algonquin Township Road District
(847) 639-2700, x6 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 Call for fee

McHenry Township Road District  
(815) 385-3076 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  
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  
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  
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  
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
Go to rear overhead door. Bag or box separately.
All colors & varieties. Foam sheets accepted.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 www.mcdef.org
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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
Includes prepaid shipping label.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

McHenry County PADS/Passageways – Woodstock
(815) 344-1230 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

Calco Pallets – Richmond
(815) 725-5387 www.usacalco.com
Must call to schedule appointment.
Cleveland Corp.
   (847) 872-7200 www.clevelandcorp.com
   Call for quote

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
   (847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
   (815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com Call for fee

Freeport Recycling Center
   (815) 232-2906 www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com

Lake Shore Recycling Company
   (630) 377-7000 www.lrsrecycles.com

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling
   (847) 381-9300 www.prairielanddisposal.com Fee.

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
   (847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

CARDS / GREETING CARDS

St. Jude’s Ranch for Children
   (702) 294-7100 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
   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://khoving.com)

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake  
[www.1800gotjunk.com](http://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://acehardware.com)

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

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

Cartridge World – Rockford  
(815) 316-7722 [www.cartridgeworld.com](http://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://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
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
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

www.mchenry.edu/green

CDS (PLUS CD CASES)

Alternative Community Training
(800) 359-4607 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.AMSSstoreandshred.com
Accepts CD’s, DVD’s, and VHS

Best Buy
Recycling kiosks at store entrances.
www.bestbuy.com recycling

Chicago Logistic Service
(847) 429-1926
www.chicagologisticservice.com Go to rear overhead door.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 www.mcdef.org
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Green Disk, Inc.
(800) 305-3475 www.greendisk.com
Most computer related accessories. Fee by weight.

MRC Polymers
(773) 890-9000 x2 www.mrcpolymers.com
Takes CDs and DVDs (and cases) at no charge. Postage fee.

MRK Group, Ltd.
(847) 468-1700 www.mrkgroupltd.com

CELLULAR PHONES

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

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

Best Buy
Recycling kiosks at store entrances.
Check website for buyback program 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

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 www.mcdef.org
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FedEx Kinko’s stores.

First Congregational Church - Huntley  
(847) 669-3691 www.fcchuntley.org

Hobi International, Inc.  
(630) 761-0500 www.hobi.com  
Accepts telephones & telephone equipment.

Lakewood Village Hall  
(815) 459-3025 www.village.lakewood.il.us  
2500 Lake Ave., Lakewood

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.  
(800) 558-1166 www.lamprecyclers.com

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

SIMS Recycling Solutions  
(630) 231-6060 www.us.simsrecycling.com

Sparrow’s Nest Thrift Stores  
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  
Cell phone drop offs and mail ins

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
RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL 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

Huntley Park District
(847) 669-3180 www.huntleyparks.org

McHenry County Conservation District – Ringwood
(815) 338-6223 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
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
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
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  Call first

Goodwill Industries
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

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
Donate reusable clothing and household items at Savers Community Donation Center
Sparrow’s Nest Thrift Store and Donation Center
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

CLOTHING – WILL PICK UP

Cancer Federation
(888) 875-4066 www.cfdonationpickup.com

Illinois AMVET
(217) 528-4713 www.ilamvets.org

Pioneer Center
(815) 344-1230 www.pioneercenter.org

Salvation Army Pick Up
(847) 662-7730 www.usc.salvationarmy.org

Vietnam Veterans of America
(708) 371-4418 www.clothingdonations.org

COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFLS)

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

Batteries Plus Bulbs – Crystal Lake
(815) 219-4265 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
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EverLights
(773) 734-9873 www.everlights.com

Home Depot Stores
www.homedepot.com

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.
(800) 558-1166 www.lamprecyclers.com Fee.

