

*Ogle County
Waste Disposal & Recycling
“Green Guide”*



*Making waste reduction, recycling,
and disposal easier for Ogle County residents*

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Introduction

The purpose of this "Green Guide" is to assist Ogle County residents in locating resources that provide information and opportunities to reduce waste by maximizing reuse and recycling alternatives. Another function of the guide is to inform residents about safer disposal alternatives for some common, but potentially dangerous substances often found in our homes. Information on laws and regulations about waste disposal is also included. The guide is intended for residential or household use and does not address business or industrial waste. We hope this guide will assist and encourage every household to work toward a clean, safe and beautiful Ogle County.

An attempt was made to include those businesses, organizations, or services in the Ogle County area that reuse or recycle waste items typically generated by residents at home. Some services outside of Ogle County which are available to residents have also been listed. Inclusion or omission of a business or service in this guide does not constitute an endorsement or rejection of them, but is merely sharing of information that we have collected. If you find that information is out of date, inaccurate, incomplete, or just plain wrong, or if we have left something out, please contact us to let us know. We will attempt to update the guide periodically.

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Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is to promote a clean and healthy environment by encouraging recycling, waste reduction, and safe disposal options for waste generated in Ogle County. The Department strives to fulfill this mission through educational programs, recycling grants and initiatives, local monitoring and enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations, and the implementation of special collection events that benefit the residents of Ogle County.

Department Overview

The Department was formed in March of 1998 by resolution of the Ogle County Board. Prior to that time, many of the functions of the OCSWMD were fulfilled through the Health Department.

Solid Waste Management Planning

In 1990, Ogle County began developing a comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. This included a needs assessment, a study of available waste management options, and a long range (20 year) plan for safe management of solid waste generated in the County. This process involved a Citizen Advisory Committee, Environmental Consultants, County Board Members, as well as staff. The original Plan was adopted in 1993 and Five and Ten Year Updates were approved in 1998 and 2003, as required by state law. The Plan is scheduled to be updated again in 2013. The Plan and Update (which is available on the website) include recommendations which prompted the development of the following programs.

OCSWMD Programs

- 1. Education/Motivation of the Public.** The OCSWMD maintains an "Information Clearinghouse" with books, videos, DVD's and information on waste reduction, recycling, composting, household hazardous waste, and rules and regulations regarding landfills and the proper disposal of waste. These items can be checked out for free. Talks and workshops are presented to schools, businesses, and civic groups on these and other related subjects. Periodic articles in local newspapers, flyers, and a website provide information on the topics listed above. The website address is www.oglecountysolidwaste.org
- 2. Recycling Programs.** Seven drop-off recycling stations are managed and/or promoted by the OCSWMD. These stations are designed to make recycling available to residents throughout the county at a reasonable distance. A wide variety of materials are accepted for recycling at the sites which are described further in this guide. The department also promotes waste reduction and recycling in the home and workplace and works with local municipalities to develop, implement and promote curbside recycling programs.



3. **Recordkeeping and Reporting.** State recycling goals make it necessary to keep track of the amount of waste that is recycled, landfilled, or disposed of in other ways. Since the start of the Solid Waste Program in 1990, Ogle County has continued to increase the amount of waste recycled from 11% in 1991 to 37% in 2011, thereby reducing reliance on local landfills.
4. **Enforcement of State and Local Laws and Regulations.** Since 1990, Ogle County has maintained a delegation agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for local enforcement of state solid waste management laws and regulations. This agreement involves a regular inspection and monitoring program for authorized landfills in the county as well as responding to citizen complaints about illegal dumping or open burning of waste.
5. **Landfill Permits and Sitting Application Review.** The OCSWMD plays an important role in the review of landfill sitting applications and permit requests submitted to the Illinois EPA. Our department has also worked with landfill owners/operators to establish additional environmental safeguards and financial benefits for Ogle County.
6. **Grants and Special Events.** Each year, the OCSWMD provides Clean-up Day Grants to municipalities and townships to help beautify the county and provide disposal options for residents. Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants are offered annually to schools, non-profit agencies, and businesses in the county. Special collection events for safe disposal or recycling of household electronics, Christmas trees, and other difficult to manage wastes are held periodically.

Funding

Funding for these programs and the OCSWMD comes from landfill fees, state grants, and through limited revenue appropriated by the Ogle County Board.

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Waste Disposal Laws & Regulations

The Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Ogle County Code of Ordinances, and other laws and regulations require the proper disposal of municipal waste generated in Ogle County. Although residents are not required to have commercial waste collection service, they are required to dispose of their waste at an IEPA permitted pollution control facility (state approved landfill, transfer station, or incinerator).

Garbage, rubbish, empty food & beverage containers, and other refuse must be stored in a closed container which is resistant to rodents and flies until it is disposed of properly. Waste reduction and recycling are strongly encouraged.

Open Dumping of Waste

Open dumps create a public nuisance, divert land from more productive uses and depress the value of surrounding land. Open dumps pose many health, safety and environmental threats.

Open dumping is prohibited by law! Causing or allowing the open dumping of waste is illegal and may result in substantial penalties.

Report open dumping of waste to the IEPA, local police department, Ogle County Sheriff's Department or Solid Waste Management Department. Local law enforcement officials have a duty to enforce open dumping laws.

