



Go Green Wilmette Recycling Resource Guide For Households and Businesses February 2016

This guide provides information about how to recycle various items in the Wilmette area most efficiently. The easiest way to get rid of most things is through our regular curbside pick-up program in Wilmette. Go to <http://www.wilmette.com/> for details of the village recycling program. Plastic labeled #6 is recycled in the Wilmette program but this includes only Styrofoam cups and plastic clamshell food containers. Plastic bags and paint are not part of the regular pick-up program. See inside for ideas for recycling these and many other items – locally! Visit <http://www.gogreenwilmette.org/> for more information about GGW and our scheduled recycling events.

Appliances

Goodwill (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 708-442-3606 or 847-566-0636) takes small appliances, working flatscreen HDTVs, (no microwaves or rear-projection TVs) and computers in nonworking or working condition. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 7 pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 9 am - 6 pm.

Salvation Army (4335 Oakton St., Skokie, 773-477-1300) accepts non-gas working appliances of any size.

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) now accepts all TVs for recycling. The first is at no charge. For each additional set, the charge is \$30. They also accept white Styrofoam (not peanuts) as well as all small units, refrigerators, VCRs, DVD players, and fax machines. Their collection hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 - 7 pm behind the store, or you may bring into the store if coming during hours other than listed above. Call for pick up of large items for a small fee. See http://www.abt.com/mobile_pages/help/green-program for further information.

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) now accepts household electronics as well as small appliances such as toasters, mixers and coffee makers (there is a limit of three items per visit). They no longer take computer monitors or TVs. They do not accept business' or organizations' drop offs.

ComEd's partnership to provide appliance recycling for ComEd customers is currently not in service. Contact your local garbage provider to see about other options for disposing of your appliances. ComEd is exploring other options to continue this service. For further information, or updated information, call 855-433-2700.

Advanced Disposal will pick up your old appliance on the same day they do your regular garbage collection, but you need to phone them first (847-272-4145) to let them know you are placing it out for them to pick up. They will also pick up white construction materials and large, bulky items. There is no charge for these services. You must call at least 24 hours in advance.

Appliance Repairs

CoreCentric Solutions (<http://corecentricsolutions.com/>) remanufactures components for non-working appliances. Call 866-737-2244 for an assessment or email them at cs@corecentricUSA.com.

Athletic shoes (No dress shoes, boots or sandals—for dress shoes and sandals, see Clothes)
The Runner's Edge, 335 Ridge Rd., Wilmette (847-853-8531), in conjunction with Share Your Soles (<http://shareyoursoles.com/>) recycles clean, lightly used, wearable shoes for distribution in needier communities.

Athletic/Soccer Shoes

Peacepassers (<http://peacepassers.org/>) collects gently-used soccer equipment - balls, shoes, shin guards, gloves, team sets of past years' jerseys - and distributes it to communities in need around the world. Contact peacepassersinfo@gmail.com for information on a shipment location near you.

Automobiles

Habitat for Humanity (<http://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes>), will take your donated car and sell it, using the proceeds to build a habitat home.

Batteries

The Village of Wilmette (1200 Wilmette Ave., 847-251-2700) accepts both rechargeable (NiCad, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer) and Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt) batteries for recycling during regular Village hours. When recycling rechargeable batteries, you need to tape the contact ends of each battery so they cannot come into contact with each other.

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) accepts computer battery backup systems that no longer work. Their collection hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 - 7 pm in back of the store.

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) recycles rechargeable batteries and gift cards.

Interstate Batteries (8056 N Central Park Ave., Skokie, 947-673-6993) accepts all types of batteries, including car, but you must phone first.

Weiss Ace Hardware (1560 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-724-3444) accepts rechargeable batteries at no charge. They also accept all CFL light bulbs and paint. There is a fee for paint recycling.

All Radio Shack stores accept rechargeable batteries at no charge. The closest stores are at 716 Church St., Evanston (847-869-5292) and 176 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park (847-831-2150).

