



## **Go Green Wilmette Recycling Resource Guide For Households and Businesses February 2017**

This guide provides information about how to recycle various items in the Wilmette area most efficiently. The easiest way to recycle many items is through our regular curbside recycling pick-up program. Go to [www.wilmette.com/](http://www.wilmette.com/) for details of the village recycling program (After reaching the site, type “Recycling Program” in the search bar). Plastic bags and paint are not part of the regular pick-up program. See inside this guide for ideas for recycling these and many other items – locally! Visit [gogreenwilmette.org/](http://gogreenwilmette.org/) for more information about GGW and our scheduled recycling events.

## **Appliances**

Goodwill (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303) takes small appliances, working flatscreen HDTVs, (no microwaves or rear-projection TVs) and computers in nonworking or working condition. Mon.-Fri. 9 - 7, Sat.-Sun. 9 - 6. In addition, Goodwill-Northbrook takes larger items, like furniture. <http://www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating/donor-guidelines>.

Salvation Army (4335 Oakton St., Skokie, 847-866-9770; for pickups, 1-800-SA-TRUCK) accepts gas working appliances of any size. Mon.-Sat. 9 - 9.

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) accepts all TVs for recycling. Fee structure: Tube TVs up to 27" - \$25; Tube TVs 32" and larger - \$50; Flat Panel TVs up to 32" - \$20; Flat panel TVs 33" and larger - \$35; Projection TVs - \$75. Bulk computers and other electronics - \$0.40 per pound. Also accept refrigerators, VCRs, DVD players, and fax machines. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 1 - 7 behind the store, or in the store if during hours other than listed above. Call for pickup (\$99 plus cost of item recycled). See [http://www.abt.com/mobile\\_pages/help/green-program](http://www.abt.com/mobile_pages/help/green-program) for further information as well as for additional items to recycle.

Best Buy (1072 Willow Rd., Northbrook, 847-205-2305) now accepts household electronics and small appliances such as toasters, mixers and coffee makers (limit: 3 items per visit). Not accepted: computer monitors, TVs, or business or organization drop offs.

ComEd: recycle your working refrigerator or freezer. See <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Recycling.aspx> or call 855-433-2700.

Advanced Disposal will pick up old appliances on Wed. Phone 24 hours in advance (847-272-4145) to let them know you will put item out for pick up. They will also pick up white construction materials and large, bulky items for no charge.

## **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@corecentric.com](mailto:cs@corecentric.com).

## **Athletic Shoes Only (No dress shoes, boots or sandals—for dress shoes and sandals, see Clothes)**

The Runner's Edge, 1515 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette (847-853-8531), in conjunction with Share Your Soles (<http://shareyoursoules.org/>), 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](mailto: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. For rechargeable batteries, tape the contact ends of each battery to prevent contact with each other.

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) accepts computer battery backup systems that no longer work. Collection hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 1 - 7 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, 847-673-6993) accepts most batteries (except lithium), including car batteries. Must phone first. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 - 5.

Weiss Ace Hardware (1560 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, 847-724-3444) accepts rechargeable batteries at no charge. Accepts all CFL light bulbs - \$.50 each. Also latex and oil-based paint for a fee.

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 - 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 Mon. - Fri. 7 - 3, \$.50 per pair.

Higher Gear (1515 N. Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, 847-256-2330) will take bicycles for The Recyclery. Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri., 10 - 6:30; Thurs., 10 - 8; Sat., 9 - 5; and Sun., 12 - 4.

The Recyclery (7628 N Paulina St., Chicago, 773-262-5900, <http://therecyclery.org/>) takes reuseable tubes, tires and other things bike related (except helmets). Must phone first.

## **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, 649 Prairie Ave., Wilmette, also accepts bicycles every November. For further information, go to <http://gopedalpower.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 that seeks to build community through restoration of donated and discarded bicycles and also helps kids 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 southeast corner of the parking lot. Books Down Under, run by the Friends of the WPL, uses proceeds to fund special programs. See <http://wilmettelibrary.info/Friends> for acceptable book and some media donations.

Homeless shelters. Call the shelter before drop off to make sure they can use them. See **Additional Recycling Resources** on last page 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. They also recycle extension cords, chargers, floppy disks, computer cables, Christmas lights and small electronics.

OSDD (Opportunity Secure Document Destruction), a division of Glenkirk (3660 Commercial Ave., Northbrook, 847-831-9400), provides 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 options are Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 12 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 UsedCardboardBoxes at <http://usedcardboardboxes.com/> or call 1-888-BOXES-88 for more information.

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**

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). Hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 - 7 and Sat.-Sun., 9 - 6. They can also be donated to Salvation Army (4335 Oakton St., Skokie, 847-866-9770; for pickups, 1-800-SA-TRUCK). Salvation Army will also take furniture as long as it is free of rips, tears, stains, soil, mold, mildew, scratches and pet hair.

Wearable clothing and accessories as well as household items (and some small furniture pieces) are accepted at Encore and More (1107 Central Ave., Wilmette, 847-853-8888) Mon.-Sat. 10 - 4:30. Proceeds benefit the NCJW charity.