Open Burning of Waste

Open burning of waste without a permit is generally prohibited in the State of Illinois under Section 9(c) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act). Garbage collection services are offered throughout Ogle County. However, some people continue to dispose of their waste by open burning. Burning waste can release particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, dioxins, furans and other pollutants into the air. Many of these pollutants are associated with respiratory diseases and irritations. The following is a summary of what you can and cannot burn at your home or business under Illinois Law:

- **If you live in any town:** it is illegal to burn anything except for landscape waste. However, local ordinances may limit the burning of landscape waste*.
- **If you live within one mile of a town with a population of 1000 or more:** it is illegal to burn anything except for landscape waste*. However, local ordinances may limit the burning of landscape waste.
- **If you live outside of the above described areas:** it may be legal to burn household waste (such as paper or cardboard) that is generated on the property as a result of normal household activities, except for garbage, trade waste and food packaging, as long as it does not cause air pollution. Burning of these items may be legal in these



areas, but it is an unhealthy and dangerous disposal method. Better options are available.

- **The following items are examples of items that can NEVER be burned in Illinois*:**
 - Commercial waste, food scraps & packaging
 - Furniture, construction/demolition or remodeling waste
 - Tires, plastic, textiles, carpet, wire, etc.

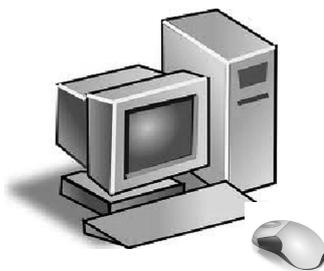
***What about landscape waste?** Landscape waste is only allowed to be burned on the premises where it is generated so long as a local ordinance does not limit the burning of it. Under these conditions, it can only be burned outside of restricted areas when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants, if such burning does not create visibility hazards, and if it does not cause air pollution. Again, there are better ways to manage landscape waste. (See landscape waste page 30).

Electronics Banned from Landfills

As of January 1, 2012, the State of Illinois banned many electronics from disposal in landfills. Many valuable resources are used in the manufacture of electronics, including gold, silver, platinum, aluminum, copper, steel, glass and plastic. By recycling electronics, these materials can be reclaimed and made into new products.

- **List of banned electronics:** TV's, monitors, printers, computers, laptop computers, electronic keyboards, facsimile machines, videocassette recorders, DVD players/recorders, portable digital music players, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers.
- **A list of local electronics recycling options can be found on pages 7 & 8.**

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and the Lee County Office of Solid Waste Management hold electronic recycling events during the year. Please check with either office for information or go to www.oglecountysolidwaste.org. Or, consider donating working computer equipment to a local school, church, or other charitable organization. For more information on donating, visit the USEPA website www.epa.gov/plugin.



Electronics Recycling Information for Ogle County Residents

<u>Business</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Recycles</u>
Basler's Ace Hardware 807 W. Pines Rd. Oregon, IL	815-732-2788	www.acehardware.com	CFL Bulbs
American TV 6551 E. State St. Rockford, IL	815-229-1400	www.americantv.com/pages/ e-cycle.jsp	Check on line for list of items
Best Buy 2074 Sycamore Rd. DeKalb, IL 281 Deane Drive Rockford, IL	815-758-0490 815-395-8405	www.bestbuy.com/recycling	3 units per day. Will accept most electronics, phones, fans, remotes and vacuums. Also accepts ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cables & CFL bulbs
City of Rochelle Rochelle Residents Only	815-562-4155	www.Cityofrochelle.net	CFLs, electronics and appliances
ComEd	888-806-2273	www.comed.com	Refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners
Goodwill & Dell 2216 E. 4th St. Sterling 4618 E. State St. & 315 N. Main St. Rockford, IL	815-625-1740 815-484-9294 815-965-3795	www.goodwillni.org www.dellreconnect.com	Computer equipment, ink & toner cartridges, appliances
Home Depot 6930 August Dr. Rockford, IL	815-391-8880	www.Homedepot.com	CFLs, rechargeable batteries, Christmas lights, cell phones
Illinois Growth Enterprises & Rockford Computers for Schools 4151 Samuelson Rd. Rockford, IL	815-962-8333	www.Illinoisgrowth.com	Computers, laptops, monitors, printers,scanners, cell phones and other electronics



Electronics Recycling Information for Ogle County Residents

<u>Business</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Recycles</u>
Moore's True Value Hardware 318 Lincoln Hwy. Rochelle, IL	815-562-6565		CLF Bulbs
Office Depot 5430 E. State St. Rockford, IL	815-226-9797	http://www.officedepot.com/techrecycling	Tech recycling boxes for purchase \$5-\$15. Fill with electronics and take back to store
Ogle County Hospice 421 W. Pines Rd. Oregon, IL	815-732-2499	www.oglecountyhospice.org	Cell phones (no chargers or acces.) inkjet cartridges, laptop computers, Apple iPods, some handheld game systems
Ogle Co. Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept. 909 W. Pines Rd Oregon, IL	815-732-4020	www.oglecountysolidwaste.org	Cell phones, CFLs, rechargeable batteries, ink cartridges
R & D Do It Best Hardware 1383 N. 7th St. Rochelle, IL	815-562-7014		CFL Bulbs
Secure Recycling Services 629 Palmyra Rd. Dixon, IL	815-288-1602	www.securerecyclingservices.com	Electronics, call or go on line for list of items
Staples 1724 S. West Ave. Freeport, IL	815-235-2563	www.staples.com/ecoeasy	Computers, monitors, printers, etc. Six items per day. Recycle ink & toner cartridges - receive \$2 in Staple rewards
Target 6560 E. State St. Rockford, IL	815-227-9788	www.target.com www.Nextworth.com	Check on line for list of items.





