



This guide was compiled to offer additional information to items not accepted in the curbside collection container. It is by no means comprehensive but tries to be specific to our area. Many locations and items accepted change frequently so please call ahead. For more information on what is collected in your bin visit: <http://www.river-forest.us/residents/refuse-a-recycling>

**Hazardous Waste** - Disposal of oil-based paints, mercury, paint thinner, household batteries, solvents, insecticides, automotive fluids, thermostats, pesticides, cleaning products, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, motor oil, lawn chemicals, prescription drugs and aerosol paints is forbidden in your residential waste pick-up.

- ***Naperville Fire Station #4***, 1971 Brookdale Rd., Drop off is each Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (630) 420-4190.
- ***Chicago's Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling*** Facility in Goose Island, 1150 N. Branch St., accepts drop-offs 7 a.m. - noon on Tuesdays; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursdays; and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. 312.744.7672 [cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)

**Online sites for Reuse & Recycling include:**

- [1-800-recycling.com](http://1-800-recycling.com) – finds recycling locations near your zip code
- [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) – provides recycling options for whatever item you specify
- <http://www.terracycle.com> mail in programs for various items especially packaging
- [www.itsourearth](http://www.itsourearth) mail in program for items such as record albums, neckties, and odds and ends

**Animal toys, crates, accessories**

- Animal Care League 1013 Garfield St., Oak Park 708.848.8155  
<http://www.animalcareleague.org/> Accept blankets, towels, animal toys

**Art Supplies Crafts for Reuse**

- The Little Bits Workshop, check website for accepted items <http://thelittlebitsworkshop.com>
- S.C.A.R.C.E: School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education  
799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2 Suite 108, Glen Ellyn 630.545.9710 [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org)

**Auto**

- Cassidy Tire, Midas, Jiffy Lube stores accept batteries and oil, including transmission fluid and tires at a charge.
- West Side Recycling, 3316 W. North Ave Stone Park IL. 708-343-8885  
<http://www.westsiderecycling.com/services>

**Batteries: Rechargeable only Nickel-Cadmium Batteries (Ni-C):**

- Best Buy [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) Recycling kiosks at all stores for rechargeable batteries, cell phones, inkjet and toner cartridges and wires, cords and cables.
- Lowe's [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) Partners with Call2Recycle and accepts any rechargeable batteries, 2630 N. Narragansett Ave. (773) 413-5120
- NOTE: Many Sears Automotive Centers, K-Mart, Sam's Club, and Wal-Mart stores will accept car, motorcycle, boat, sump pump and tractor lead-acid batteries

**Batteries: Single Use**

- See the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs for disposal
- Menards 8311 W North Ave, Melrose Park, IL (708) 450-9924
- Collected at the Green4Good Recycling Extravaganza in May

**Bicycles**

- Working Bikes Cooperative [www.workingbikeks.org](http://www.workingbikeks.org) call for drop off locations 708.660.1669

**Books**

- Friends of the River Forest Public Library Annual Summer Book Sale [www.rflib.org/support-your-library/friends-of-the-library](http://www.rflib.org/support-your-library/friends-of-the-library)
- S.C.A.R.C.E: 799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2 Suite 108, Glen Ellyn 630.545.9710 [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org)

**Carpet, padding and rugs**

- JRE Recycling Inc. will also take furniture cushions (773) 745-7696 1900 North Austin Avenue

**Construction Materials**

- Habitat for Humanity [www.chicagolandhabitat.org](http://www.chicagolandhabitat.org)
- Rebuilding Exchange <http://rebuildingexchange.org/>

**Corks**

- Whole Foods, 7245 Lake St, River Forest 708.366.1045, take to cheese counter the box for drop-off is kept in the back

**Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids**

- For Eyes Optical 409 N. Harlem Ave., Oak Park 708.358.2000 recycled by the Lion's Club
- Kirk Eye Center, Lake Street, River Forest recycled by the Lion's Club

**Electronics-Reusable**

- Apple Computer [www.apple.com/environment/recycling](http://www.apple.com/environment/recycling) Free disposal of iPods and cell phones with no purchase necessary. A pre-paid printable label or a pre-paid mailer can be sent to your home. Items can also be brought into any Mac store.
- Assistive Technology Exchange Network 3145 S. 55th Ave., Cicero 708.863.1186 [www.ucpnet.org](http://www.ucpnet.org) A program of the United Cerebral Palsy Association. Call for details.