Batteries can be dropped off at Interstate Batteries (8056 N Central Park Ave., Skokie, 847-673-6993) but you need to phone first. Their hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 5 pm.

Whole Foods (1111 Chicago Ave., Evanston location only, 847-475-9492) recycles batteries.

Batteries - Car (See Batteries, Interstate Batteries)

Wilmette Auto Care (803 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette, 847-256-7766) accepts car batteries, scrap metal hub caps from cars, old gasoline, antifreeze, and motor oil. They will also accept old tires, but charge a fee for doing so.

Bicycle Tires

Liberty Tire Recycling (2044 N Dominick St., Chicago, 773-871-9642) will recycle bicycle tire and tube pairs from Monday-Friday, 7 am - 3 pm for \$.50 per pair.

Higher Gear (1515 N. Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, 847-256-2330) will take bicycles for The Recyclery. Their hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 am - 6:30 pm; Thursday, 10 am - 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm; and Sunday, 12 - 4 pm.

The Recyclery (7628 N Paulina St., Chicago, 773-262-5900, <http://therecyclery.org/>) will take reuseable tubes and tires and other things bike related (except helmets). Phone first so you know your trip will be worthwhile.

Bicycles

Pedal Power conducts annual drives to collect used bicycles in working condition throughout the year. When a drive is not going on, you can take your bicycle to The Home Depot, 2201 Oakton St., Evanston, during regular business hours; they will accept bicycles on behalf of Pedal Power. McKenzie School, 659 Prairie Ave., Wilmette, also accepts bicycles every November. For further information go to <http://opedalpower.com/>.

RRB Cycles (562 Green Bay Rd., Kenilworth, 847-251-7878) accepts used bikes for recycling. Kids' bikes go to the Recyclery in Chicago. Adult bikes are given to Working Bikes, a cooperative that sends them all over the world (see <http://www.workingbikes.org/>).

The Recyclery (7628 N. Paulina, Chicago, 773-262-5900 or <http://therecyclery.org/>) is a non-profit organization that seeks to build community through restoration of donated and discarded bicycles. They also give kids an opportunity to learn bicycle maintenance and earn their own bike.

Wilmette Bicycle and Sport Shop (605 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette, 847-251-1404) accepts used bicycles for a discount towards a new bicycle.

Books

Children's books can be donated to Children's Book Project (<http://www.childrensbookproject.org/>).

Drop off gently-used books at the Wilmette Public Library at the "Employee Entrance" located at the southeast corner of the parking lot. Books Down Under, which collects and resells used books at the Library, is run by the Friends of the WPL, which uses the earnings to fund special programs at the library.

Books can also be donated to homeless shelters. Call the shelter before you drop them off to make sure they can use them. See **Additional Recycling Resources** on page 8 of this document for shelter links.

Gently used children's books from a smoke-free environment, CDs and DVDs can be donated to Open Books (<http://www.open-books.org/>). Books will be distributed to children through Chicago area schools and sold in their stores to help fund literacy programs in Chicago. No textbooks, please.

Bottle Caps (Plastic)

SWANCC recommends that plastic bottles be emptied and decompressed, and #5 bottle caps be screwed back on the bottle before placing in your residential recycling bin. Loose #5 plastic bottle caps should not be placed in the recycling bin. All other plastic caps go in your regular garbage container.

CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) recycles CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes, as well as the plastic holders.

Game Stop (1865 Tower Dr., Glenview, 847-998-8186) buys used games for credit towards another purchase. See <http://www.gamestop.com/> for other locations.

Open Books (<http://www.open-books.org/>) takes gently-used children's CDs and DVDs.

To recycle CDs, DVDs, and cases, go to <http://cdrecyclingcenter.org/>. They recycle large quantities for free.

OSDD (Opportunity Secure Document Destruction) is a division of Glenkirk (3504 Commercial Ave., Northbrook, 847-831-9400) an organization providing services to adults with disabilities. They recycle CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes, as well as cases. Call for more information or see <http://www.osddshred.com/>. Open drop off is Friday from 9 am - 12 pm or by appointment. They also take hard drives, phones, microfiche and film but charge for each piece.