Lowes Stores
www.lowes.com

Nunda Township Road District – Crystal Lake
3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4410 www.nundarooaddistrict.com
Residents only

Waste Management’s THINKGREEN from Home
Light Bulbs Mail-in Option: www.wmlamptracker.com/v2/product_lamp.cfm/
General THINKGREEN website: 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

CONCRETE (BROKEN)
Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills
(630) 497-8700 www.bluffcitymaterials.com
Clean broken concrete.
Coral Lake Sand & Gravel, Inc. – Marengo  
(815) 568-1538 legeske@mc.net  
Must be clean.

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

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689  
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  
Recycled concrete gravel.

Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000  
www.khoving.com

Lowe Enterprises Inc – Cary  
(847) 639-2775  
www.loweenterprisesinc.com  
Free dumping. Clean only.

Ray Schrieber Disposal  
(847) 741-2684  
www.rayschrieberdisposal.com  
Rent dumpsters.

Thelen Sand & Gravel  
(847) 395-3313  
www.thelensg.com

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

1-800-GOT-JUNK? – Crystal Lake  
www.1800gotjunk.com  
Pick up service for a fee.
Metals Only

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 www.jbehr.com

Brothers Junk Removal and Deconstruction  
(815) 600-6697 www.brothersjunkremoval.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com Scrap metal.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock  
(815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com Call first

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore  
(847) 742-9905 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 restore

Habitat for Humanity – McHenry County ReStore  
(815) 334-0500 www.habitatmchenry.org  
Will pick up.

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.  
(708) 352-4111 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

COPPER

See Metal, Non-ferrous – page 36
CORK (WINE BOTTLES)

Recycling at stores through
www.corkreharvest.org

Houlihan’s Restaurants – Algonquin

Whole Foods Stores
www.wholefoodsmarket.com

CRAYONS

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

SCARCE - Crayon Rescue
(630) 545-9710 www.scarce.org
Rescue Programs - makes Super Crayons for disabled.

DECONSTRUCTION AND ESTATE LIQUIDATIONS

1-800-GOT-JUNK?
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

Brothers Junk Removal and Deconstruction
(815) 600-6697 www.brothersjunkremoval.com

Building Materials Reuse Association (BMRA)
(773) 340-BMRA (2672) 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
Fox Valley Disposal
(847) 639-1525

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore
(847) 742-9905 www.restoreelgin.org

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

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

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

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
(847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 www.mwcompanies.com

Murco Recycling Enterprises Inc.
(708) 352-4111 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  With Proof of Proper Removal

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 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

Fox Valley Disposal
(847) 639-1525

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
(847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 www.mwcompanies.com

DIABETES TESTING KITS

Fox Lake Lions Club
www.crystallakelions.org
Check online under Services for drop-off locations.

DISKETTES (COMPUTER)

Alternative Community Training
(800) 359-4607 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

DRYWALL

Lakeshore Recycling Company
(630) 377-7000 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
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
Metals Only

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock
(815) 206-5511 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

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake
(815) 459-4445 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

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

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

B&O Used Auto
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock
(815) 206-5511  www.jbehr.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100  www.elginrecycling.com

Play It Again Sports – Crystal Lake
(815) 459-1717  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
Check under Services for drop-off locations.

OneSight
(888) 935-4589  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

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

**FLUORESCENT TUBES**

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
1113 Pyott Rd., LITH

Cary-Grove Food Pantry
(847) 516-3602 www.cgfoodpantry.org
8901 S. Cary-Algonquin Rd., Cary

Crystal Lake Food Pantry
(815) 455-0961 www.clpantry.org
257 King St., Crystal Lake

Fish of McHenry Food Pantry
(815) 344-4717 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

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
Northern Illinois Food Bank
273 Dearborn Court, Geneva
(630) 443-6910 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

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

FOOD SCRAPS

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling
(847) 381-9300 www.prairielanddisposal.com

FURNITURE

See Resale Shops for locations – page 43

FURNITURE – WILL PICK UP

1-800-GOT-JUNK?
www.1800gotjunk.com Pick up service for a fee.

Habitat for Humanity-Elgin Restore
(847) 742-9905 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 Call first

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354 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

Abraham’s On-Site Shredding Service  
(262) 877-8878 www.abrahamsshredding.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 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  
Check under Services for drop-off locations.

