



# Kane County RECYCLES

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## Business Recycling

### Do you recycle at your business?

Do you recycle at your business? If not, this article will help get you started. The 1996 mandatory commercial recycling ordinance in Kane County requires all businesses and multi-family dwellings to recycle. It also requires waste haulers to provide recycling services to their customers. The Recycling and Hauler Ordinance can be found in the County Code, Chapter 11, Art. IV, Sec. 11, online at [sterlingcodifiers.com/IL/KaneCounty](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/IL/KaneCounty).



*The Q Center in St. Charles composts all pre- and post-consumer food scraps. They practice the 3 Rs, apply energy and water conservation measures, and commit to environmentally sensitive purchasing practices.*

*See more at: [www.qcenter.com/about-us/greencommitment/](http://www.qcenter.com/about-us/greencommitment/)*

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### Which materials can be recycled?

Lots (see the center pull-out poster)! A big part of what makes business recycling successful is single-stream recycling, where all recyclables can be combined in one container. If your waste stream presents more unique or complex needs, you can talk to your waste and recycling hauler about options.

### Will recycling service cost more?

It doesn't have to. But like all services it does have a cost. By diverting materials from your trash into recycling, you can cut costs by reducing either the frequency of collection or the size of your dumpster. That savings can offset the cost of your recycling service. This model is a proven method for minimizing cost and improving efficiency of service, while recovering valuable resources through recycling. Call your waste hauler and request that they work with you to customize your waste and recycling service.

### You already recycle?

Wonderful! Do you also minimize waste, print on both-sides of your paper, narrow your margins in your printed documents, or use reusable food-ware? Do you compost your food scraps, use energy efficient lighting, or practice water conservation? If you are a sustainable business, let us know and we'll add you to the list of Kane County Green Businesses.

### Questions?

Questions about starting service should be directed to your current waste hauler. If you have questions about the Ordinance or about the Kane County Green Business List, please contact the Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Jennifer Jarland, at 630-208-3841 or [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org).

To download an electronic version of this guide and for the most updated information, please see

[www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling)

# Electronics Landfill Ban

## Be Resourceful: Recycle your Electronics!

Worldwide, an estimated 20-50 million tons of electronics are discarded annually, and the US EPA estimates that 85% of it ends up in landfills. But that is changing; Illinois is one of 25 states that now have electronics related legislation.

**The Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act**, which took effect in 2008, required manufacturers who sell their products in Illinois to establish recycling programs for their discarded and unwanted products. Beginning in January of 2012, the law was amended, expanding the list of electronic items banned from state's 48 active landfills. There are 17 electronic items banned from the landfill. *See box below.*

**Recycling opportunities abound.** Since electronic equipment is no longer collected with regular trash and the Act requires that it be recycled, there are a growing number of free public collection events and permanent drop-off locations available. The legislation specifies that there be no fee for residents to recycle their electronics, so all recycling programs should be free of charge. The legislation promoted growth in the recycling industry making it possible to recycle nearly all household electronics, going beyond the items listed in the legislation. See page 3 for Kane County Electronics Recycling locations.

This **product stewardship** law created a system in which the product manufacturers are responsible for recycling their equipment at end-of-life. Most commonly, the manufacturers work with certified recyclers (see Responsible Recycling box below) to receive, process, and recycle electronics for them. The certified recyclers in turn work with communities and local governments to hold residential recycling collection events and establish permanent drop-off locations.

Electronics contain many **valuable resources** such as gold, cadmium, lead, and silver that can be reclaimed, reused, and recycled. Recycling, rather than dumping these materials, uses far less energy than mining and refining raw metals and reduces the amount of energy and other resources used in new product manufacturing. It makes good sense to recycle these materials.

Further resources and information can be found on the EPA website: [www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling)



### The following electronic items are banned from Illinois landfills (Public Act 97-0287)

Televisions	Electronic Keyboards	Video Game Consoles	Digital Converter Boxes
Monitors	Facsimile Machines	Electronic Mice	Videocassette Recorders
Printers	Scanners	Small Scale Servers	Portable Digital Music Players
Cable Receivers	Satellite Receivers	Computers (including desktop /notebook/netbook/tablet)	Digital Video Disc Recorders & Players
Stereo Equipment	Speakers		

### Note on Responsible Recycling:

While some companies offer to pay you for your electronics, it is good to be informed about their processing and data security practices, and to make sure they are registered electronics recyclers. The Illinois EPA maintains a list of registered recycling companies and collectors who are managing and recycling end-of-life electronic equipment in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, including an assurance that your data will be securely erased. The list can be found at: [www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/recycler-list](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/recycler-list). If a company or individual is not on this list, they may not be following responsible recycling practices.