Cardboard Boxes

If your workplace accrues at least 5,000 good quality used cardboard shipping boxes, or at least 100 used gaylord totes, you may be able to sell them for more than recycling rates. Contact UsedCardboard-Boxes at <http://usedcardboardboxes.com/> or call 1-888-BOXES-88 for more information.

If you are trying to recycle a smaller amount of cardboard boxes, use <https://www.freecycle.org/> and list them in your area. People will contact you and make arrangements to get them from you.

Carpet Padding Recycling

Carpet Cushions and Supplies (1520 Pratt Blvd, Elk Grove Village, 800-626-5572, <http://www.carpetcushions.com/>) recycles padding only.

Catalogs and Junk Mail

To reduce the junk mail and number of catalogs you receive (and to be kind to your mailman!), go to <https://www.catalogchoice.org/> to request that your name be removed from the mass catalog mailing lists. The online process takes about 20 minutes to complete. Repeat it about once a year to stay off the lists.

Clothes

Wearable clothes may be donated to Goodwill (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303). Their hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 7 pm and Saturday-Sunday, 9 am - 6 pm. They can also be donated to Salvation Army (4335 Oakton St., Skokie, 773-477-1300). Salvation Army will also take furniture.

Wearable men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories as well as household items (but not furniture) are accepted at Encore and More (1107 Central Ave., Wilmette, 847-853-8888) Monday-Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm. Proceeds benefit the NCJW charity.

Young adult clothing is accepted for cash or a discount at Plato's Closet (9448 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, 847-677-7475).

Wearable women's business clothing may be donated to Dress for Success (212-532-1922 or <https://www.dressforsuccess.org/>), which gives them to low-income women as they search for jobs.

Woman's Club of Evanston sponsors a drive each Spring for collecting new or nearly-new prom dresses for the Dreams Delivered Prom Boutique in April. For 2016, the drive runs from February 15 - March 15. This program makes going to the prom more affordable for those who might not be able to attend otherwise (<http://wcofe.org/>); click on Annual Club Events and then Dreams Delivered.

Winnetka Congregational Church (847-446-0575) collects clothing, toys, miscellaneous household items, furniture, etc. 7 days a week from 9 am - 4 pm in the back of Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka (go around corner to Pine St). No large appliances are accepted. Donated furniture can be picked up from your home on Fridays. (See <http://wccrummage.com/>).

Clothes (Unwearable)

The Recyclery (7628 N Paulina, 773-262-5900), will take unwearable t-shirts (100% cotton or 50/50 is useable). For other items, contact your local animal shelter to see if they have an interest.

Goodwill (See **Clothes** above) takes unwearable items for recycling.

Salvation Army (4335 Oakton St., Skokie) takes unwearable items, bales them and sells them to out-sourcers for use in the textile industry. They must be clean and free of mildew.

Composting/Organic Waste Disposal (Keeps 35% of Garbage from Landfill)

See <http://www.wilmette.com/> for information about composting in Wilmette. To purchase composting equipment and a wide variety of other ecologically sound products, visit the Ecofriendly Marketplace at <http://swancc.org/index.php/recycling>. Under the recycling tab, you can then choose between outdoor composting and vermi-composting, depending on which kind of composting you are doing.

Collective Resource will collect your food scraps in a provided 5-gallon bucket from your home. Cost is \$10.50 for a once weekly pickup. For details call Erline Howard at 312-218-0330/847-733-7665 or Mary Beth Schaye at 847-217-1613/847-733-7665 or check <http://www.collectiveresource.us/>.

Computers and Electronics

The Village of Wilmette (<http://www.wilmette.com/>) collects small electronics for recycling in a box located by the west entrance to the Village Hall. This includes cell phones, laptops, printer cartridges, cameras, MP3 players, radar detectors and GPS devices.

Winnetka Public Works (1390 Willow Rd.) offers free electronics drop off (including TVs and monitors) at the WPW building on Willow Road on Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm.