Landfills, Transfer Stations & Compost Sites In Ogle & Surrounding Counties



Name of Facility	Phone	Municipal Waste*	Special Waste	Landscape Waste/Comments
Freeport Transfer Station 2133 S. Walnut Rd. Freeport, IL	815-233-0742	\$60/ton	No	Drop off for landscape waste and recyclables \$4 a bag. No electronics
G & O Landscaping Compost Site 1800 S. Meridian Rd. Rockford, IL	815-962-0859			Landscape waste: \$25/load (no stumps) Finished compost: \$13/cubic yard - \$20 min
Lee County Landfill 1214 S. Bataan Rd. Dixon, IL	815-288-4607	\$45.15/ton Min. (plus fees)	Call for rates	Landscape waste allowed in separate area
MDI Environmental Systems Transfer Station 30687 Rt. 52 & 64 Lanark, IL	815-493-6331	\$60/ton \$30/min.	No	No landscape waste or recycling
Orchard Hills Landfill 8290 Hwy. 251 Davis Junction, IL	815-874-9000	\$49/ton \$30/min.	Call for rates	Drop-off recycling bin available for recyclables. Accepts no landscape waste
Prairie Hill Landfill 18762 Lincoln Rd. Morrison, IL	815-772-7308	\$28/ton \$56/min.	No	Recycling drop off for residents Yard waste accepted
Rochelle Municipal Landfill #2 6513 Mulford Rd. Rochelle, IL	815-384-4251	\$45/ton \$20/min up to. 880 lbs.	Call first	Brush - \$40/ton Leave & grass - \$30/ton Wood chips - \$30/ton
Rock River Valley Composting 6200 Baxter Rd. Cherry Valley, IL	815-874-5870		No	Yard waste 2.5cents/lb - \$10 min chg Branches no longer than 6 ft or 6 in diameter. Finished compost sold at 1 cent/lb
Winnebago Landfill 8315 Lindenwood Rd. Rockford, IL	815-874-7375	\$60/ton 1 ton min.	Call first	No landscape waste

* Fees are subject to change at any time. Table is for reference only.



Waste Haulers

If you live in a city or village, you most likely have commercial waste and recycling collection provided by one of the waste haulers who have contracted through your city government. If you live in unincorporated Ogle County, you must arrange for waste collection on your own, or take it to a permitted landfill or transfer station yourself. All parts of the county have waste collection service available from one or more of the waste hauling companies. Curbside recycling may or may not be available in rural parts of the county, depending on where you live. For this reason, Ogle County has developed a network of drop-off recycling stations which are distributed throughout the county. (See pages 13-14).

Three waste hauling companies service the majority of the county:

- Moring Disposal, Inc., (western half & northeastern quarter) 800-423-0759.
- Northern Illinois Disposal Services, (all of Ogle County) 815-562-4134.
(formerly Rochelle Disposal Service)
- Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. (northeastern quarter) 815-874-8431.
(formerly Veolia Environmental Services)

The following table lists other waste or recycling haulers, what they haul, and what part of the county they service. *Note: We are not endorsing any of the businesses listed, but just sharing information about the companies.*

Waste Hauling Companies		What Do They Haul						Where
Company	Phone	Garbage Rubbish	Construction or Demolition	Recycling/ Scrap Metal	Rent Roll-offs	Commercial/ Industrial	Garage Basement/ Attic	What part of Ogle County
Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. Davis Junction, IL	815-397-5766 815-874-8431	X	X	X	X	X		All
Affordable Waste Services Dixon, IL	815-288-7283	X	X	X	X	X		Polo, Oregon, Grand Detour, Mt. Morris
Allied Waste Dixon, IL	815-284-2432	X	X	X	X	X		Call
A-Plus Hauling & Clean-outs Rockford, IL	815-489-9570	X	X	X			X	Monroe Center, Davis Junction, Byron, Oregon, Stillman Valley.



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Waste Hauling Companies		What Do They Haul						Where
Company	Phone	Garbage Rubbish	Construction or Demolition	Recycling/ Scrap Metal	Rent Roll-offs	Commercial/ Industrial	Garage Basement/ Attic Clean Out	What part of Ogle County
B & O Recyclers of America Sycamore, IL	815-895-6744		X	X	X	X		Call
Moring Disposal Forreston, IL	800-423-0759	X	X	X	X	X		Western half, Northeastern quarter
Northern Illinois Disposal Services Rochelle, IL	815-562-4134	X	X	X	X	X		All
Paper Recovery Service Loves Park, IL	815-636-2329			X		X		Rochelle
Silver Harris Iron & Metal Belvidere, IL	815-544-9221			X				Rochelle call to see about other routes.
Tidy Bug Container Service Franklin Grove, IL	815-456-3001	X	X		X	X	X	All
Wiersema Waste Services Chadwick, IL	815-535-9000	X	X		X	X	X	Forreston area, Whiteside, Carroll & Lee Counties.



Recycling – General Information

Recycling is an important part of managing waste. It has come a long way from the days of Boy Scout troops having their newspaper drives. Many materials that were difficult to recycle in the past are now commonly collected through residential curbside, drop-off, or business recycling programs. Although the lists of items accepted at the various recycling programs may differ some, there are some basic rules about the preparation of materials that apply to all of the programs.

