



## SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

### Solid Waste Management Contract

The Village of Mount Prospect has a comprehensive Solid Waste Management program that promotes waste reduction and resource recovery. The Village's residential solid waste services are paid through an annual direct charge paid monthly with your water bill or quarterly if you do not receive Village provided water service.

The Village's exclusive residential solid waste contract provides services to single-family residences (curbside collection), multi-family (centralized refuse containers), and commercial properties. The Public Works Department administers the solid waste contract and serves as the liaison between the resident and the refuse hauler.

### Collection Set-Out Times

Refuse and recycling can be placed at the curb as early as 4:30 pm the day before collection and no later than 6:30 am of the collection day. Late set-outs will not be collected until the following week. Empty carts are to be removed the same day as collection.



Refuse, recycling, and yard waste service is provided to the residents of Mount Prospect by Republic Services.

### Standard Refuse and Recycling

As part of the solid waste collection program, all residential properties receiving curbside collection are issued two wheeled carts, one for refuse and the second cart for recycling.

#### Refuse Container

One 35, 65, or 95 gallon GREEN wheeled cart for Refuse service (provided by the Village). The green cart is for trash only. All trash must be placed in the cart. Any trash outside of the cart that is not on the approved bulk item list (see page 4) will not be collected. Your options are to hold onto the trash until the next scheduled collection day or call Republic Services for a special pickup (charges do apply).

#### Recycling Container

One 35, 65 or 95 gallon BLUE wheeled cart for Recycling service (provided by the Village). The blue cart is for commingled recyclables such as: newspaper, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard; glass food and beverage containers; steel, tin and bimetal containers; empty aerosol and aluminum cans; aluminum foil, formed-foil; #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 or #7 plastic containers (see bottom of container); wax and polycoated *gable topped* beverage containers such as milk cartons, juice drink boxes, whipping cream cartons, and fabric softener refills (*see page 3 for details*). Do not put recyclables into plastic garbage bags.

See page 2 for more information about refuse and recycling carts.



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# Refuse & Recycling Carts

The durable, plastic wheeled carts that are used for the solid waste program are designed specifically for residential properties and feature a permanently attached lid and a handle that allows for easy maneuvering.

- 35 GALLON WHEELED CART (38”Hx23”Wx21”D) | Holds three standard size kitchen bags
- 65 GALLON WHEELED CART (41.5”Hx25”Wx25”D) | Holds six standard kitchen bags
- 95 GALLON WHEELED CART (47”Hx30”Wx30”D) | Holds twelve standard kitchen bags

The Village understands that a household’s solid waste needs may change over time creating a need for greater or reduced solid waste capacity. To address this issue, households are allowed to exchange their current refuse and/or recycling cart for a different size cart at no cost to the resident.

## FAQs

### How much does the Single Family Refuse and Recycling program cost per household?

\$235 per year (2017 cost)

### How do I dispose of glass doors, mirrors, etc.?

Cover the glass surface with duct tape (tape across the glass this will help keep the pieces in place).

### How do I dispose of toilets?

To dispose of a toilet, the tank and bowl need to be separated.

### Where does our recycling go?

Recycling gets taken to Resource Management in Chicago Ridge.

### Where does our garbage go?

Waste generated from Mount Prospect residential properties is currently being processed at the Winnebago Landfill Company (in Winnebago County, Illinois), which is privately owned by Rock River Environmental Services.



The Village also offers additional carts for households needing additional refuse and recycling capacity. Additional refuse carts can be purchased for a one time non-refundable rental fee of \$25 for each additional refuse cart regardless of size. Households are allowed one free recycling cart in addition to the recycling cart originally provided by the Village. Cart exchanges can be made by calling the Public Works department at 847.870.5640. Once an exchange request has been made, the cart(s) will be exchanged by Republic Services on the resident’s first scheduled collection day after the request. A representative from Republic Services will make the exchange after refuse trucks have finished collection. A resident that has scheduled an exchange must leave their cart(s) at the curb after collection. The new cart(s) will not be delivered if the old cart(s) are not at the curb. **Please DO NOT bring carts to Public Works for exchange.**

If you have a damaged refuse and/or recycling cart the Village will repair or replace the cart(s) at no cost to you. Contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 to report the damaged cart. A representative from Republic Services will be dispatched to repair or replace the cart on the next scheduled garbage collection day.