Abt accepts computers for recycling. Their hours for collection behind the store are Monday Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 - 7 pm. Items may also be brought into the store during other business hours (see http://www.abt.com/mobile_pages/help/green-program).

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) accepts laptops, sound systems, and household electronics. They no longer accept CPUs or TVs (see **TVs** for more details). You can also recycle old gift cards and household batteries (rechargeable only) of all sizes but not car batteries.

PC Rebuilders and Recyclers (<http://www.pcr.com/>) accepts all types of computers for use by schools.

FreeGeek Chicago NFP (3411 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, 773-342-6205) accepts all items listed on their Donate Page (<http://freegeekchicago.org/donate>) and provides the donor with a receipt for tax purposes. FreeGeek provides training and low- and no-cost computing to the economically disadvantaged and not-for-profits. Their pickup policy is currently a fee of \$50 plus \$1.50 per mile, but they are developing a policy for free pickup of a large number of items (ex: 15 or more desktops). Call or check website for further details.

The Wilmette Post Office now has prepaid envelopes for mailing small electronics (like cell phones and MP3 players) for recycling. Just put the items in the envelope, and drop it in a mailbox.

SWANCC (<http://swancc.org/>) has occasional free drop off days. For additional acceptable items, phone SWANCC (847-724-9205) or check their web site. There is no longer a limit to how many items you can drop off. They no longer do pickups.

For multiple working computers to donate, that are less than eight years old, go to <http://technologyforhumanity.org/>. They are a charity that provides computers for minorities and people with disabilities, as well as for schools.

Construction and Remodeling Disposables

Habitat for Humanity (847-249-3160) picks up larger items like appliances and cupboards. The closest drop off is in Gurnee. They accept donations Tuesday-Friday, 9 am - 6 pm and Saturdays, 9 am - 5 pm; all donations must be preapproved. Call for details on acceptable items. Their contact information is donations@habitatlc.org. They do not take televisions. RESTORE (Habitat for Humanity store, 6040 N Pulaski, Chicago, 773-539-6040) accepts materials such as tile and paneling, if enough for a small project. Hours of drop off are Wednesday-Sunday 10 am - 6 pm. Call to see what they will accept.

Earth Stone Midwest (4619 25th Ave., Schiller Park, <http://www.earthstonemidwest.com/>, 847-671-3000, ask for Katie) is a LEED-certified company that uses post-consumer stone and granite to create new materials that are 100% recycled. Their pavers are used as walkways, patios, driveways and floors as well as decorative cladding. Interior applications include backsplashes, fireplaces and floor tiles. Call to see if they have a current drop-off site that is local. (A credit can be given for pavers if you drop off old materials that are approved for being recyclable. They are open Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse (2101 Dempster St., Evanston, 847-864-9246, <http://evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.com/>) promotes reduction of construction waste in landfills by taking donations of construction goods and reselling at a nominal cost to the public. Their hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm.

Cork (Natural)

Whole Foods (2748 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-424-5700; 1640 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-733-1600) accepts natural cork and Brita water filters as well as #5 plastics.

Cork (Plastic)

Plastic corks are hard to recycle and can be used instead of Styrofoam popcorn as filler in plant containers.

Document Destruction

Go to <http://swancc.org/> and visit the Programs tab to look up the complete schedule of document destruction events planned for all of the SWANCC member communities that run from April through October.

To find an on-site document destruction company for home or business, visit the National Association for Information Destruction (<http://www.naidonline.org/>) or go to <http://ecoshred.com/> for general information.

OSDD (Opportunity Secure Document Destruction), a division of Glenkirk (3504 Commercial Ave., Northbrook, 847-831-9400) which provides government-secure document destruction services. Call for more information or see <http://www.osddshred.com/>. Open drop off is Friday from 9 am - 12 pm or by appointment. Charge is \$.35/lb. They also take hard drives, phones, microfiche and film but charge for each piece.