HEATING OIL

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake  
(815) 455-4030 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

HOBBY CHEMICALS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide found at 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
Accepts all types of holiday lights.

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 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 for information on those dates.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

See McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information. 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
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

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

KEROSENE

Independent Auto Craft – Crystal Lake
(815) 455-4030 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

LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

See Batteries in the McHenry County Recycling Directory Green Guide for more information.
www.mchenry.edu/green
MAGAZINES

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

MANURE

University of Illinois Extension
www.manureshare.illinois.edu/
www.manurecentral.illinois.edu/

Prairieland Disposal, Inc.
(847) 381-9300 www.prairielanddisposal.com

MATTRESSES

1-800-GOT-JUNK?
Can schedule mattress removal appointment over the phone or online
www.1800gotjunk.com

Earth 911
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
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
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

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.

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 Pick up service for a fee.

B&O Used Auto
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock
(815) 206-5511 www.jbehr.com

Cleveland Corp.
(847) 872-7200 www.clevelandcorp.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com Call for fee

Lakeshore Recycling Company
(630) 377-7000 www.khoving.com

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
(847) 639-2775 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  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

Cleveland Corp.
(847) 872-7200 www.clevelandcorp.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
(815) 338-0393 www.mcdef.org
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Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com  Call first

Lakeshore Recycling Company
(630) 377-7000 www.khoving.com
Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.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.

**MOTORS, ELECTRIC**

B&O Used Auto  
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock  
(815) 206-5511 www.jbehr.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

T&C Metal Co. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 459-4445 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  
Also, contact The Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at www.safeneedledisposal.org.

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

Stericycle, Inc.  
(866) 783-7422 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

**NEON SIGNS**

Also see the household hazardous waste section in the 2019-2020 Green Guide for more information at www.mchenry.edu/green
NEWSPAPER

See local garbage hauler and recycling drop-off centers.

PAINT


PALLETS

Calco Pallets
(815) 725-5387 www.usacalco.com
Will pay for scrap pallets. Must call to schedule appointment.

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
(847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 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 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


PDAS, MP3 PLAYERS, ETC.
See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at 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/  
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

PET SUPPLIES

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

On Angels’ Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 356-8170 www.onangelswings.org

Helping Paws Animal Shelter – Woodstock  
2500 Harding Ln, Woodstock, IL 60098  
(815) 338-4400 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  Call first

Freeport Recycling Center
(815) 232-2906 www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com

Prairieland Disposal & Recycling
(847) 381-9300 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

PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

Leave caps on bottles and put in recycling bin

PLASTIC POUCHES & MISC.

Terracycle Inc.
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
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
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

POP TABS

Ronald McDonald Houses
1900 Spring Rd, Ste 310, Oakbrook, IL 60523
(630) 623-5300 www.rmhccni.org pop-tab-collection/
Information on where to drop off pop tabs and how to receive collection boxes.

PROPAANE TANKS

Check Ace Hardware Store Fee.
www.acehardware.com

B&O Used Auto
(815) 895-6744

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock
(815) 206-5511 www.jbehr.com
Must be emptied, and valves removed

CEMCO
(315) 253-2886 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
Call in August for collection dates.

RADIOS

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

Alternative Community Training
(800) 359-4607 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
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

Barrington Resale Shop
2212 E. Algonquin Rd., Algonquin
(847) 658-6100 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
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/

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
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

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

Habitat for Humanity – McHenry County ReStore
(815) 334-0500 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  
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

On Angels’ Wings, Inc. – Crystal Lake  
(815) 356-8170 www.onangelswings.org  
Accepts clothes & small furniture items.

Plato’s Closet  
1481 S. Randall Rd, Algonquin  
(847) 658-2600 www.platosclosetalonquin.com

Posh Threads-Consignment Boutique  
148 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, WI  
(262) 275-2707 www.posqthreads.net/
Potpourri Resale Shop
3012 Rt. 120 #E, McHenry
(815) 385-8555
Clothing, furniture & 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

Savers
230 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake, IL
(815) 444-0276 www.savers.com www.supersaversclubcard.com

Scene II
237 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan, WI
(262) 728-9640

Sparrow’s Nest Thrift Stores
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 & 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
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
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/
No men’s clothing.