This information is provided with funding from the **Illinois EPA Electronics Reuse and Recycling Grant**.

# Kane County Electronics Recycling

In 2012, Kane County residents recycled over 800,00 pounds of electronics and 70,000 pounds of books through this monthly event!

## Free Electronics Recycling Collection Events

### Kane County Monthly Collection Event Electronics and Book Recycling

540 S Randall Road, St. Charles • 630-208-3841  
2nd Saturday of each month

**Please notice NEW Winter Hours.**

**Summer 2013:** Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 (8am-2pm)

**Winter '13-'14:** Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 9, Mar 8 (8am-12noon)

- We unload for you! Please stay comfortably in your vehicle.
- Open to all Kane County residents. Businesses please contact a recycler directly.
- Kane County works with an R2 (Responsible Recycling) certified and EPA Registered recycler.
- Rest assured that all data stored on computer hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed under the highest security, so it is not necessary to wipe your drives before recycling.

We take **BOOKS** of any age, in any condition, either paperback or hard cover. They are assessed for reuse, redistributed if possible, and the rest are recycled.

### Other Monthly Collection Events

**City of Aurora** Call 630-256-4636 for dates, times and items accepted  
Westside Central Garage, 720 N. Broadway Ave., Aurora  
Eastside Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Drive, Aurora

### Village of Montgomery

10 Civic Center Ave, Montgomery; 630-896-8080 ext. 1114  
3rd Saturday of each month; 9am – 12 noon  
Accepts electronics; appliances; batteries; metal; car fluids

## Permanent Electronic Recycling Drop-offs

*These free Kane County Drop-offs are self-serve locations. Be prepared to unload into provided areas.*

### Batavia Public Works Department Self-Serve Electronics Drop-off

200 N Raddant Road, Batavia, 630-454-2310 **Hours:** Mon – Fri, 8am – 3pm

### Elgin ReStore Electronics Recycling Drop-off

800 N State Street, Elgin, 847-742-9905 **Hours:** W– F, 9–6 / Sat, 9–4

### Geneva Public Works Department Self-Serve Electronics Drop-off

1800 South Street, Geneva, 630-232-1501 **Hours:** Mon – Fri, 8am – 3pm

### St. Charles Public Works Department Self-Serve Electronics Drop-off

1405 S 7th Avenue, St. Charles, 630-377-4405 **Hours:** Mon – Fri, 8am – 3pm

### West Dundee Electronics Drop-off

900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, 847-551-3815 **Hours:** Mon – Fri, 8am – 3pm

See website [www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling) for a list of additional locations, and for a list of companies that provide electronics recycling services for business.



## Items Accepted

Answering Machines	MP3 Players /
Cable/Satellite boxes	Portable Music
Cables/Cords	Players
Calculators	Network Equipment
Camcorders	(servers, hubs,
Cameras	mainframes)
CD Drives	Phones
Cell Phones / PDAs	Postage Machines
Christmas Lights	Power Tools
Circuit Boards	Printers
Computers	Scanners
(CPUs, Laptops,	Servers
Tablet PCs)	Small Home Appliances
Copy Machines	(blenders, fans, toasters,
Digital Converter	hair dryers, etc)
Boxes	Stereos / Receivers
Digital Recorders	Switch Boxes
DVD Players	Tape Drives
Fax Machines	Telephones
Hard Drives	Toner and Printer
Keyboards	Cartridges
Media	(must be contained
(software, floppy	in a bag)
discs, CDs, DVDs,	TVs – all types & sizes
cassette tapes,	Typewriters
VCR tapes)	Vacuums
Mice	VCRs
Microphones	Video Game Consoles
Microwaves	Video Game
Modems	Controllers
Monitors – all types	Word Processors
	Zip Drives

## Items NOT Accepted

- White Goods/Large Appliances
- Extra-large wood speakers  
(please remove speakers from wooden box, dispose of wood, and bring speaker mechanism for recycling)
- Batteries not contained in equipment (see page 7)
- Household Hazardous Waste (see page 6)

This information is provided with funding from the Illinois EPA Electronics Reuse and Recycling Grant.