- **CLEAN MATERIALS.** Scrape and rinse all food residues from your recyclable containers. Drain all containers. Compress or flatten all plastic containers.
- **LIDS.** Most plastic lids from bottles, jugs, jars, and containers are recyclable. After compressing the plastic container, replace the lid securely to keep it on the container. Metal lids are also recyclable.
- **DENSIFY MATERIALS.** Flatten or crush materials, such as large plastic jugs, all boxes, and cans, to conserve space in your recycling bin and the recycling collection vehicle.
- **CO-MINGLE MATERIALS.** All of the curbside and drop-off recycling programs in Ogle County now accept materials co-mingled or mixed together. This is due to the advancement of sorting technology at recycling processing facilities and the desire to get more recyclable material into recycling trucks and containers. It may seem counter-intuitive, but yes, it is OK to mix the items in your recycling containers.
- **PAY ATTENTION TO NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.** Don't deposit items that are not listed as acceptable in your recycling program. This adds cost to the programs and ends up going to a landfill anyway. ***If in doubt, leave it out!***

Curbside Refuse & Recycling Information

All haulers have fully implemented single sort recycling in all service areas. Therefore, recyclables no longer need to be sorted. Simply rinse containers as usual and break down boxes. You may see a recycling curb sorter truck, packer truck or a side load truck collecting your recyclables. Be assured that your recyclables are being handled properly.

To obtain more recycling bins, determine the pickup schedule, or acquire more specific information pertaining to your area, call your city or village clerk or your hauler. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of your curbside recycling program and recycle as much as possible. If you have curbside recycling service, do not use the County drop-off recycling stations.

Items Accepted by All Haulers

Paper

- Newspaper, including ads and inserts. Junk mail, including envelopes, paper bags, magazines,



catalogs, phone books, office paper, paper milk and juice cartons, tissue boxes, books, gift wrap, construction paper. Shredded paper may be recycled, but should be placed in clear plastic bags, paper landscape waste bags, or paper bags and stapled shut. Please do not put loose shredded paper in recycling containers. No double or confetti shredded paper.

- Do not include tissues, napkins, waxed paper or waxed cardboard, fast food wrap, plastic-lined paper dog or cat food bags, or food contaminated paper or cardboard.

Corrugated (cardboard boxes)

- Flatten boxes and stack in manageable sizes not to exceed 3 foot square.

Other Cardboard

- Food boxes such as cereal, pasta, gift or shoe boxes, game boxes, and beverage cartons. Please flatten.

Plastic

- With a few exceptions, plastic bottles and containers are accepted for recycling at Ogle County curbside and drop-off recycling programs. Items marked with the recycling symbol and numbered 1-7 are accepted, and must be free of any food residue or liquids. They should be rinsed and flattened and the lids put back on (if put loose in the bin they may not get recycled). However, the following items are not accepted: #6 Styrofoam cups, containers or packing material; plastic bags; toys; hangers; or containers that held hazardous materials.

Metal

- Tin and aluminum cans, pie tins, baking pans, and clean paint cans. Rinse completely and place lids inside of cans. Do not include scrap metal, cleaning fluid and poison containers, wire, hangers, toys, silverware, paint cans with liquid or dry paint residue, or aerosol cans.

Glass

- Glass jars and bottles only. Rinse and replace lids. Do not include drinking glasses, dishes, tableware, broken glass, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramic, or porcelain.

Yard Waste

- Please contact your local waste hauler for complete information or see page 9 for compost sites in the area.

Ogle County Drop-Off Recycling Stations

The OCSWMD provides five recycling stations for people who cannot get curbside recycling or for those who live in apartment buildings without recycling. They are not intended for business use. Locations are:

Byron: Stone Quarry parking lot, 6845 N. German Church Rd. (During daylight hours).

Forreston: Near City Public Works Department, Ash St., ½ block south of Main St. (Rte. 72).

Monroe Center: Mulford Rd. & RR crossing north side, south of Rte. 72.

Oregon: Ogle County Farm Bureau parking lot, 421 West Pines Rd.



Polo: (Provided by Moring Disposal), Franklin & Locust Streets.

Rochelle: 1240 N. 7th St. (Rte. 251), Big R Store (old Wal Mart) parking lot.

Orchard Hills Landfill: (Provided by Advanced Disposal Services) 8290 Hwy. 251, Davis Junction, enter landfill and check in at scale house.

Ogle County Drop-Off Recycling Instructions



Please follow these instructions! ***If in doubt, leave it out.*** Place any acceptable items in any bin. If one bin is full, please deposit items in another bin (YES, it is OK to mix items). It will be sorted at the recycling facility.

Items to be recycled	Accepted	Not Accepted
Newspapers	Clean newspapers, all ads & inserts.	Bags or string, wet moldy or dirty newspapers.
Other Paper & Cardboard	Magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, office paper, flattened chipboard (cereal & pasta boxes), paper grocery bags, shoe boxes, flattened corrugated cardboard, beer/soda boxes, paper milk and juice cartons, post-it-notes, tissue boxes, books, gift wrap, construction paper, yellow cardboard.	Tissues, napkins, waxed paper or waxed cardboard, fast-food wrap, plastic lined paper dog or cat food bags, food contaminated paper/cardboard, or wood.
Plastic Containers	Marked #1—#7 on bottom, empty soft drink, milk, laundry, bleach jugs, shampoo & household cleaner bottles, yogurt containers, peanut butter containers, cottage cheese containers, margarine tubs, anti-freeze or motor oil containers, etc. Flatten bottles & jugs if possible to save space. Replace and recycle all lids.	Containers with no #'s on bottom, Styrofoam (cups, peanuts, rigid packing materials, etc.), toys, plastic bags, plastic silverware, hangers, laundry baskets, items that contained hazardous materials.
Aluminum & Steel	Empty aluminum & steel food & beverage cans & lids, pie plates, baking pans, and paint cans that have no paint residue.	Scrap metal, cleaning fluid & poison containers, wires, hangers, toys, silverware, containers from petroleum based household solvents & pesticides, paint cans with liquid or dry paint residue, and aerosol cans.
Glass	Glass food & beverage containers - clear, green, brown bottles & jars	All other glass including window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramic, porcelain, drinking glasses, dishes, tableware, and broken glass.