### **Electronics-Recycle**

- Village of River Forest <http://vrf.us/residents/refuse-a-recycling#Electronics>
- Green4Good's Recycling Extravaganza in May
- Drop off at Forest Park Public Works building located at 7343 W. 15th Street between the hours of 7am and 3pm, Monday through Friday.
- Small Electronics can be recycled at Best Buy recycling kiosks at all stores

### **Fire Extinguishers**

- Check with the manufacturer of your fire extinguisher to see if they will accept it back for reuse.
- Cintas 630.692.7522 for drop off information

### **American Flags**

- Drop flag(s) at Village of River Forest, 400 Park. Boy Scouts will properly retire the flags. The drop box is located next to post office box in the Village Hall driveway

### **Fluorescent Bulbs**

- See the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs for disposal.  
Note: All Home Depot, IKEA and some Ace Hardware stores accept Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs

### **Hangers (metal)**

- Most area dry cleaners will gladly reuse and recycle your unwanted hangers

### **Holiday Lights**

- Collected on the Recycling Extravaganza in May or at Village of River Forest during the month of December & January (look for container on Central Avenue)
- S.C.A.R.C.E: School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education  
799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2 Suite 108, Glen Ellyn 630.545.9710 [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org)

### **Household Items**

- Animal Care League's *2nd Chance Shop*, 808 Harrison Street, Oak Park, IL 60302 (708) 383-9660 [www.2ndchanceshop.org](http://www.2ndchanceshop.org) Accepts books and women's and children's clothing, jewelry, holiday decorations, books, music and small furniture.
- Aspire on Broadway, 117 Broadway St., Melrose Park 708.865.1638 [www.AspireofIllinois.org](http://www.AspireofIllinois.org) Accepts clothing, furniture in good condition, housewares, shoes and toys. Saturday pick-up for furniture is also available by appointment.
- Brown Elephant, 217 Harrison St., Oak Park 708.445.0612 [www.howardbrown.org](http://www.howardbrown.org) Accepts clothing, shoes, books, music and more during open hours only. Pick-up available.
- Goodwill Store 1900 Harlem Ave # A, Riverside, IL 60546, (708) 442-3606 [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org) Accepts clothing shoes and household goods for resale. Textiles (torn, stained clothing, fibrous material, cloth scraps, sheets, towels and blankets are also accepted for recycling.
- Salvation Army Thrift Store 6536 W. Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park 708.848.1181 [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

### **Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges:**

- FedEx Kinkos (all locations) 1720 N. Harlem Ave., Elmwood Park as well as River Forest Post Office offer bags for ink jet cartridges/cell phones to be mailed out for recycling.
- Office Max (all locations) [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com)
- Staples, 1850 Harlem Avenue, Elmwood Park

### **Plastic Bags and Plastic Drycleaner bags**

- All Jewel and Target stores

### **Latex Paint**

- To properly dispose of pain visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYmYS80ZlaY&feature=youtu.be>
- For usable paint the Village of Oak Park hosts paint exchanges once or twice a year, for more information, call 708.358.5700 or email [publicworks@oak-park.us](mailto:publicworks@oak-park.us).

### **Prescription Drugs**

- See hazardous waste
- Collected at Green4Good Recycling Extravaganza in May

### **School Supplies**

- *S.C.A.R.C.E:* School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education  
799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2 Suite 108, Glen Ellyn 630.545.9710 [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org)  
Crayons, slightly used spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, musical instruments etc.

### **Scrap Metal**

- West Side Recycling, 3316 W. North Ave Stone Park, 708-343-8885
- ACME Electronics Recycling 3357 South Justine Street, Chicago, (773) 523-4500  
[www.acmescrapglobal.com/](http://www.acmescrapglobal.com/)
- United Scrap Metal, Inc. 1545 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 708.780.6800  
[www.Unitedscrap.com](http://www.Unitedscrap.com) Accepts steel, aluminum, copper, stainless steel and brass. Donator receives a cash payment for items. Grills and empty propane tanks

### **Sneakers**

- Competitive Foot, 102 N. Marion Street, Oak Park 708.524.0213 Repurposes old sneakers as part of the Nike Reuse Program  
[http://www.nike.com/us/en\\_us/c/better-world/stories/2013/05/reuse-a-shoe](http://www.nike.com/us/en_us/c/better-world/stories/2013/05/reuse-a-shoe)

### **Sports Equipment**

- Play It Again Sports 3939 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 773.305.9900 [www.playitagainsports.com](http://www.playitagainsports.com)

### **Styrofoam: Packing/ Plastic polystyrene “peanuts”.**

- The UPS Store –Marion Street or North Avenue

**Thank you for Reusing & Recycling!**

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