Drugs – Prescription and OTC

Prescription and OTC drugs can be dropped off 24/7 at the Wilmette Police Department, 710 Ridge Rd. Sharps may be dropped off at the Fire Department, 1304 Lake Ave or at Village Hall's Health Department. The hours of the Health Department are Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. The health department also accept sharps in sealed containers and CFL and fluorescent light bulbs. (See **Light Bulbs**)

Eyeglasses

The Wilmette Recreation Center (3000 Glenview Rd., Wilmette) has an eyeglass collection box for Hadley School for the Blind at the front desk. Pearle Vision (2305 Willow Rd., Glenview, 847-832-9690) and Professional Eye Care (3217 Lake Ave., Ste. 1C, Wilmette, 847-256-8100), also accept used eyewear.

Wilmette and Kenilworth Post Offices also collect used eyeglasses.

Exercise Videos

Swap your old videos and DVDs with others at <http://videofitness.com/>. You must be a registered user. From the main page, click on Video Exchange, then Video Exchange Listings.

Fire Extinguishers: Rechargeable or Non-Refillable Cylinders (NRCs)

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility (1150 North Branch St.) accepts small fire extinguishers and small NRC's. For hours and details see: http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/environmental_permitsregulation/svcs/household-chemicals---computer-recycling-facility-overview.html.

Henricksen's Fire & Safety (560 N Wolf Rd., Wheeling, 847-459-7877) will recycle your old fire extinguisher for \$4. Call for hours of operation.

U.S. Fire & Safety Equipment Company (6542 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, 773-763-4422) recharges fire extinguishers and accepts NRC's for a small fee (\$3.00 in 2016). Hours are Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm.

Foam Packing Peanuts

Most UPS Stores (1189 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, or 3223 Lake Avenue in West Lake Plaza or 2906 Central St., Evanston) will accept used packing peanuts (but not compostable) and clean bubble wrap for reuse.

Hazardous Chemical Waste

You can drop off hazardous chemical waste products at 1150 N Branch Street, Chicago, Tuesdays from 7 am - 12 pm or Thursdays from 2 - 7 pm, as well as the first Saturday of each month from 8 am - 3 pm. They also accept propane tanks and computer materials. Latex paint is not accepted. Contact IEPA's Waste Reduction Unit at 217-524-3300 regarding one-day and long-term collections or go to <http://epa.illinois.gov>. Click on the box labeled "Citizens" followed by the box labeled "Land Pollution and Waste Disposal," then "Household Hazardous Waste."

Holiday Lights

Drop off unwanted holiday lights at Wilmette Public Works (711 Laramie Ave., <http://www.wilmette.com/> for hours) until January 29, 2016. They can also be dropped off at Millen Hardware Store (1219 Wilmette Ave.) during regular store hours as well as Winnetka Public Works (1390 Willow Rd., Winnetka) all year around weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am - 5 pm.

Ice Rink Tarps

Adams Plastics (Rob, 224-247-8019, ext 102), in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, organizes a tarp collection day each spring where residents may drop off their used, but clean and dry, tarps for recycling. For this year's event, go to <http://www.gogreenwilmette.org/>.

Ink and Toner Cartridges

Central School (910 Central Ave.) and Regina Dominican High School (701 Locust St.) have recycling bins for ink cartridges. The cartridge deposit fees are collected by the school and used for school programs.

Office Max/Office Depot (2255 Howard St., Evanston, 847-492-0662, 2722 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-475-2571, or 5507 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, 847-763-8830), recycles print or toner cartridges for a \$2 credit per cartridge on your rewards statement. When you get to \$10, you can print a coupon good for instore purchases; you can recycle up to 10 cartridges a month. Staples (1509 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-832-0283), recycles all cartridges for a credit of \$2.00 per cartridge on your rewards statement. Limit 10 per month.

Light Bulbs – CFL and Fluorescent, Thermostats and Thermometers

Compact fluorescent light bulbs or standard fluorescent bulbs up to 8' in length, as well as thermostats and thermometers, can be dropped off on the second Tuesday of each month at the Health Department in the Wilmette Village Hall between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm. This is a monitored drop off to ensure safe handling. For further information, call 847-853-7507 or visit <http://www.wilmette.com/>. The village as well as at Fire Station #1, 1304 Lake Ave., has receptacles for recycling sharps.