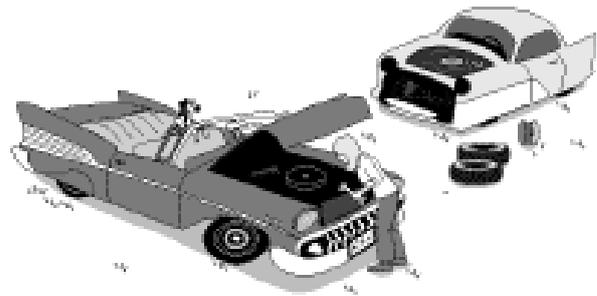
No dumping of refuse, landscape waste, hazardous waste, tires, appliances, clothing, or other waste!



<p align="center">Recycling Drop-off Facilities & Junk Yards In Ogle & Surrounding Counties</p>		
Company	Phone	Material Bought/Accepted
Boone County		
<p>Harris Silver & Sons 800 E. Pleasant Belvidere, IL</p>	815-544-9221	<p>Buys aluminum cans, ferrous/non-ferrous scrap, tin/bi-metal cans, auto batteries.</p>
<p>Junction Auto Parts Rt. 173 & 76 Caledonia, IL</p>	815-765-2731	<p>Buys aluminum cans, ferrous/non-ferrous scrap, tin/bi-metal cans, auto batteries. Buys cars, free towing for junk car removal. Sells used auto parts.</p>
Dekalb County		
<p>B & O Iron & Metal 800 Brickville Rd. Sycamore, IL</p>	815-895-6744	<p>Buys junk cars, scrap metal & iron. Sells used auto parts.</p>
<p>DeKalb Iron & Metal 900 Oak St. DeKalb, IL</p>	800-962-1742 815-758-2458	<p>Buys aluminum cans, ferrous/non-ferrous scrap, tin/bi-metal cans, auto batteries. Accepts: appliances with no Freon.</p>
Lee County		
<p>Dixon Iron & Metal 78 Monroe Ave. Dixon, IL</p>	815-288-5477	<p>Buys junk cars, scrap metal, anything metal.</p>
Ogle County		
<p>Three B's Used Auto Parts Rt. 72 & Hwy. 251 Davis Junction, IL</p>	815-874-2380	<p>Buys junk cars. Sells used auto parts.</p>
<p>Juan's Salvage, Inc. 7503 S. Thorpe Rd. Rochelle, IL</p>	815-562-7212	<p>Buys junk cars. Sells used auto parts.</p>
<p>Messenger Auto Recycling 4613 Walden Rd. Byron, IL</p>	815-234-8996	<p>Buys cars, free towing for junk car removal. Buys scrap metal.</p>



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Company	Phone	Material Bought/Accepted
<p><i>Stephenson County</i></p>		
<p>Freeport Recycling Center 657 N. Van Buren Rd. Freeport, IL</p>	<p>815-232-2906</p>	<p>Accepts newspaper, other paper, ferrous/non-ferrous scrap, brass, plastic (HDPE #2, PETE #1) and wooden pallets. Buys aluminum cans, copper.</p>
<p><i>Winnebago County</i></p>		
<p>Groeling Salvage, Inc. 217 E. Douglas St. Freeport, IL</p>	<p>815-232-2525</p>	<p>Buys aluminum, stainless, copper, brass, radiators, lead, insulated wire, cars, free towing for junk car removal. Accepts tin/bi-metal cans.</p>
<p>Joseph Behr & Sons, Inc. 1100 Seminary Rockford, IL</p>	<p>815-987-2755</p>	<p>Buys aluminum, aluminum cans, scrap metals, tin, steel, copper, scrap. Accepts appliances.</p>
<p>Neblock, Inc. 1001 S. Pierpont Ave. Rockford, IL</p>	<p>815-968-4477</p>	<p>Buys ferrous (iron & steel) & non-ferrous scrap including copper, brass, aluminum, stainless & auto radiators.</p>
<p>Paper Recovery Service Co. 7972 Crest Hills Dr. Loves Park, IL</p>	<p>815-636-2329</p>	<p>Buying aluminum & scrap metals. Accepts scrap paper, newsprint, cardboard, etc. Shredding service. Plastic containers # 1-7.</p>





Businesses Accepting Large Appliances for Service, Repair & Recycling
 (Also see Recycling Drop-Off Facilities & Junk Yards)

Name/Location	Phone	Comments (\$ = Fee Charged)
B & W Appliance 567 Hwy. 38 W Rochelle, IL	815-562-6253	(\$) Pick up, drop off, call first
Bob's TV & Appliance 110 N. 4th Street Oregon, IL	815-732-7338	*Customers only*
Knie Appliance & TV, Inc. 708 S. Division Street Polo, IL	815-946-2714	*Customers only*
New Milford Refrigeration 6331 11th Street Rockford, IL	815-398-2653	(\$) Drop off, call first
PJ's Appliance Repair 8358 E. Kishwaukee Stillman Valley, IL	815-234-5518	(\$) Drop off, call first
Plum Electric, Inc. 423 E. Hitt Street Mt. Morris, IL	815-734-4146	(\$) Drop off, call first
Ted's Appliance Service Oregon, IL Byron, IL Rochelle, IL	815-732-9046 815-234-4816 815-562-5744	(\$) Will come to your home, remove the Freon and will certify the appliance so trash hauler will take it, or you may take it to a recycling center. They do not haul away!





