

Art and Supplies

The Waste Shed

2842 W Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

<https://www.thewasteshed.com>

Resource for repurposed art, craft, and school materials, with a center for activities related to sustainability, art, craft, education, and material culture

SCARCE

799 Roosevelt Rd. Building 2, Suite 108
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

<https://www.scarce.org>

Accepts books of any kind, school supplies, office supplies, safety pins, corks, flags for proper disposal, new and used crayons, and much more. Visit their website for a complete list.

Bicycles

Working Bikes

www.workingbikes.org

Rescues discarded bicycles and gives them new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities.

Pedal Power

gopedalpower.com/

The bikes are donated to students in the Chicago Public Schools as a reward for good grades. You can donate working, gently used bikes at many locations in the northern suburbs.

Bikes for Batavia

<https://www.allspokedup.com>

Accepts donations of bicycles in rideable condition, repairs them and gives them to children – and adults – who need transportation for school, work and shopping. Drop off at All Spoked Up, 3 Webster St, Batavia, IL

Charities

AmVets

www.amvetspickup.com or 708-388-7800

Will pick up clothing and household goods.

Goodwill

www.goodwill.org

Locations through out Chicagoland.

St. Vincent DePaul

www.svdpcchicago.org

Will pick up clothing and household goods. Some locations will take furniture.

Savers - Friends of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago

www.savers.com

(630) 812-2460, will pick up clothing and household goods

Purple Heart <http://www.purpleheartpickup.org>

Will pick up donations of clothing and household goods.

WINGS (Women In Need Growing Strong)

wingsprogram.com 847-519-7820

Salvation Army www.salarmychicago.org

will pick up furniture in addition to clothing and household goods. To schedule a donation pickup- <https://satruck.org/>

Sharing Connections www.sharingconnections.org

Provides Chicagoland families with items to make a house a home. Takes furniture and household items. Will pickup larger items.

Monarch Thrift www.monarchthriftshop.com

Accepts clothing for men and women and household items.

Howard Brown Health, Brown Elephant Thrift Stores

www.howardbrown.org/get-involved/brown-elephant/

Cornerstone Community Outreach www.ccolife.org/donate/goods-donations/

Household goods, clothing, blankets,

Hadasa Resale www.hadassah.org

Empowering women, worldwide.

Home of the Sparrow www.hosparrow.org/sparrows-nest-thrift-stores/

Serves women and children as they journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency

The Arc <https://thearc.org/get-involved/ways-give/donate-physical-items/>

Protecting and promoting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Family Focus www.family-focus.org/events-and-donations/donate/

Promoting the well-being of children from birth.

Share your Soles - www.shareyoursoles.org

Collects gently worn/new shoes and distributes to those in greatest of need around the world.

Morningstar missions <https://morningstarmission.org/thrift-stores/>

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans <http://helpaveteran.org>

TLS Veterans <https://www.tlsveterans.org>

People's Resource Center <http://www.peoplesrc.org>

Clothing

Men's Warehouse www.menswearhouse.com/c/suit-drive
July drive for veterans

Dress for Success <https://worldwidecentral.dressforsuccess.org>
Professional clothes & accessories

Food

Food Pantries:
home goods, unopened food

Shelters:
Hesed House, Aurora <https://www.hesedhouse.org>
Food & toiletries

Pet supplies

PAWS - pet donations, blankets, unopened food
Hinsdale Pet Society
Animal Shelters and Rescue Centers

Child

Cradles to Crayons <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org>
high-quality new and like-new items for children newborn through age 12

Online Resources

Craigslist, Free Cycle, Let Go, Beaucoup, Facebook Marketplace, Facebook Mom/Garage Sale/
Neighborhood groups.

Other Resources to Consider

Local churches
Boys & Girls club
Veterans groups
Jails - paperback books
Assisted Living and Rehabilitation Center

Electronics

Newtech Escrap Recycling, Inc www.ntesrecycling.com
Premium Partner of NAPO Chicago

Goodwill www.goodwill.org

Best Buy www.bestbuy.com

Hobi International www.hobi.com
1202 Nagel Blvd., Batavia, IL, 630-761-0500

Telecommunications Industry Association E-cycling Central - Find locations of electronics recyclers in Illinois

Combined Resources, Inc., www.combinedresources.us/chicago-recycling-centers-and-e-waste-disposal/

Staples www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services
takes electronics (VCR's fax machines, limit of 7)

Check with Individual Counties and Municipalities for local Electronics Recycling (Below)

Furniture / Building Supplies

Habitat ReStore Chicago
www.chicagolandhabitat.org/site/PageServer?pagename=where_we_build_restore_list
(Link to locations throughout Chicagoland)