## Cart Placement

Refuse and recycling wheeled carts must be placed at the curb on your scheduled collection day to be collected.

### Wheeled Cart Placement Do’s

- Carts should be placed on the driveway apron at the curb line or on the parkway.
- Carts should be placed for collection with the handle facing away from the street.
- Carts should be placed at the curb with a two (2) foot separation between the carts, mailbox or sign posts.
- Cart lids must be closed.

### Wheeled Cart Placement Don’ts

- Carts should not be placed in the street.
- Cart lids should not be open.
- Items should not be placed on top of the closed lid.
- Do not place items (white goods, bulk items, yard waste) in front of the carts.

### Cart Storage

Corner houses may not place receptacles in a corner or exterior side yard unless receptacles are completely screened from adjacent street by permanent fence or dense planting.

- Village Code regulates where refuse, recycling and yard waste containers may be stored on your property.
- Carts or yard waste containers can be stored along the side, rear or in the garage of a property.
- Carts or containers cannot be stored in front of the property. Carts stored on the driveway in front of the garage or in the front yard are a violation of Village Code.
- Corner houses may not place receptacles in a corner or exterior side yard unless receptacles are completely screened from adjacent street by permanent fence or dense planting.



# Recycling Facts

## Did you know?

Recycling old aluminum uses only 5% of the energy used to make new aluminum.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours — or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.

An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!

Glass recycling is often separated into colors because glass keeps its color after recycling.

For every ton of recycled glass turned into new products, 315 kilograms of extra carbon dioxide that would have been released during the creation of new glass are saved.

The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. It also causes 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.

Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour. Each one takes 500 years to decompose.

To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees.



## RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Recycle only these **CLEAN** items in your **BLUE** recycling cart.



**PAPER & CARDBOARD**



**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**



**RIGID PLASTIC CONTAINERS  
(#1-5 & 7)**



**MILK & JUICE CARTONS**



**STEEL &  
AEROSOL CANS**



**ALUMINUM CANS, TRAYS &  
CLEAN FOIL**

### Things to Remember

- Bins must be placed out before 6:30 am on your collection day and removed from the curbside the same day.
- Plastic bags are not accepted in your recycling cart. They will contaminate the recycling process.
- If you place the wrong items in your recycling cart it may not be collected.

## NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS

These items **CONTAMINATE** your recycling and **MUST NOT** be placed in your bin.



**PLASTIC BAGS, FOOD  
SCRAPS & PIZZA BOXES**



**#6 PLASTIC  
POLYSTYRENE FOAM**



**YARD WASTE/BRUSH,  
GARDEN HOSES,  
SHOWER RODS**



**PAINTS, OILS &  
HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS**



**CERAMICS, OVENWARE,  
DRINKING GLASSES &  
PYREX**



**SYRINGES &  
MEDICAL WASTE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RECYCLING VISIT [mountprospect.org/solidwaste](http://mountprospect.org/solidwaste) OR CALL **847.870.5640**



# Solid Waste Notes

## Bulk items

Bulk items are collected weekly on your regular scheduled collection day. Collection is provided at no additional charge and there is no limit on the number of items that can be placed at the curb. The following is a list of approved bulk items:

- **Lawn Care Equipment**
- **Countertop Microwave Ovens**
- **Mattresses/Box Springs**
- **Carpet Rolls** (no longer than 5 feet)
- **Snowblowers/Shovels**
- **Barbecue Grills**
- **Plumbing Fixtures**
- **Furniture**
- **Bicycles**
- **Swing Sets** (5 foot lengths)



This is not an exhaustive list of bulk items. If you do not see your item on the list please contact the Public Works department to see if it will be collected as a bulk item.

## Move-In Debris

Residents moving into a home in the Village are entitled to a one (1) time only unlimited move-in collection at no charge. Residents must call Public Works (847.870.5640) within one (1) month of the move in to arrange for collection. All restrictions and guidelines regarding the preparation of materials and limitations on construction debris apply to move-in collections.