Businesses Accepting Used Motor Oil, Filters, Antifreeze & Tires for Recycling



City	Company Name	Address	Telephone	Oil	Anti-freeze	Oil Filters	Tires	Comments
Byron	Anderson Automotive	122 E. Fourth St.	815-234-7771	Yes	Yes	No	No	No charge. There is a limit.
Byron	Byron Quick Lube & Tire, Inc.	715 W. Blackhawk Dr.	815-234-5612	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Fee charged on tires. Need to call in advance.
Byron	Hanlin Automotive	108 E. 2nd St.	815-234-7169	Yes	Yes	No	No	Customers only. There is a limit.
Byron	Nielsen Automotive	515 Enterprise Ct.	815-234-7675	Yes	No	Yes	No	No charge. Call in advance.
Forreston	Forreston Car Care	204 S. Ash Ave.	815-938-3630	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fee charged. Need to call in advance.
Mt. Morris	Dan's Auto Repair	4377 W. IL Rte. 64	815-734-6267	Yes	Yes	No	No	Fee charged.
Mt. Morris	Stan's Performance, Inc.	409 E. Hitt St.	815-734-4272	Yes	No	Yes	No	No charge.
Oregon	Bemis Motor Company	121 N 4th St.	888-260-3468	No	No	No	Yes	Fee charged. Call in advance.
Oregon	Butitta Brothers	1007 Pines Road	815-732-4801	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No charge for oil or antifreeze. Charge for oil filters and tires.
Oregon	Merrill's Service Center	89 S. Daysville Rd.	815-732-7276	Yes	Yes	No	No	No charge. There is a limit.
Oregon	Ogle County Car Care, Inc.	1100 Bennett Dr.	815-732-2935	Yes	No	No	Yes	No charge for oil. Fee for tires, \$3.00 per tire. Call in advance.
Polo	Bergy's Automotive	610 N. Division Ave.	815-946-3033	Yes	No	No	Yes	Fee charged. There is a limit.
Polo	Parco Auto Repair	911 S. Division Ave.	815-946-3511	Yes	No	No	No	No charge. Call in advance.

We suggest that you call ahead to make sure services are still provided. Please thank the businesses for providing these services!





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City	Company Name	Address	Telephone	Oil	Anti-freeze	Oil Filters	Tires	Comments
Rochelle	Alderik's Tire, Inc.	311 N. Seventh St.	815-562-4644	No	No	No	Yes	Need to call in advance. There is a limit.
Rochelle	Auto Zone	1269 N. 7th St.	815-562-9459	Yes	No	Yes	No	No charge.
Rochelle	Dixon-Meyers Transportation	8834 S. Rt. 251	815-561-9923	Yes	No	No	No	Call in advance
Rochelle	Krahenbuhl Chrysler Jeep	1380 N. Seventh St.	815-562-7066	Yes	No	No	Yes	No charge for oil. Fee for tires.
Rochelle	Masterbend	221 Powers Rd.	815-562-2465	Yes	Yes	No	No	No charge.
Rochelle	Performance Paint & Powders	707 Flagg Rd.	815-561-3636	Yes	No	No	No	Call in advance.
Rochelle	Peter's Automotive	1080 S. 7th St.	815-562-2196	Yes	No	No	Yes	Call in advance
Rochelle	Sawicki Motor Company	1260 N. 7th St.	815-562-8787	Yes	No	No	No	Call in advance.
Rochelle	Super Lube of Rochelle	1361 N. 7th St.	815-562-6476	Yes	Yes	No	No	Call in advance.
Rochelle	Tire Tracks	1320 N. Seventh St.	815-562-7777	No	No	No	Yes	Fee charged.
Stillman Valley	DL Performance	5866 N. Stillman Rd.	815-645-1540	Yes	No	No	Yes	No charge for oil. Car, truck tires - \$2.50 each. Need to call in advance.
Rockford	HHW site: Illinois EPA/City of Rockford/Rock River Water Reclamation Dist.	3333 Kishwaukee St Rockford	815-987-5600	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Illinois Residents only. Saturday 8 am - 4 pm Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm. Limit 4 tires per weekend. No businesses.