Weiss Ace Hardware (1560 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-724-3444) will accept all CFL light bulbs for recycling for \$.50 per bulb. They also accept rechargeable batteries.

You may also drop off used CFL bulbs at Millen Hardware (1219 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, 847-251-3060). They will recycle them for \$.80 each if you just drop them off or for free if you buy the same number of bulbs you drop off.

For your information, CFLs contain a trace amount of mercury—about 4 mg on average. For comparison, a mercury thermometer contains about 500 mg. There is no release of mercury at any time unless the bulb breaks. If a CFL does break in your home, clean-up instructions are available at the USEPA's website <http://www.energystar.gov/>.

Light Fixtures

Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse (2101 Dempster St., Evanston, 847-864-9246) for will take working light fixture donations during business hours Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm. For further information, see <http://evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.com/>.

RESTORE (6040 N Pulaski, Chicago, 773-539-6040) accepts used light fixtures if still working. Hours of drop off are Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am - 6 pm. Call first to see what they will accept.

Magazines

Check with your local homeless shelters, daycare, preschools or retirement centers to see if they would like your magazines. They may only take specific types. Remove the mailing label. They can also be put in your recycling bin.

Miscellaneous General

Goodwill Wilmette (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303) will take working flatscreen HDTVs, electronics, clothes, books, sports gear, broken small appliances, smaller household items, etc. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 7 pm; Saturday-Sunday, 9 am - 6 pm.

Miscellaneous Technotrash

For as little as \$9.95 for up to 25 lbs. (.35 for each additional lb.), GreenDisk (800-305-DISK or <http://greendisk.com/>), you can ship in your own box any of the following: CDs, jewel cases, DVDs, DVD cases, audio and video tapes, cell phones, pagers, rechargeable batteries, PDAs, ink/toner cartridges. Depending on weight, various rates apply, up to 500 lbs. or more.

Motor Oil

Wilmette Auto Care (803 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette, 847-256-7766) accepts motor oil, car batteries, old gasoline and antifreeze.

Musical Instruments

MUST (Musicianschoolstoday.org) will recycle used musical instruments and donate them to public schools in need of assistance throughout the country.

Keely's Project (<http://www.keelysproject.com/>) is a Chicago-based organization that recycles musical instruments in the Chicago area.

Paint

Latex paint or water-based paints can be placed in your own trash receptacles after drying out the remaining product using kitty litter or shredded paper. Dry out empty cans in an open area and place in trash bins. Contact SWANCC at 217-524-3300 (<http://swanc.org/>) for local drop-off locations and dates for other kinds of paint and hazardous chemical waste. **See Hazardous Chemical Waste.**

Millen Hardware (1219 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, 847-251-3060) accepts old paint but charges (\$2.00 per quart, \$3.50 per gallon, \$5.50 for a 2 gallon container, \$10 for a 5 gallon container), so leftover latex paint can be combined to fill a gallon bucket. Fuller latex containers can also be donated to churches, shelters, or Habitat for Humanity.

Weiss Ace Hardware (1560 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-724-3444) will accept paint for recycling for a fee. They also accept all CFL light bulbs for a fee of \$.50 each and rechargeable batteries without charge.

Paint can also be donated to churches, shelters or RESTORE (Habitat for Humanity) (see **Light Fixtures** for more information).

Phones

The Village of Wilmette accepts cell phones for recycling.

Most cell phone companies such as AT&T, Verizon, etc. accept cell phones for recycling.

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) and Staples (1509 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-832-0283) accept cell phones.

Plant Containers

West End Florist and Nursery (3800 Glenview Rd., Wilmette, 847-251-1943) accepts all plastic plant containers during regular business hours from March 1 through May 1.

Plastic Bags

Jewel Food Store accepts clean plastic bags. Place a clean recycling bag in your pantry or below your sink for plastics recycling. Drop off the contents every few weeks.