## Special Collections

Excess trash, non-bulk items, construction debris in excess of one cubic yard, large tree limbs and stumps will be collected for an additional fee. Arrangements must be made directly with Republic Services (847.981.0091). Material must be properly prepared.

## White Goods (Appliances)

Appliances will be collected for an additional fee that must be paid the day of pick up. Arrangements for white good collection must be made directly with Republic Services (847.981.0091).



## Fall cleaning?

Residents may bring refuse and debris to the Glenview Transfer Station. You will be required to unload your own vehicle. No landscape waste will be accepted from residents. There is a minimum charge of \$37 (2017 rate) which includes the first half ton of material. White goods such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers may be disposed of on a fee per item basis. Only major credit cards are acceptable for payment. For more information, call the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) at 847.724.9205 or email [info@swancc.org](mailto:info@swancc.org).

*NOTE: Household hazardous waste (paint, cleaning products, motor oil or automotive batteries), any type of landscape waste, concrete, asbestos roofing shingles and materials or medical/liquid wastes are NOT accepted at the drop-off.*

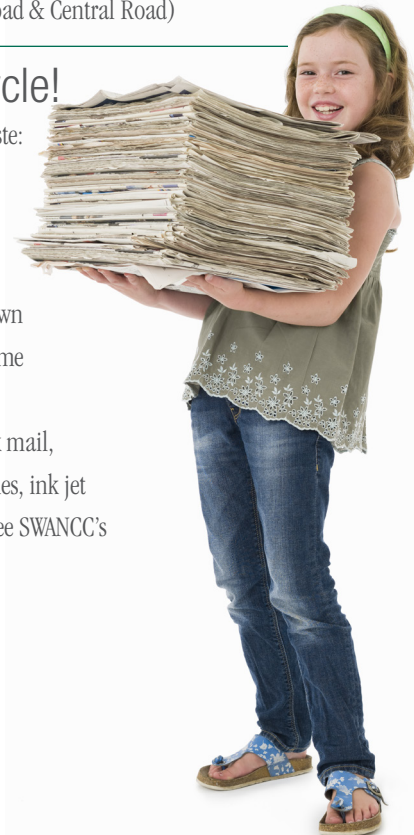
### Glenview Transfer Station

<b>Hours</b>	Monday - Friday   6:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday   6:00 am to 12:00 pm Sunday   Closed
<b>Rates</b>	Residential Waste   \$37 minimum; \$74 per ton (2017 rate)
<b>White Goods</b>	\$25.00 per item (refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.) (2017 rate)
<b>Location</b>	3 Providence Way Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 (Just North of River Road & Central Road)