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Resale and Thrift Shops			
Name	Phone	Material Accepted	Comments
Angel Treasures (Ogle Co. Hospice) 404 W. Washington Oregon	815-732-4422	Clothing, books, linens, small appliances, toys, household items, small furniture	Does not pick-up items.
Goodwill Stores 4618 E. State St. 2909 N. Main St. 1907 Kishwaukee St. Rockford	815-965-7810 815-282-4032 815-965-0445	Clothing, household items, computers, small appliances, toys, books, mattresses, sporting goods	Pick-ups available call 815-965-0369
Helping You to Help Others 2nd St. & N. Peru Byron	815-234-2029 (leave message)	Food, small appliances, clothing (all sizes), toys, books, dishes, household items, school supplies, misc. (Call ahead for furniture)	Items available 6 am - 10 am at corner of 2nd St. & No. Peru, church parking lot, Byron.
Hope Chest Twice Loved Boutique 411 Lincoln Hwy. Rochelle	815-562-8825	Clothing, toys, household items and more	No electronics
Kid Stuff 248 E. Lincoln Hwy. DeKalb	815-787-7683	Toys, baby equipment, furniture, children's clothing & maternity clothing	Pick-ups available upon request
Leydig Center 1107 Warp Road Dixon	815-284-7772	Clothing, computers, appliances, books, toys, furniture, sporting goods, household items, mattresses	
Lifeline Resale Shop 201 N. 3rd St., Ste 6 (Conover Square) Oregon	815-732-7891	Clothing, non perishable food, toiletries	Provide help for persons in Mt. Morris & Oregon, on emergency basis
Presbyterian Thrift Shop 210 Washington St. Rochelle	815-562-5252	Clothing, glassware, books, toys, home décor	No electronics or furniture
Reruns 120 W. 2nd St. Byron	815-406-8060	Clothing & accessories consignment & resale	
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore North Towne Mall 1020 W. Riverside Blvd. Rockford	815-713-3184	Surplus & used bulding materials	www.rockfordhabitat. org
Rockford Memorial Auxiliary Thrift Shop 2830 Glenwood Avenue Rockford	815-971-4156	Clothing, furniture, toys, small appliances, household items, books, computers, mattresses, sporting goods	Does not pick-up items.
Salvation Army 1814 Sycamore Rd. DeKalb	815-758-3814	Clothing, furniture, appliances, books, computers, household items, mattresses, sporting goods,	Pick-up available call 800-460-4850.
Salvation Army Thrift Store 4401 Charles St. Rockford	815-399-9382	Anything in bags or small boxes	Pick-ups available call 800-460-4850





Freecycle Network www.freecycle.org

"One Mans Junk Is Another Mans Treasure! Don't toss it, post it!"

**Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it.
Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself!**

Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate too!

One main rule: everything posted must be free.

Local groups in DeKalb, Freeport, Oregon, Rochelle and Rockford



Earth 911

Earth 911 delivers actionable local information on recycling and product stewardship that empowers consumers to act locally, live responsibly and contribute to sustainability.

Both the *Earth911.org* site and 1-800-CLEANUP toll-free hotline are provided at no cost to the user or taxpayer. Earth 911 centralizes information and resources into a single user-friendly, neutral and non-governmental network.

www.earth911.org



Listing of Materials
and
Recycling/Disposal Options

The following list provides the best available alternatives for recycling, reusing, or disposing of everyday items as well as other consumer products. The order of preference is to reuse an item, recycle it, or dispose of it in the safest manner. In some cases, there may be more than one option. Remember, the best option is to reduce waste! We are constantly trying to find the best options available, however, if you notice a mistake or have other suggestions, please contact us.

Summary of Symbols



RECYCLE IT - designates that the item may be recycled at a recycling center, service station, or local business.



HHW - designates that the item is household hazardous waste (HHW) and should be taken to a HHW collection event or the permanent **IEPA HHW Drop-off site at the Rock River Water Reclamation District at 3333 Kishwaukee St., Rockford. Open Saturdays from 8 am-4 pm, Sundays from 12 noon-4 pm. Closed during the weekdays. Phone 815-387-7400.**



DISCARD - designates material must be thrown away and sent to a permitted sanitary landfill.



REUSE/DONATE - designates material may be purchased at, donated to, repaired, or sold through a resale/repair/reuse/thrift/consignment shop or a shelter event.



REDUCE WASTE – designates an idea or method to reduce waste or toxicity of a product.



Aerosol Cans



If completely empty, may be recycled. If possible, use as intended. May be able to donate partial or full cans to local schools, art departments, drama clubs, and shelters. If cans contain hazardous materials (paints, poisons, pesticides, etc.), take to the HHW site in Rockford.

Agricultural Chemical Container



The Illinois Department of Agriculture annually coordinates with the agricultural industry, a program to recycle plastic pesticide containers throughout the state. For more information, contact 217-524-9128.

Agricultural Chemicals/Pesticides



The Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Health and the USEPA periodically conduct a Pesticide Clean Sweep Program for farm chemicals in various counties in the state.

For details, call, the IDOA at 217-785-2427 or visit www.agr.state.il.us/environment/pesticide/clean-sweep.html.

For lawn and garden chemical disposal, see Household Hazardous Waste.

Aluminum Cans



According to the Aluminum Association, the aluminum can is the most valuable beverage container to recycle and is the most recycled consumer product in the USA. Recycling aluminum cans provides many environmental, economic and community benefits. Recycle at curbside collection or, for recycling outlets, see list of recycling drop-off facilities on pages 14-16. Others accepting or buying aluminum cans are:

- Oregon SuperValu (buy back machine)
- Cans for Cash - Chelle-Crest Family Bowling Alley Hillcrest (buy back machine)
- Eswood School – Lindenwood (trailer)
- Byron Foundation for Educational Excellence Drop-off north of Byron High School

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Every minute an average of 123,097 aluminum cans are recycled.
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Antifreeze



Antifreeze, which is made of ethylene glycol, water and corrosion inhibitors, is toxic to humans and animals. Used antifreeze may contain metals that can contaminate soil and ground water. Do not dispose of it on the ground, in storm sewers or the trash. Do not dump it down the drain or toilet. Both cats and dogs are attracted to the smell and taste of ethylene glycol and even a few licks of this sweet tasting liquid can be fatal to animals or children. Never leave a bucket of antifreeze unattended. If you see a puddle of greenish-colored liquid in your driveway, flush the area with plenty of water and don't delay locating and fixing the leak. Another method of quick clean up is to spread cat litter on the spill, clean up with rags (that are bagged immediately) and then rinse. Antifreeze will biodegrade in the environment, but it takes weeks or months to do so, so removing the spill is absolutely essential.