# Drop-off Locations

## Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

**Batavia - Advanced Recycling Transfer Station**  
*(formerly Veolia)*  
**Location:** 766 Hunter Dr., Batavia, IL 60510  
**Contact:** 630-879-3587  
**Hours:** Sat 6am-10am Only (for Residential drop-off pricing)  
**Accepts for:** **Recycling** - Roofing shingles, household recycling, cardboard, containers, paper, etc.  
**Reuse** - Untreated lumber, pallets, clean wood  
**Mulching** - Yard waste, branches, leaves  
**Landfilling** - Household garbage, treated lumber  
**Cost:** \$25 for mixed acceptable materials up to a quantity equal to a level pickup truck bed-full;  
Saturday special for Residents, cash or credit card only.

## Household Recycling

### Aurora – Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs

**Location:** 309 W. New Indian Trail Court, Aurora, IL 60506  
*AID building is east of the school, bin is on south side of building near overhead garage doors.*  
**Contacts:** 630-966-4145 or 630-966-4121, [the-association.org](http://the-association.org)  
**Hours:** M-F 9:30-3:30 open for electronic drop-off  
24/7 for other materials, no electronics after hours  
**Accepts:** aluminum, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic bags, scrap metal, tin cans, and electronics

### Carpentersville – Village Hall

**Location:** 1200 Besinger Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110  
**Contact:** 224-293-1631  
**Hours:** 24/7  
**Accepts:** Household containers and paper; see Recycling Guidelines center pull-out

### Elgin – Association for Individual Development (AID) Recycling Drop-offs

**Location:** 1135 Bowes Road, Elgin, IL 60123  
*Please deposit recyclables in AID bin at back of building near dumpsters.*  
**Contact:** 847-931-6237, [the-association.org](http://the-association.org)  
**Hours:** M-F 9:30-3:30 open for electronic drop-off  
24/7 for other materials, no electronics after hours  
**Accepts:** aluminum, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic bags, scrap metal, tin cans, and electronics

### Elgin – Waste Management

**Location:** 7N904 Rt 25, Elgin, IL 60177  
**Contact:** 847-608-7543, [www.cityofelgin.org](http://www.cityofelgin.org)  
**Hours:** 24/7 parking lot dumpster  
**Accepts:** Household containers and paper; see Recycling Guidelines center pull-out

### Virgil Township - St. Peter and Paul Church

**Location:** Meredith Road, Virgil, IL 60151  
**Contact:** 800-930-7321  
**Hours:** 24/7  
**Accepts:** Household containers and paper; see Recycling Guidelines center pull-out

## Paper Recycling

**Paper Recycling** Paper Retriever has green parking lot bins throughout Kane County for large quantities of newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail. To find a bin nearest you, see ([www.paperretriever.com](http://www.paperretriever.com)) or call 1-800-874-1301.

### St. Charles – RockTenn Paper Recycler

**Location:** 417 S 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174  
**Contact:** 630-443-3538  
**Hours:** M-F 8-4  
**Accepts:** **Paper Only** Newspaper, cardboard, catalogs, magazines  
**Payment:** does pay for quantity or consistency

## Yard Waste & Organics

### Elgin - Midwest Compost/ DuPage Yard Waste

**Locations:** **Midwest Compost** • 1320 Spaulding Rd., Elgin, IL 60120 • 847-931-2900  
**DuPage Yard Waste** • 1195 W Washington St., West Chicago 60185 • 630-876-8900  
**Website:** [www.midwestcompostllc.com](http://www.midwestcompostllc.com)  
**Hours:** M-F 7-4 (Open mid-April through mid-December)  
**Accepts:** Clean residential yard waste: Leaves, grass, branches, sod, dirt in brown paper bags, or in bulk.  
**Cost:** \$2/bag or equivalent; cash, credit or check.

### South of Kane – Green Organics in Kendall County

**Location:** 1270 E Beecher Rd., Bristol, IL 60512  
630-553-6409  
**Website:** [www.greenorganicsinc.com](http://www.greenorganicsinc.com)  
**Hours:** M-F 7-4 (Summer Sat 7-12)  
**Accepts:** Clean residential yard waste: Leaves, grass, branches in bulk. Food scraps (no meat)  
**Cost:** call for pricing

## Building Material Re-use

### Aurora – ReStore – Habitat For Humanity

**Location:** 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora  
**Contact:** 630-585-5508  
**Hours:** Tu-F 10-8 / Sat 10-6 / Sun noon-6/ Mon closed  
**Accepts:** used building materials, furniture, electronics, small appliances

### Elgin – ReStore – Habitat For Humanity

**Location:** 800 N State St., Elgin (Rt 31)  
**Contact:** 847-742-9905, [www.habitatnfv.org](http://www.habitatnfv.org)  
**Hours:** W-F 9-6/ Sat 9-4 / Sun-Tu closed  
**Accepts:** used building materials, furniture, electronics, small appliances, unused latex paint

**Donate:** Homeowners and contractors can donate surplus items (tax deductible), reducing the amount of building materials that would otherwise go to landfills. The lists of what we can & cannot accept will change, depending on inventory and sales. Please always call before bringing materials to ReStore. Please understand that if we feel that we cannot sell an item, we reserve the right to decline the donation.