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

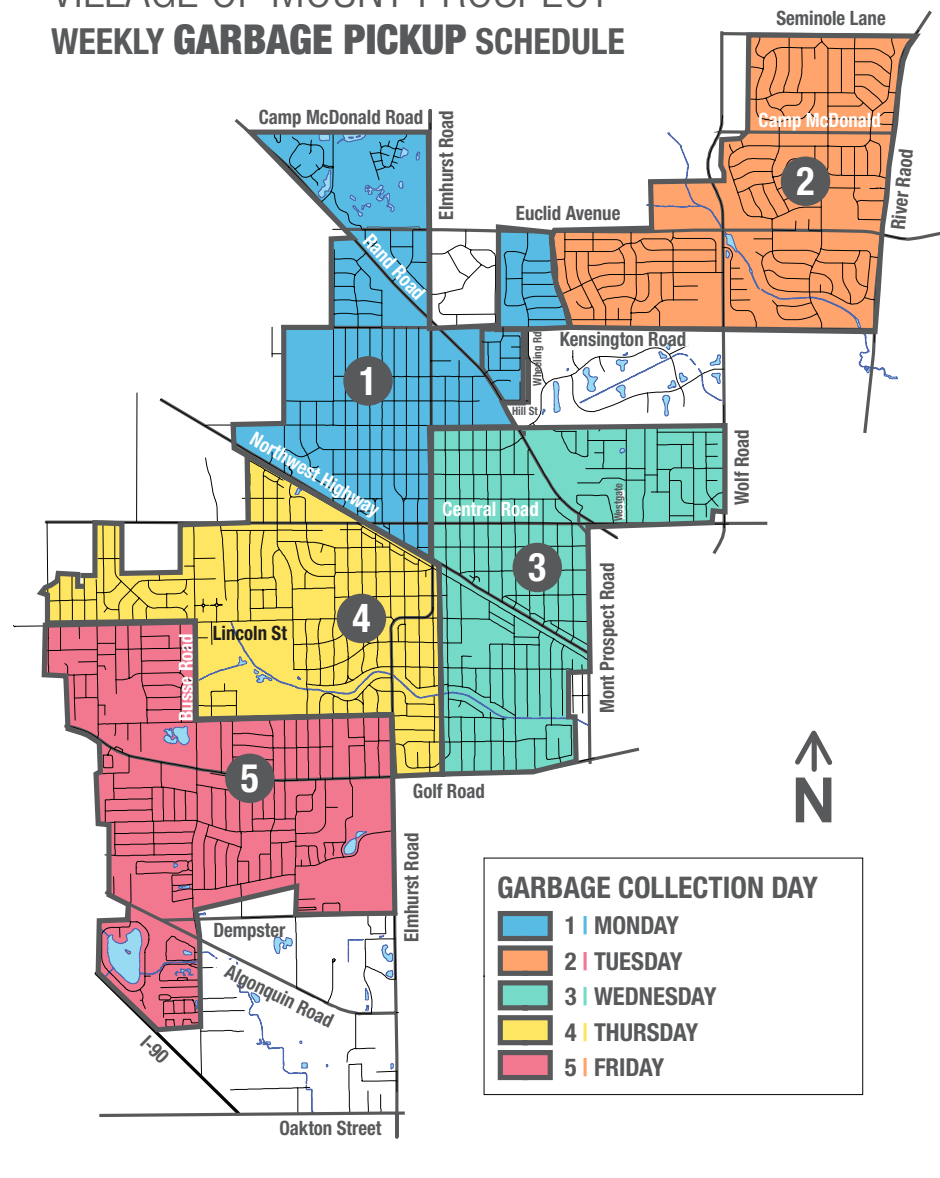
Here are a few tips on reducing your waste:

- *Be Nice Use It Twice* Box for drafts and faxes
- Take reusable bags to the store
- Find ways to use items normally thrown away for an art piece, craft or new game
- Donate gently used items to charity
- Recycle: office paper, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, cardboard, cans and bottles, ink jet cartridges, cell phones, and more – see SWANCC's Green Pages at [swancc.org](http://swancc.org).





# VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT WEEKLY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE



## Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be NO collection on the following holidays:

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| New Year's Day              | Memorial Day  |
| Independence Day (July 4th) | Labor Day     |
| Thanksgiving Day            | Christmas Day |

If a holiday falls on a weekday or is observed on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday. The following week will return to the regular collection schedule.

If New Year's, Independence, or Christmas day fall on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on Monday. Garbage collection will be delayed one day with Monday's collection occurring on Tuesday, etc. The following week will return to the regular collection schedule.

## Missed Collection

If the refuse hauler misses your collection, it will be picked up the next working day. Please call Public Works (847.870.5640) to report the missed pick-up.

Improperly prepared refuse, recyclables, yard material, etc. will not be collected. Materials that are not collected due to non-compliance must be removed from the parkway and stored on the resident's property. Material must be prepared properly and set at the curb the next week for collection.

**10 yard Roll-off Containers  
CLEAN UP**

**ONLY \$299!**

Call SWANCC today for details!  
(847) 724-9205

## Cleaning out your garage? Remodeling your kitchen yourself?

Fall cleanup and home remodeling projects can produce more waste than your regular garbage service will take. Call SWANCC at 847.724.9205 x9 to order a 10 cubic yard roll-off container. This program is available to residents only. The cost is \$299 per container (2017 rate), major credit cards, cash or checks accepted. Next day delivery is available. The container is available for up to 5 days and holds about 2-4 tons (4-6 pickup truck loads). The dimensions are 10' x 7' x 4', and it fits easily in most driveways.

# Organics Program

## Yard Waste Program is Now Called **ORGANICS PROGRAM**

### Unlimited Organics Collection Program

The Village has rebranded the existing yard waste program as the Organics Program. In addition to the collection of yard waste, the Village will now accept organic material including fruits, vegetables, meat, etc. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge, but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program for collection. Organics Service will be provided from April through mid-December.