Wearable women's business clothing may be donated to Dress for Success (312-527-0925 or <https://www.dressforsuccess.org/>), which gives them to low-income women as they search for jobs. Drop-off is at 70 E Lake Street, Suite 900, Chicago, on Mon., Wed. and Fri., from 10 - 12 and 1 - 4; also the second Saturday of the month from 10 - 2.

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 2017, the drive runs from February - March. This program makes going to the prom more affordable for those who might not be able to attend otherwise (<http://wcofe.org/>); click on Premier Events and then Dreams Delivered Prom Boutique.

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

### **Clothes (Unwearable)**

The Recyclery (7628 N Paulina, 773-262-5900), will take unwearable t-shirts (100% cotton or 50/50). 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 mold and mildew.

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

[www.howtocompost.org](http://www.howtocompost.org) for information about composting. To purchase composting equipment and a wide variety of other ecologically sound products, visit your local home improvement store, such as Home Depot or Lowes.

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 Erlene Howard at 312-218-0330 Mary Beth Schaye at 847-217-1613 or go to <http://www.collectiveresource.us/> to sign up.

### **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.) Free electronics drop off (including TVs and monitors) at the WPW building on Willow Road Thursdays 1 - 3. Currently closed to residents until early April. See <http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/departments/public-works/refuse-and-recycling/electronic-recycling-program/> for further information.

Abt accepts computers for recycling. Hours for collection behind the store Mon. Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 1 - 7. Items may also be brought into the store during other business hours (see [http://www.abt.com/mobile\\_pages/help/green-program](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, monitors, or TVs (see **TVs** for more details). 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. See website for other items they take.

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. Call 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, 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 cabinets. The closest drop off is in Gurnee. They accept donations Tues.-Fri., 9 - 6 and Sat., 9 - 5; all donations must be pre-approved. Call for details on acceptable items. Their contact information is [donations@habitatlc.org](mailto:donations@habitatlc.org). They do not take televisions or electronics. 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 Wed.-Sun. 10 - 6. Call or email ([info@restorechicago.org](mailto:info@restorechicago.org)) to see what they will accept.

Earth Stone Midwest (4619 25th Ave., Schiller Park, <http://www.earthstonemidwest.com/>, 847-671-3000, ask for Lupe) is a LEED-certified company that uses post-consumer stone and granite to create new materials that are 100% recycled. 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 Mon.-Fri., 7:30 - 4:00.

Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse (2101 Dempster St., Evanston, 847-864-9246, <http://evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org/>) 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 Tues.-Sat., 10 - 5.

### **Cork (Natural)**

Whole Foods (2748 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-424-5700; 1640 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-733-1600) accepts natural cork.

### **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 (which is posted in April of each year) of document destruction events that run from April through October for all of the SWANCC member communities.

Office Depot (2722 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, 847-475-2571, hours: 8 am - 9 pm) offers a reasonable rate to securely destroy documents. You can bring up to 15 lbs. for immediate destruction, while you wait, at a rate of \$1.49/lb. For more than 15 lbs., they offer a secure holding space that, when full, is retrieved by the Iron Mountain company at the rate of \$0.99/lb.

OSDD (Opportunity Secure Document Destruction), is 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 Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 - noon or other times by appointment. They also take hard drives, phones, microfiche and film but charge for each piece. See website for fees involved.

### **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 Mon.-Fri., 7:30 – 4:30. The health department also accepts sharps in sealed containers and CFL and fluorescent light bulbs on Tuesdays. (See **Light Bulbs**)

### **Exercise Videos**

To recycle your exercise videos, try [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) or [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).

### **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 (3223 Lake Ave., Ste. 14C, Wilmette, 847-256-8100), also accept used eyewear.

Wilmette and Kenilworth Post Offices also collect used eyeglasses.

### **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](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/environmental_permitsregulation/svcs/household-chemicals---computer-recycling-facility-overview.html).

Henricksen's Fire & Safety (563 N Wolf Rd., Wheeling, 847-459-7877) will recycle your old fire extinguisher for \$4. Hours of operation are from Mon.-Fri., 7:30 - 3:30.

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 2017). Hours are Mon.-Fri., 7 - 5.

### **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**

Drop off hazardous chemical waste products at 1150 N Branch Street, Chicago, Tues. 7 - noon or Thurs. 2 - 7, and the first Saturday of each month from 8 - 3. They also accept propane tanks and computer materials. ONLY oil-based paint is 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**

Wilmette holds an annual year-end collection at Wilmette Public Works, 711 Laramie Ave. See <http://www.wilmette.com/engineering-publicworks/refuse-recycling-and-yard-waste-program/>. They can also be dropped off at Millen Hardware Store (1219 Wilmette Ave.) during regular store hours as well as at Winnetka Public Works (1390 Willow Rd., Winnetka) all year around weekdays between the hours of 8:30 - 5. See **Computers and Electronics** for more information.