Gold Medal Cleaners (1123 Central Ave., Wilmette, 847-251-0090) accepts dry cleaning bags which may be deposited in the blue bin just inside the door. They will also give you your clothing without a plastic bag or put it in your own garment bag that you leave with them when dropping off clothes.

Whole Foods (2748 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-424-5700 and 1640 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-733-1600) recycles plastic bags.

Propane Tanks

Millen Hardware (1219 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, 847-251-3060), will exchange propane tanks when you need a refill. If you have a propane tank to get rid of, Millen's will recycle it if it is in good condition.

Sharps

Sharps are collected Monday through Friday at Fire Station #1 (1304 Lake Ave., Wilmette) as well as at the Village Hall. For questions regarding the Wilmette sharps collection program, call 847-853-7507. The Village also collects CFL and fluorescent bulbs the second Tuesday of each month.

Sports Equipment

Play It Again Sports, 575 Waukegan Rd, Northbrook (847-564-9180) accepts gently used sports equipment. They will offer money and will pick up larger items for a fee.

You can also donate used sports equipment to local charities (See **Additional Recycling Sources** on last page).

Styrofoam

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) accepts white Styrofoam (not peanuts) for recycling. They now accept all TVs for no charge. Their collection hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 - 7 pm behind the store, or you may bring into the store during other hours. Call for pick up of large items for a small fee.

You can recycle white Styrofoam (#6 only) at Winnetka Public Works, (1390 Willow Rd.) at the WPW building Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm inside the front door. This includes clean carryout containers and egg cartons.

Go Green Wilmette will recycle Styrofoam locally at special events. Check website (<http://www.gogreenwilmette.org/>) for local drop off sites and dates in late December and early January.

Tennis Balls

Centennial Tennis (2300 Old Glenview Rd., Wilmette), recycles tennis balls, sending some to nursing homes and animal shelters. You can also contact Reboundes (<http://www.reboundes.com/>), which repumps the balls for reuse in schools, etc. if you are recycling 200 or more balls.

Thermometers and Thermostats - See Lightbulbs

Tires

Most service stations accept worn tires to be recycled and used for playground surfaces. To recycle bicycle tires, see **Bicycle Tires** section on page 2.

Toys

Gently-used toys can be dropped off at Winnetka Community House, Encore and More, or donated to Good Will or Salvation Army (See **Clothes** section previously listed for further information).

Gently-used stuffed animals, toys, blankets, baby items, children's clothes and books can be donated to S.A.F.E. (<http://www.stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org/>), where they go to homeless shelters, hospitals and emergency aid workers.

Tyvek Envelopes

Send your Tyvek envelopes to CFS Recycling, 337 A Industrial Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805. For further inquiries, call 804-518-2930 and ask to speak with Cherie Lynn Hardin.

TVs

Through SWANCC, Winnetka Public Works offers free electronics drop off (including TVs and monitors) at the WPW building on Willow Road Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm.

Goodwill (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303; for pickups, call 708-442-3603 or 847-566-0636) takes working flatscreen TVs. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 7 pm; Saturday-Sunday 9 am - 6 pm.

Salvation Army (4335 Oakton, Skokie, 773-477-1300) takes working flatscreen TVs. Call for hours of operation.

For non-working TVs, there are several options:

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) now accepts all TVs for recycling. The first is free, but after that the charge is \$30 for each set. They also accept white Styrofoam (not peanuts). Their collection hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 - 7 pm. Call for pick up of large items for a small fee.

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) takes your old TV only if you are buying a new TV 50" or larger and having it installed. No store drop offs are accepted.

Goodwill Wilmette (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303) will take working flatscreen HDTVs. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 7 pm; Saturday-Sunday 9 am - 6 pm. No rear-projection TVs are accepted.

Vases

Morning Glory at 1135 ½ Central Ave., Wilmette (847-256-2575) accepts flower vases of all sizes.

Vinyl

Adams Plastics, 501 N Homan Ave., Chicago, will recycle vinyl. For further information, call Rob at 224-248-8019, ext 102 and ask for Rob LaVoy or see www.adamsplastics.com/.