#### Acceptable Organics

- Grass clippings
- Brush
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Fruits & vegetables
- Pastas
- Meat (no bone)
- Breads
- Crackers
- Cereals
- Cheese, yogurt (no liquids)
- Coffee Grounds

#### Non-Acceptable Organics

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Bones, seafood
- Shrink wrap
- Chip and candy wrappers
- Plastic forks, knives or spoons
- Plastic containers or wrap from food packaging
- Plastic of any kind
- Glass of any kind
- No beverages



### Organics/Yard Waste Collection Details

#### Container Specifications

- Rigid containers cannot exceed 32 gallon capacity. The container will not be collected if it exceeds 32 gallons.
- Rigid containers cannot exceed 50 pounds. The container will not be collected if it exceeds 50 pounds.

#### Bag Specifications

If you choose to use kraft paper bags, you will only be able to dispose of yard waste material. Material identified as organic must be disposed of in a rigid container.



- Bags must be made of biodegradable kraft paper. Biodegradable bags made out of corn starch or similar products are not acceptable.
- Bags cannot exceed 32 gallon capacity. The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 32 gallons.
- Bags cannot exceed 50 pounds. The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 50 pounds.
- Plastic bags cannot be used to dispose of yard waste. Plastic bags containing yard waste will not be collected.

Organics/yard waste generated from Mount Prospect residential properties will be taken to Organix Recycling, LLC located on the South Side of Chicago.

#### Collection Set-Out Times

Yard waste can be placed at the curb as early as 4:30pm the day before collection and no later than 6:30am of collection day. Late set-outs will not be collected until the following week.

### Organics/Yard Waste Cart Rental

Households producing a large amount of organics/yard waste may be interested in the Village's optional yard waste cart rental program. The program has a monthly fee of \$3.58 paid directly to Village that includes the use of a wheeled cart (cart size of your choice – 35, 65 or 95 gallon).

Service is provided once a week on your scheduled collection between April and mid-December.

To participate in the cart rental, please contact Republic Services directly 847.981.0091.



# Curbside Organics Collection Guidelines



**YES!**



**ACCEPTABLE**

- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- BRUSH
- FLOWERS
- LEAVES
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- PASTAS
- MEAT (NO BONE)
- BREADS
- CRACKERS
- CEREALS
- CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
- COFFEE GROUNDS

## Is this OK for Organics collection?

**NON-ACCEPTABLE**

- PLASTIC BAGS
- STYROFOAM
- BONES, SEAFOOD
- SHRINK WRAP
- CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WRAP FROM FOOD PACKAGING
- PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
- GLASS OF ANY KIND
- BEVERAGES



**NO!**



Village of Mount Prospect Public Works Department | 847.870.5640 | [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org)



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# Brush, Holiday, Construction & Loose Leaf Collection

## Brush Collection

### Brush Less than 3.5 inches in Diameter

- Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush.
- Brush bundles are collected on your regular collection day.
- Tree limbs must not exceed 3.5 inches diameter.
- Brush must be bundles – bundles not to exceed 50 pounds, 5 feet in length and must be secured with a biodegradable material (cloth or twine); no wire or plastic.



### Brush Greater than 3.5 inches in Diameter

- Brush or logs greater than 3.5 inches in diameter are taken as garbage and not collected as yard waste.
- Logs can be placed in your garbage cart for collection or placed outside the cart. If logs are placed outside the cart the logs must be prepared according to the following specifications:
  - Bundles or individual logs will be collected on your regular scheduled collection day, not to exceed 50 pounds, or five (5) feet in length.
  - One (1) cubic yard limit (approximately six (6) bundles or large logs equal one (1) cubic yard).
  - Bundles must be secured with a biodegradable material (cloth or twine); no wire or plastic.

## Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day for the first two weeks of January (see website for exact dates); no stickers required. Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris. Please remove all decorative items from the tree including:

- Lights
- Ornaments
- Strings
- Tinsel
- Wires

Please do not cut or trim trees for collection, place trees at the curb whole. Natural wreaths are considered refuse due to the metal frame and will be collected as refuse. Artificial wreaths are not recyclable.