### **Ice Rink Tarps**

Adams Plastics (Rob. 224-248-8010), 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. This year's event is Saturday, March 19, 11 - 3 at Centennial Ice Rink, 2300 Old Glenview Rd., Wilmette. (<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 available during school hours. 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 in-store 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 7:30 and 4:30. 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 and Fire Station #1, 1304 Lake Ave., have 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., 847-251-3060). They will recycle them for \$.80 each if just dropping off or for free if purchasing the name 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) will take working light fixture donations during business hours Tues.-Sat., 10 - 5. For further information, see [www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org](http://www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org).

RESTORE (6040 N Pulaski, Chicago, 773-539-6040) accepts used working light fixtures if still working. Hours of drop off are Wed.-Sun., 10 - 6. Call first or email ([info@restorechicago.org](mailto:info@restorechicago.org)) to see what they will accept.

### **Magazines and Newspapers**

St. Joseph's School (1740 Lake Ave., Wilmette) has bins in the parking lot on the corner of Lake Ave. and Ridge Rd. St. Francis Xavier School (808 Linden Ave., Wilmette) has bins in the alley behind the school. The recycling program benefits the schools.

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. Mon.-Fri., 9 - 7; Sat.-Sun., 9 - 6.

### **Miscellaneous Technotrash**

For as little as \$11.95 for up to 25 lbs. (.35 for each additional lb.), you can ship to GreenDisk (800-305-DISK or <http://greendisk.com>), in your own box any of the following: CDs, jewel cases, DVDs, DVD cases, audio and video tapes, cell phones, hard drives, small electronics, 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, antifreeze and tires (for a fee).

### **Musical Instruments**

MUST (<http://musicinschoolstoday.org/>) will recycle used musical instruments and donate them to public schools in need of assistance throughout the country.

### **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://swancc.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 latex and oil-based paint but charges (\$2.00 per quart, \$3.50 per gallon, \$5.50 for a 2-gallon container, \$10 for a 5-gallon container). Leftover latex paint can be combined to fill a gallon bucket.

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

Donate paint to churches, shelters; or RESTORE (Habitat for Humanity) takes full, unopened cans of paint (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 Old Glenview Rd., Evanston, 847-251-1943) accepts all plastic plant containers during regular business hours from March 1 through April 29 and from July 1 through September 15.

### **Plastic Bags**

Jewel and most food stores accept 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. Deposit in the blue bin just inside the door. They will also give you your clothing without a plastic bag or put it in your personal garment bag if left when dropping off clothes.

### **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 Health Department in sealed containers on Tuesdays, 7:30 – 4:30. 847-853-7507.

### **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 a charge (see **Appliances**). Their collection hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 1 - 7 behind the store, or you may bring into the store during other hours. Call for pick-up of large items for a small fee.

Recycle white Styrofoam (#6 only) as well as clean carry-out containers and egg cartons at Winnetka Public Works, (1390 Willow Rd.) at the WPW building Mon.-Fri., 8 - 4 inside the front door. (It is currently closed to residents until early April.) See <http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/departments/public-works/refuse-and-recycling/electronic-recycling-program/> for further information.

Go Green Wilmette recycles 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 Rebounces (if you have 200 or more balls) (<http://www.rebounces.com/>), which recycles or repumps the balls for reuse in schools, etc.

### **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 and **Motor Oil** on page 6.

### **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. (These are white unpadded envelopes with green triangles on them.) 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. See **Computers and Electronics**.

Goodwill (923 Ridge Rd., Wilmette, 847-920-5303); no longer does pickups; takes working flatscreen TVs. Mon.-Fri., 9 - 7; Sat.-Sun., 9 - 6. No rear-projection TVs are accepted.

Salvation Army (4335 Oakton, Skokie, 773-477-1300) takes working flatscreen TVs. Mon.-Sat., 9 - 9.

For non-working TVs, there are several options:

Abt Electronics (1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 847-967-8830) now accepts all TVs for recycling. See **Appliances**.

### **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 224-248-8010 and ask for Rob LaVoy or see [www.adamsplastics.com/](http://www.adamsplastics.com/). See **Ice Rink Tarps**.



## Water Filters

Brita filters can be recycled through TerraCycle. You go to the following website to download a prepaid postage label and take it to a UPS location: (<http://www.brita.com/using-your-brita/recycle-terracycle/>).

Everpure filters can be recycled through TerraCycle (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/everpure/>).

Pur water filters can be recycled through TerraCycle (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/pur-brigade/>).

To recycle other water filters (for a small fee), including refrigerator filters, [www.recyclewaterfilters.com](http://www.recyclewaterfilters.com).

## X-Rays

SWANCC lists options for film recycling <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 it local.

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](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 Mon. - Fri., 9 - 5. Many grocery and personal-use items are welcome. If you are dropping off, it is best to come between 9:30 and 4:30, particularly if you are dropping off a sizeable donation.

<https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/>. 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/cgi-bin/ld/cityfoodbanks.cgi?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](mailto:gogreenwilmetteinfo@gmail.com).

## Green Tips: You Can Make a Difference

**Change light bulbs:** Replace incandescent lights bulbs with 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. **In Wilmette, residential landscapers and homeowners are prohibited from using gas-powered leaf blowers from May 15 - September 30.**

**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/>