Water Filters

Whole Foods (2748 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-424-5700 and 1640 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-733-1600) recycles Brita water filters. They are recycled into toothbrushes, cups and cutting boards by Preserve Products.

GE has a recycling program for their refrigerator water filters. To recycle your water filter, you need to completely drain it overnight, put it in a resealable plastic bag and mail it in a sealed mailing envelope to: Stericycle Expert Sustainability, Attn: Water Filter Recycling, 2770 Fortune Circle Drive East, Indianapolis, IN 46241 with the proper postage affixed.

Pur has partnered with TerraCycle to recycle their used water filters. See <https://www.pur.com/recycle> for more information.

X-Rays

B.W. Recycling picks up old x-rays for recycling. They can be reached at 847-423-5129 or at <http://rayfilmsrecycling.com/>. Other sources can be found at <http://swancc.org/film>.

Additional Recycling Resources

To join the free local Wilmette giveaway and recycling program, go to <https://groups.freecycle.org/group/WilmetteFreeCycle/posts/all>. You will receive notification of items that people are giving away in Wilmette and be able to post your own giveaway items as well. It is a great way to give and get stuff free and keep stuff recycling locally.

In March, Go Green Wilmette organizes a special recycling drive. See website for details.

Visit <http://www.wilmette.com/> for a detailed description of the village household recycling program. Visit <http://swancc.org/> for their Recycling resources online guide with many ideas for recycling in the broader metropolitan area.

Following are some websites for making donations:

http://www.newtriertownship.com/get_involved/pantry_wish_list.aspx is the site for the New Trier Township Food Pantry (739 Elm Street, Winnetka, 847-446-8202). Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. Many grocery and personal-use items are welcome. If you are dropping off, it is best to come between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm, particularly if you are dropping off a sizeable donation.

http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=lb_need_agencylor. Type in a zip code and it gives locations of pantries, shelters and Soup Kitchens in Cook County.

For Lake County: <http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cqi-bin/id/cityfoodbanks.cqi?city=North%20Chicago&state=IL>

This guide is updated periodically by Go Green Wilmette. If you have suggestions for updates, please email them to Margaret Martin-Heaton at gogreenwilmetteinfo@gmail.com or Ev Greenberg at rcubed3.ev@gmail.com.

Green Tips 101: You Can Make a Difference

Change light bulbs: Replace incandescent lights bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) or LED bulbs. Don't wait for old bulbs to burn out. Make this change today. Dispose of old CFL bulbs properly by recycling them.

Drive less, drive smart: Drive a fuel-efficient car, keep tires inflated, car pool and reduce your speed. Don't idle while waiting. Walk, bike or use public transportation instead. Support funding for mass transit. Be mindful of how far the things you buy have been transported.

Reduce your home's heating/cooling needs: Use a programmable thermostat, turn the temperature down two degrees in the winter, up two in the summer. Use proper insulation. Use fuel-efficient furnaces and air conditioners. Keep filters clean or replace them.

Reduce your water use: Use less water in the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and yard. Use plants that are drought tolerant. Don't water your yard.

Buy energy efficient electronics and appliances: Replace old ones now with Energy Star models. See if you can get by without that second refrigerator or freezer. Review your electric and gas bills and try to reduce them.

Turn off electric devices: Unplug appliances when not in use, including chargers. Plug music and audiovisual electronics into power strips that can be easily switched off.

Buy locally and/or organically grown food: Be aware of how far your food travels to your table and how it is grown. Use a tote bag. Eat low on the food chain.

Plant a tree: Maintain a green lawn and garden with native plants. Reduce your use of chemicals and gas-powered machines. Be sure to discuss this with your yard service.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle: Cut back on consumption. Encourage recycling in your home, at your office and at businesses and restaurants you patronize. Buy recycled products. Compost your yard waste. Be an environmentally-minded consumer.

Be part of the solution: Take action today. Inspire others. Teach children to care about the earth. Join and support environmental groups, both national and local. Join or start an environmental group in your town.

For more information on Go Green Wilmette, go to <http://www.gogreenwilmette.org/>.