## Construction Debris

Construction debris must be placed in the wheeled cart. Debris placed in the cart must be prepared in a manner that allows the lid of the cart to close (ex. boards placed in the cart must be cut to a size allowing the lid to close).

Materials that cannot be containerized must be prepared in the following manner: Bundles are not to exceed five (5') feet in length nor 50 pounds in weight; one (1) cubic yard limit. (Approximately six (6) bundles equal one (1) cubic yard). Doors count as one bundle of construction debris. Doors do not need to be cut to size.

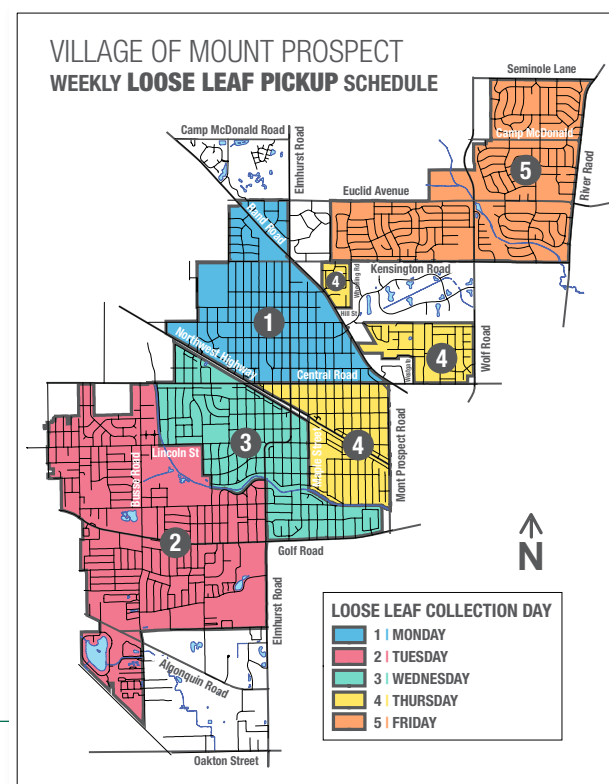
## Loose Leaf Collection (*Program Extended*)

The Village's fall loose-leaf (not bagged) collection program provides residents a convenient method to dispose of leaves at no cost. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves at the curb once a week on scheduled collection days between **Monday, October 9 and Friday, December 1** where they will be collected by Public Works. There will be no loose leaf collection the week of Thanksgiving (November 20-24).

The loose-leaf collection program is for LEAVES ONLY. Organics/yard material other than leaves must be disposed of according to the Village's organics/yard waste collection guidelines. Leaf piles will not be collected if the pile contains grass clippings or other organics/yard material. In addition, please follow these guidelines:

- Please rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line one day prior to the scheduled collection day.
- Please do not rake leaves into the street after the truck has passed your home. The machines travel each street weekly during the collection period, but only once on each side.
- **BURNING LEAVES IN MOUNT PROSPECT VIOLATES ORDINANCE 24.115**

Please visit the Village's website for more information on leaf collection.



# Recycling Programs

## Electronic Recycling Drop-off Program

In September 2009, Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313). This legislation bans certain electronic items, mainly computers and televisions, from Illinois landfills.

To assist residents with collecting old electronics and to ensure environmentally safe recycling of these materials, the Village, in partnership with SWANCC and Com2 Recycling Solutions, has established an Electronics Recycling Drop-off site at the Mount Prospect Public Works Facility.

Not all electronic items will be accepted. Please review the Electronics Recycling Acceptable Items list to see if your electronics item will be accepted. If you do not find your electronic listed as an acceptable item please consult the SWANCC Green Pages ([www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org)) alternative recycling options for your electronic item.

### Drop off DETAILS

**Location**     **Mount Prospect Public Works Department**  
1700 West Central Road

**Dates**         April 5 - October 25. The drop-off is only open on Wednesdays between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Items brought to the Public Works Facility outside of designated hours will not be collected.

In addition to the Mount Prospect location, SWANCC sponsors several other weekly drop-off locations. The locations listed below are open to all Mount Prospect residents. Collection locations will be closed on national holidays.