**Purchase:** This center sells surplus or gently used building materials at significant savings to the general public. Proceeds from sales support the mission of the Habitat for Humanity organization.

## Latex Paint

Unlike oil-based paints, which are considered household hazardous waste, today's latex (water-based) paint has a very low level of toxicity. Disposing of it as hazardous waste is unnecessary and very expensive, so most facilities do not accept it. Therefore, the Illinois EPA and Kane County encourage people with unwanted latex paint to use other options.

**Buy a smaller can.** The best way to reduce waste is by buying only as much as you need.

**Use it up.** Add an extra coat or paint something else. Use an old piece of cardboard, some scrap lumber, or the inside of your garage. Let the empty can dry and recycle it.

**Recycle it.** ReStore (800 N State Street, Elgin, 847-742-9905) will receive for free full unused cans of latex paint for reuse. Earth Paint Collection Systems ([www.earthpaintscs.com](http://www.earthpaintscs.com) or 847-231-6044) may have locations near you to recycle opened cans of liquid latex paint. Recycle empty paint cans and lids; a thin coating of dried paint on the inside walls and bottom is ok.

**Donate or share it.** Find a friend or neighbor who needs to paint a small area.

**Dry it out.** Dried latex paint can be disposed of in your regular household trash. Add kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper and stir it in to help the paint dry more quickly. Once solidified, place cans in trash, lids in recycling.

**Store it for later.** If you want to save the leftover paint for touch-ups, just cover the opening with plastic wrap, and replace the lid securely by hammering it down.



## Recycling Plastic Bags

Please do not place plastic bags in your household recycling bins! They are recyclable but only at grocery store drop-boxes. Check your local store for their drop-box and to verify acceptable materials. Please visit [www.plasticbagrecycling.org](http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org) for more information.

**Please Recycle only plastic bags that are clean, dry and empty.**

- Grocery bags
- Retail bags (*hard plastic and string handles removed*)
- Paper towel and toilet paper plastic wrap
- Plastic newspaper bags
- Plastic dry cleaning bags
- Ziploc bags (*clean, dry, empty bags only & cut the zip strip off*)
- All clean, clear bread bags labeled with a #2 or #4



### Do NOT Recycle:

*The following are considered contaminants and could jeopardize recycling programs:*

- NO receipts, deli stickers, or cling wrap
- NO frozen food bags
- NO film that has been painted or has excessive glue
- NO other bags or films
- NO bio-based or compostable plastic bags

## Stop Junk Mail for Good



### Reduce your junk mail

in half almost instantly by unsubscribing from the National Direct Mailing Lists and from phonebook and catalog distribution lists via the below links. To eliminate the remainder, call directly any distributors of junk mail as you receive each piece, and ask to be removed from their mailing list and stop junk mail for good!

### National Do Not Mail List

For free removal from all national lists, unsubscribe online at: [www.directmail.com/junk\\_mail/](http://www.directmail.com/junk_mail/)

### Or unsubscribe by mail:

Send a letter with your name(s) and address on it requesting removal from all mailing lists, & sign it. Enclose a \$1 processing fee, and send it to:

### DMA

PO Box 643  
Carnel, NY 10512

### Opt Out of Phone Books

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

### Stop Catalog Mailings

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

# Household Hazardous Waste

## Residential HHW Drop-Off

### Naperville Fire Station #4

Hours: 9am - 2pm every Saturday & Sunday (*except holidays*)  
Call Naperville Public Works (M-F) 630-420-6095 for inquiries.  
1971 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL, 60563

## Free Pick-up Service for Mill Creek SSA & Northern Kane County Residents Only

Residents of the Mill Creek SSA and of the most northerly townships of Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, and Elgin may schedule one free collection per year from your home. This service is supported by Kane County, the City of Elgin, and the Villages of Carpentersville, South Elgin, and West Dundee.

Call 1-800-449-7587 or go to [www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com) to schedule a pick-up.