Additional resource for furniture pickup:
Diann Kay, Donation Procurement Manager
www.habitatlc.org
(847) 249-3160 - Store
(815) 403-7063 - Mobile

World Relief DuPage worldreliefdupage.org/top-needs
bedroom furniture and dressers, small scale preferred

Chicago Furniture Bank www.chicagofurniturebank.org

Jubilee Furniture <https://www.outreachcommunityministries.org/jubileefurniture/>
Will take clean mattresses (no rips or stains)

Rebuilding Exchange <https://www.rebuildingexchange.org>

Lawrence Hall Evanston Boys Hope Girls Home Ping Pong Tables, bed frames
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Household Hazardous Waste

Chicago's Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/environmental_permitsandregulation/household_chemicalscomputerrecyclingfacilityaccepteditems.html

1150 N North Branch Street, Chicago, IL

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility -

www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/

156, Fort Hill Dr, Naperville, IL

Rockford Rock River Reclamation District

<https://www.knib.org/recycling/green-guide/household-hazardous-waste-site/>

3333 Kishwaukee, Rockford, IL

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

www.swalco.org/165/Residential-HCW-Collection-Options

By appointment only on second Saturday or fourth Monday of each month.

Junk Mail

National Do Not Mail List www.directmail.com/mail_preference

Opt Out of Phone Books www.yellowpagesoptout.com

Stop Junk Mail www.dmachoice.thedma.org

Stop Catalogs www.catalogchoice.org

Medications (Rx or Over-the-counter)

Save A Star (Controlled substances) www.saveastar.org/pages/sas_drugdisposal.html

Drop-off locations or DEA Take-Back Days https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

Walgreens www.walgreens.com/topic/pharmacy/safe-medication-disposal.jsp?o=acs

Medical

Project C.U.R.E in Woodridge

Lions Club - hearing and vision aids

Eyeglasses - Pearle Vision, Lenscrafter, Goodwill

Senior Care Volunteer Network - www.scvnmchenrycounty.org/durable-medical-equipment-loan-closet/

(Medical Equipment)

Styrofoam/Polystyrene Recycling

Abt Appliances and Electronics

www.abt.com

UPS Stores – check with your local store if they will take packing peanuts and pieces of Styrofoam packaging

Dart Container, 310 Evergreen Dr, North Aurora, IL – foam marked with #6, food service and packaging, no peanuts.

Highland Park https://www.cityhpil.com/environment/highland_park_recycling_center.php

Algonquin Township www.algtwsp.com/recycling

Recycling Organizations / Information

Newtech Escrap Recycling, Inc. - Premium Partner

www.ntesrecycling.com/

1-800-Recycling

1800recycling.com/

Earth 911

earth911.com/

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse

evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org/

FreeCycle

www.freecycle.org/

Guide to recycling plastics

www.thedailygreen.com/green-homes/latest/recycling-symbols-plastics-460321#slide-7

The Sustainability Guide for College Students on a Budget

<https://couponfollow.com/research/sustainability-guide>

SCARCE - scarcecoed.org

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Elgin Recycling www.elginrecycling.com

Scrap, Electronics, Plastic, TV's, Batteries

Algonquin Township www.algtwsp.com/recycling

The Auto Crusher in West Chicago <https://www.theautocrusher.com>

Scrap Metal (can take propane tanks there).

Other recycling resources...

- City of Lake Forest
- Town of Winfield: has huge container open 7:30 - 3:30 M-F, you can put batteries in a bag at the curb.
- Whole Foods no longer has battery recycling!
- Home Depot - Florescent bulbs and some batteries
- Target, Jewel and Kohls - Bags, plastic film, Green pouches in packaging replacing styrofoam.
- Recycling/Donation Guide for Mattresses - <https://www.mattressclarity.com/blog/how-to-dispose-of-your-mattress/>

County Websites and Green Guides

Cook County - Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

<http://swancc.org/recycling/frequently-asked-questions>

DuPage County Recycling <https://www.dupageco.org/recycling/>

DuPage County Online Recycling Guide <https://www.dupageco.org/OnlineRecyclingGuide/>

Grundey County Waste and Recycling Information and Green Guide www.grundyco.org/land-use/environmental-resource-conservation-office/recycling-information/

Kane County Recycling Green Guide www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/greenGuide.aspx

Kendall County Green Pages http://www.kendallhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/AD_greenpages.pdf

Lake County Solid Waste www.lcswmd.com/

McHenry County Recycling www.mchenry.edu/recycling/

McHenry County Green Guide www.mchenry.edu/green/greenguide.pdf

Will County Green Guide www.willcountygreen.com/greenguide/

Will County Recycling Database www.willcountygreen.com/recycling_centers.aspx