**ROOFING SHINGLES**

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

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary
(847) 639-2775 www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 www.mwcompanies.com

Lakeshore Recycling Company
(630) 377-7000 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
Metal only.

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

Sparrow’s Nest Thrift Stores
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
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
Accepts all types of shoes.

Passback Program-Eurosport
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

SOD

Midwest Organics Recycling
(847) 493-9116 www.compostmatters.com

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 www.mwcompanies.com

SOIL (CLEAN)

Bluff City Materials – Lake in the Hills
(630) 497-8700 www.bluffcitymaterials.com

Curran Contracting Company
(847) 344-6404 Amy Musekamp www.currancontracting.com
Must be uncontaminated

SOLVENTS


SPORTS EQUIPMENT

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

Passback Program-Eurosport
www.ussoccerfoundation.org (Passback)
Outfits teams around the globe that cannot afford equipment.
STEEL

See Metal, Ferrous. – page 35

STEREOS

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

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/

Rebounces
www.rebounces.com

THERMOSTATS

See Household Hazardous Waste in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at 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/
Heating, ventilation and air conditioning wholesalers and contractors contact Thermostat Recycling Corporation for collection bins. Fee.
www.nema.org gov/ehs/trc

Lamp Recyclers, Inc.
(800) 558-1166 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
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
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
Check the website for mailing instructions.

VACUUM CLEANERS

www.mchenry.edu/green

VCRS

See “Electronics” in the McHenry County College Sustainability Center Green Guide – found at
www.mchenry.edu/green
VEHICLES
See Automobiles – page 4

VIDEO CAMERAS & GAME SYSTEM

Behr Iron & Metal – Woodstock
(815) 206-5511 www.jbehr.com

Best Buy
Recycle at store locations.
Trade-in service
www.bestbuytradein.com

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

VIDEOTAPES (VHS)

Alternative Community Training
(800) 359-4607 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
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 for information on those dates.

VINYL SIDING

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights
(847) 741-4100 www.elginrecycling.com

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com Call first

Midwest Companies
(847) 426-6354 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

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775 [www.loweenterprisesinc.com](http://www.loweenterprisesinc.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
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
Will pay for scrap pallets. Must call to schedule appointment.

Falcon Green Resources, Inc. – Woodstock
(815) 334-8689 www.falconresources.com Call first

Freeport Recycling Center
(815) 232-2906 www.freeportrecyclingcenter.com
Pallets and skids

Habitat for Humanity – Elgin ReStore
(847) 742-9905 www.restoreelgin.org
Building material only

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

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

JAD Treecycle, Inc.
PO Box 117, Cary
(847) 639-0549 www.jadtreecyclemchenry.com
Logs, brush, woodchips, dimensional lumber
Lakeshore Recycling Company  
(630) 377-7000  www.khoving.com

Lowe Enterprises Inc. – Cary  
(847) 639-2775  www.loweenterprisesinc.com

Midwest Companies  
(847) 426-6354  www.mwcompanies.com

Midwest Organics Recycling  
(847) 493-9116  www.compostmatters.com

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.  
(708) 352-4111  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

Elgin Recycling - Crystal Lake, Elgin, Gilberts & Arlington Heights  
(847) 741-4100  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/
Algonquin Township Road District
(847) 639-2700, x6 www.algonquintownship.com
RECYCLING STATUS STILL UNCERTAIN - PLEASE CALL NUMBER ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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 Call first

Midwest Organics Recycling
(847) 493-9116 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

Rock River Valley Compost
6200 Baxter Rd., Cherry Valley, IL.
(815) 874-5870 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
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

**YOGA MATS**

www.recycleyourmat.com

DIDN'T FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR? SEARCH EARTH 911: www.earth911.com to find where to recycle nearly anything!