### Items Accepted

- Aerosol products
- Antifreeze
- Auto fluids
- Batteries – auto, sump & household sizes
- Blacktop sealer
- Cleaning products
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent bulbs (*tubes and swirled*)
- Gasoline & oil/gas mixtures
- Hobby & photo chemicals
- Lawn chemicals
- Mercury (*thermostats, etc.*)
- Motor oil
- Oil-based paints, stains, & varnishes
- Pesticides, poisons, insecticides
- Pharmaceuticals/medications (*see right*)
- Pool chemicals (*Naperville only*)
- Propane tanks (*Naperville only, all sizes*)
- Solvents

### Items NOT Accepted

- Latex paint (*see pg 5*)
- Ammunition, explosives or firework
- Biological or medical waste (*dispose as biohazard*)
- Syringes/needles (*see below*)
- Farm machinery oil
- Smoke detectors



## Medication/ Pharmaceutical Drop-Offs

Unwanted and expired prescription or over-the-counter drugs can be dropped off at the following locations. Pills may be left in their original containers but please remove labels or destroy/black out any personal information on the label, before placing them in a clear resealable bag for delivery. Ask at your local CVS or Walgreen Pharmacies to learn about mail-in programs.

### Elgin Police Department

151 Douglas Ave., Elgin, IL 60120  
847-289-2700 **Hours:** 7 days, 24 hours

### Geneva Police Department

(*Geneva Residents ONLY*)  
20 Police Plaza, Geneva, IL 60134  
630-232-4736 **Hours:** 7 days, 24 hours

### Kane County Sheriffs Office

37W755 Il Route 38 # A,  
St. Charles, IL 60175 • 630-232-6840  
**Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm

### Naperville Fire Station #4

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off  
*See above left.*

### Oswego Fox Metro Office

682 Rt 31, Oswego, IL 60543  
630-301-6820 **Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm

### St. Charles Police Department

211 N Riverside Ave., St Charles, IL 60174  
630-377-4435 **Hours:** M-F 6am-11pm;  
Sat 7am-5pm; Sun closed

## Small Business Quantity Hazardous Waste

Licensed Hazardous Waste Companies that can serve small businesses:

### Clean Harbors

800-645-8265  
[www.cleanharbors.com](http://www.cleanharbors.com)

### Heritage Environmental

800-487-7455  
[www.heritage-enviro.com](http://www.heritage-enviro.com)

### Veolia Environmental

312-552-2800  
[www.veoliaes.com/en.html](http://www.veoliaes.com/en.html)

### Safety-Kleen

847-468-6600  
[www.safety-kleen.com](http://www.safety-kleen.com)

## Safe Disposal of Sharps/ Needles/ Syringes

*Please never place loose needles or syringes in the trash.  
Follow these instructions for safe disposal.*

- Place needles, point-first, into a thick plastic bottle, like a detergent bottle.
- Store sharps in closed container with the lid on.
- Clearly label container “**DO NOT RECYCLE**” with a bold marker.
- When the container is over half full, tape lid on with duct tape and place it in the trash.



### Other Resources and Mail-In Programs:

**North American Syringe Exchange Network**, 253-272-4857, [www.nasen.org](http://www.nasen.org)

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

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

# Used Motor Oil Recycling

## Drop-Off Locations

### Auto Zone

1283 N Lake St., Aurora • 630-966-8940  
209 Randall Rd., South Elgin • 847-429-1095

### Rock'N Roll Automotive

601 Route 68, Carpentersville • 847-425-0014

### Spring Hill Ford

800 Dundee Ave, East Dundee • 847-551-1027

### Super-Lube

1279 N. Lake St., Aurora • 630-844-5099

### Valvoline Instant Oil Change

2076 W Main St, Batavia • 630-406-7956  
175 S Randal Rd, Elgin • 847-697-1485

### For Large Quantities (100+ gallons) contact:

Future Environmental • 708-479-6900  
R&S Oil Services • 708-534-9300  
Super-Lube • 630-844-5099



## Collection Events

### Open to all residents of Kane County

### Village of Hampshire

Street Department Building,

100 Klick Street, Hampshire, IL 60140

Questions: 847-683-2181 x0, M-F 8am-4pm

### Collection Event Dates for 2013:

4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/10, 9/7, 10/5

Event Hours: 9am-11:30am

Accepts: used motor oil only

### Village of Montgomery Collection Events

10 Civic Center Ave., Montgomery, IL 60506

630-896-8080 x1114

Collection Event Dates: every 3rd Saturday

Event Hours: 9am-12noon

Accepts: all auto fluids, metal, batteries, electronics, large and small appliances, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs

## Curbside Collection

### City of St. Charles Only (Batavia is no longer providing this service)

Residents of St. Charles can recycle their used motor oil by placing it at the curb on pick-up day. The used oil should be contained in sealed plastic containers (like milk jugs or laundry detergent bottles) not to exceed one gallon. Place the containers on the ground next to your recycling bin. Please call 630-587-8282, to let them know you'll have oil to pick up. Please NO gasoline, oil/gas mixtures or antifreeze (*see pg 6 for disposal of those items*).