**Glenview Transfer Station**  
3 Providence Way | Des Plaines  
Just North of River Rd & Central Rd  
Open Year Round  
Saturdays 9:00 am-11:30 am

**Hoffman Estates Village Hall**  
1900 Hassel Road  
Open April-November  
Mondays 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**Winnetka Public Works**  
1390 Willow Road  
Open April-November  
Thursdays 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Only the following electronic items will be accepted for recycling at SWANCC sponsored drop-off locations:

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Answering Machines                    | Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs)  |
| Cable Receiver                        | Postage Machines  |
| Calculators                           | Power Tools or Cords  |
| Camcorders                            | Printers (Multi-function Printers)  |
| Cameras                               | Satellite Receiver  |
| CD or DVD players                     | Scanners  |
| Cell Phones                           | Shredders   |
| Computer cable                        | Small Home Appliances (Toasters, Blenders, Vacuum Cleaners, Mini Refrigerators, etc.) |
| Computer monitors                     | Stereo Equipment (no wood)  |
| Computers (Desktop, Notebook, Tablet) | Telephones  |
| Converter Box                         | Televisions   |
| Copy Machines                         | Typewriters   |
| Fax machines                          | Video Game Consoles   |
| Microwaves                            | Video Recorders/Players (no tapes)  |
| Mobile Telephones                     | Zip Drives  |
| Mouse or Keyboards                    |   |
| MP3 Players                           |   |



## Holiday Light Recycling Program

Did you purchase a new set of Holiday lights this year, and don't know what to do with your old lights? Do you have a set of Holiday lights or extension cords that you can't get to work? Don't throw them in the garbage. You can recycle them free of charge.

The Village accepts unused and non-working Holiday string lights and extension cords year round. The materials in the string lights and extension cords will be reclaimed and reprocessed into new products. Most importantly they will be kept out of the landfill.

Residents can drop off their unwanted Holiday string lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department located at 1700 West Central Road between the hours of 7:30 am and 5 pm, Monday-Friday.





# Recycling Programs

## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) Recycling

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) have been in the media spotlight lately focusing on their environmental benefits. They do however contain mercury vapor, which makes disposing of the bulbs a concern.

In response to this issue, the Village in cooperation with SWANCC offers a free recycling program to Mount Prospect and SWANCC residents. Residents can bring their CFLs and four foot fluorescent to the Public Works department during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) for recycling. CFLs should be brought to Public Works unbroken and in a zip lock bag for proper recycling.

This program is for residentially generated CFLs and is not for commercial or industrial businesses. Please do not bring incandescent bulbs in for recycling. Incandescent bulbs are not hazardous and can be disposed of with your regular solid waste.

For more information on the program, please visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.



## Battery Recycling

The Village (with the sponsorship of the SWANCC) offers a battery recycling program. The purpose of the program is to provide a convenient method for recycling of household alkaline and rechargeable batteries and prevent disposal in landfills.

**Who is allowed to participate?** The program is open to all Mount Prospect residents and SWANCC community residents.

**What type of batteries will be accepted?** The program is only designed to accept household alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and button cells) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, and lithium polymer). We will not accept Nickel Iron, Mercury, Silver Oxide, or Lead Acid batteries. These battery types would include car, marine and sump pump.

**What type of Preparation is needed?** For all rechargeable batteries (Lithium, NiMh, and NiCad), residents must cover the contact points of each rechargeable battery with masking tape or place each rechargeable battery in an individual self-locking plastic bag so that the contact points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation, which can cause a fire hazard. Batteries that are not prepared properly will not be accepted. This is not necessary with household or alkaline batteries.

**Where do I drop off my batteries?** Batteries can be brought to the Public Works Department (1700 West Central Road) Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm.

Contact the Public Works Department with questions at 847.870.5640 or [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).

## Medication/Sharps Recycling Program

The Medication/Sharps Recycling Program program is for residents of SWANCC's member communities. Residents can bring medications and sharps for disposal to the Public Works Department during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm).

No prescription drugs or sharps from businesses, schools or hospitals will be accepted. IDs will be checked for verification of residency.