### Mill Creek SSA & Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee, Burlington, Plato, and Elgin Townships

Residents may schedule one free household hazardous waste collection per year from your home. See *page 6*.

## Household Battery Recycling

The best way to reduce waste is to invest in a battery charger and rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries make better use of resources, because you can use them multiple times before recycling them! And they are recyclable at most hardware stores. The following towns and villages have **Curbside Battery Collection**: Aurora, Batavia, Elburn, Elgin, Geneva, Hampshire, Maple Park, North Aurora, St. Charles, and Sugar Grove. If you do not have curbside collection, you can deliver them to the drop-offs listed below.

To recycle AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V batteries: first tape over the tops of all 9V batteries as they are a potential fire hazard, then place used batteries in a clear resealable plastic bag. Place bagged batteries on ground next to recycling bin or with lidded carts place bag on top of recycling cart. Do not include auto batteries. Battery drop-off locations are open 24/7 unless otherwise indicated.

### Elgin Township Highway Garage

725 S. McLean Blvd, South Elgin • 847-741-2045

### Big Timber Fire Station/ Fire Station #2

650 Big Timber Road • 847-931-6186

### Pingree Grove Fire Station

39W169 Plank Road • 847-741-3151

### South Elgin Fire District Annex

Hopps and Stevens Roads

### Batteries Plus

(rechargeable batteries only)

Aurora and Elgin • 800-677-8278

M-F 8-7pm; Sat 9-6pm; Sun 11-5pm



# Kane County 2013 Special Events

## Recycling Extravaganza

**When:** Saturday, May 11th, 2013 / 8am – 2pm

**Where:** 540 S Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

**Why:** In celebration of Earth Day, and spring cleaning!

**Free of charge:** all except for latex paint (small fee per can)

**What:** Electronics, scrap metal; Books; Clean used clothes and textiles, paired shoes, stuffed animals; Bikes, bike parts, Carpet and some carpet padding; 4' Fluorescent Lamps; latex paint (small fee applies); and confidential documents. See full list and details at [www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling)



## Document Shredding Events



### Two Free Events:

May 11th, 2013 • 8am-2pm

Oct. 12th, 2013 • 8am-12noon

For residents of Kane County (*no businesses please*)  
540 S Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 • 630-208-3841

**YES:** This shredding service is for documents containing confidential information such as bank account numbers and details, social security numbers, dates of birth, and other sensitive information.

**NO:** Information like name, address, and phone numbers are not considered confidential as they can be found in phone directories or in common records. Junk mail does not need to be shredded. Please put those items in your household recycling bin for collection at the curb.

Also, call your bank to see if they have any shredding events for their customers; they sometimes do.

## Back Yard Composting

### Why Compost?

**It's earth-friendly:** Food scraps and yard waste make up 20-30% of the waste stream. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills, where they take up precious space and release methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere.

**It benefits your yard:** Compost improves soil structure and texture, increases the soil's ability to hold both water and air, improves soil fertility, and stimulates healthy root development in plants.

**It's easy:** You can start with just leaves and grass, then work your way towards composting your food scraps.

**It saves money:** Adding compost to your garden can reduce or eliminate the need to buy chemical fertilizers or compost. If you pay for yard waste collection bags or stickers, composting will cut your costs.

**Source:** US EPA ([epa.gov/waste/conserves/tools/greenscapes/pubs/compost-guide.pdf](http://epa.gov/waste/conserves/tools/greenscapes/pubs/compost-guide.pdf))

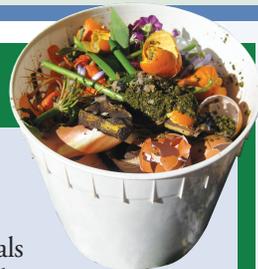
### Kane County provides Back Yard Compost Bins

at a low cost for residents, available at:

**University of Illinois Extension Office**

535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 • 630-584-6166

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



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