### General tips

- Prescription drugs that are more than a year old should be disposed of properly.
- Turn in non-prescription medicines without an expiration date that are more than six months old.
- Keep Pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify contents.
- Sharps need to be placed in a rigid container with a sealed lid. A new sharps container will be provided.



### Acceptable Items

- Unused/Expired prescription medications
- Prescription cough syrup
- Prescription ear drops and eye drops
- Expired over the counter medications
- Residential sharps

### Unacceptable Items

- Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances
- Institutional or business waste
- Non-prescription liquids





# Household Hazardous Waste

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

### Permanent Collection Facilities

There are four long-term household chemical waste collection facilities in Illinois.

#### **Goose Island Facility** (Chicago) | 312.744.7672

1150 North Branch Street | Chicago

Tuesdays | 7am-12pm; Thursdays 2pm-7pm; 1st Saturday of month 8am-3pm

Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Accepts household chemical waste, accepts computer materials, hosts a free latex paint swap.

#### **Solid Waste Agency of Lake County** (SWALCO) | 847.336.9340

11311 North Estes Street | Gurnee

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

#### **Naperville** | 630.420.6095

156 Fort Hill Drive | Naperville

Saturdays & Sundays | 9 am-2 pm

#### **Rockford** | 815.967.6737

Rock River Reclamation District

333 Kishwaukee | Rockford

Saturday 8am-4pm | Sunday 12pm-4pm

The State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency holds one day hazardous waste collections each year in the spring and fall. Refer to the State of Illinois EPA website for a schedule and details on acceptable materials.

### Acceptable Items

Oil-based paints  
Used motor oil  
Paint thinners  
Drain cleaners  
Herbicides  
Lawn chemicals  
Insecticides  
Solvents  
Pesticides  
Antifreeze  
Old Gasoline  
Hobby chemicals  
Pool Chemicals  
Aerosol paints and pesticides  
Cleaning Products  
Fluorescent lamp bulbs  
Mercury  
Old and outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals  
Household Batteries

### Unacceptable Wastes

Agricultural chemicals  
Propane Tanks\*  
Business/commercial sector wastes  
Smoke detectors  
Explosives  
Farm machinery oil  
Fireworks  
Fire extinguishers\*  
Lead Acid Batteries  
Institutional Wastes  
Controlled Substances  
Sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes  
Latex Paint

*\* Although the Illinois EPA's contractors do not accept automotive batteries, propane tanks, or fire extinguishers, cosponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call the Illinois EPA to verify materials being accepted.*

**Unable to attend a collection?** Dispose of your household chemical waste for a fee. Contact R3 Environmental Management at 847.488.1492 x 202.

## Mercury Thermometer Disposal

NEVER use a vacuum to clean up mercury. If you have a mercury spill, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217.782.5830, or go to [idph.state.il.us/mercury](http://idph.state.il.us/mercury) for cleanup procedures.

SWANCC has established an environmentally-friendly Thermometer Exchange Program for member communities.

#### **Mount Prospect Public Works** | 847.870.5640

1700 West Central Road

M-F | 7:30 am-5:00 pm

#### **Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility**

1150 North North Branch Street | Chicago

[cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)

See web site for hours

Residential waste only (no business or commercial sector waste). Accepts thermometers, switches and thermostats.

#### **Arlington Heights Village Hall** | 847.368.5760

Health Department

33 South Arlington Heights Road

M-F | 8:00 am-5:00 pm

#### **Buffalo Grove Village Hall** | 847/459-2530

50 Raupp Blvd

Monday | 8:00 am-7:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday | 8:00 am-4:30 pm

#### **R3 Environmental Management** | 847.488.1492

1050 East Chicago Avenue | Elgin

[r3environmental.net](http://r3environmental.net)

Mercury may also be taken to Household Chemical Waste events.

Check [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) for other locations.

## Latex Paint Disposal

The easiest way to dispose of paint is to use it up completely. Apply a second coat to your project or use it up on a piece of old cardboard or scrap wood. Let the can dry out and dispose of it in your regular garbage. If this isn't an option, continue reading for further instructions.

You can add shredded newspapers, kitty litter or sawdust to your latex paint. Let the paint dry out completely. This should be done in a well-ventilated area and away from children and pets. After the paint has dried, put the container in your garbage with the lid off so the garbage hauler knows the can is empty.





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