Some service stations can filter and recycle used antifreeze, see table on pages 18-19. Otherwise, it must be taken to the HHW site in Rockford.

Appliances



Banned from landfills. May contain hazardous components such as Freon, mercury, PCB's, etc. May be collected by your waste hauler for free or for a fee, check with them. For businesses accepting large appliances, see page 17. Also, see list of junkyards on pages 15-16.

Asbestos



Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous mineral with high tensile strength, the ability to be woven, and resistance to heat and most chemicals. Because of these properties, asbestos fibers have been used in a wide range of manufactured goods, including roofing shingles, ceiling and floor tiles, paper and cement products, textiles, pipe insulation, coatings, and friction products such as automobile clutch, brake and transmission parts. It was commonly used in home building materials before the mid-1970s. Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) can be friable or non-friable. Friable ACM can be crumbled by hand pressure and presents a greater risk to human health than non-friable ACM.

Exposure to airborne friable asbestos may result in a potential health risk because persons breathing the air may breathe in asbestos fibers. Continued exposure can increase the amount of fibers that remain in the lung. Fibers embedded in lung tissue over time may cause



serious lung diseases including asbestosis, lung cancer, or mesothelioma.

If you think asbestos may be in your home, don't panic! Usually the best thing is to leave ACM that is in good condition alone. Generally, if kept in good condition, it will not release asbestos fibers. Check the material regularly if you suspect it may contain asbestos. Do not touch it, but look for signs of wear or damage.

If friable asbestos material is damaged, or if you plan to make changes to your home that might disturb it, repair or removal by a professional is needed. Do this before the material is disturbed.

Determination of whether or not asbestos is present in a material must be done by licensed professionals and testing labs. For a listing of laboratories accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, (call, 301-975-4016 or check their website at <http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/scopes/plmtm.htm>).

Disposal: Asbestos is accepted at the HHW site in Rockford if properly wetted, double bagged, and sealed, and if originated in a residence. Some local landfills also accept it for disposal. See page 9 for list of landfills.

For more information, contact:

- IEPA Bureau of Air at 217-785-2011 www.epa.state.il.us/air/asbestos
- Illinois Dept. of Public Health 217-782-4977 or www.idph.state.il.us/
- USEPA www.epa.gov/region5 for a copy of "Asbestos in the Home – a Homeowner's Guide."

Asphalt



Asphalt and concrete may be considered "clean construction or demolition debris" under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act if it meets certain conditions. It must be free of protruding metal wire or rebar to be used as fill material and must be covered with enough soil to support vegetation within 30 days. Concrete can also be used for erosion control under certain conditions. Contact OCSWMD for more information.

Asphalt and concrete can be crushed and recycled into new aggregate which can be used again. Any metal in the concrete is removed in the process. To recycle concrete, contact Martin & Company Excavating, at

815-732-2422. Their facility is located at 1816 N. Limekiln Rd. in Oregon. A fee may be charged.

Batteries



Disposable – Alkaline, Carbon Zinc, Alkaline Manganese (AA's, AAA's, C's, D's & 9 volt). May be thrown away as non hazardous household waste.

Consider buying rechargeables.

Rechargeable – Button, Lithium, NiCad, NIMH, cell phone, power tool, etc. To recycle, drop off at OCSWMD, Ogle County Sheriff's Dept., Rochelle Municipal Utilities, The Home Depot or Best Buy Stores. Batteries may be taken to the HHW site in Rockford. Check Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation www.call2recycle.org for local drop-off recycling locations.

Lead Acid-(automotive type) Take back to place of purchase, to the HHW site in Rockford, or local junkyard for scrap recycling.

Books & Encyclopedias



Can be placed in county drop-off recycling stations or donated to charitable organizations, schools, libraries, nursing homes, etc., see list of Resale/Thrift shop, page 20.

Bubble Wrap



Save to reuse bubble wrap or packing peanuts as packing material for shipping packages or take to these businesses for reuse:

- The UPS Store, 1680 S. Galena, Dixon, IL 815-288-4989
- The UPS Store, 3230 Sycamore Road, DeKalb, IL 815-787-9500
- Fed Ex/Pop Graphics, 324 W. 1st Street, Dixon, IL 815-284-6300

Do not put in curbside or drop-off recycling bins.

Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts or energy and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% watersavings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution.

Cardboard



Cardboard includes corrugated boxes, chipboard (cereal, shoe, pasta boxes, etc.) and beverage cartons (12 pack, cases, 6 pack carriers, etc.). All household cardboard can be recycled at curbside collections or county drop-off recycling stations. **Flatten first.** If you regularly generate large quantities, call OCSWMD for list of recyclers.

Carpeting



Every year, 4 billion pounds of carpet are discarded in the United States, of which only about 1 percent is recycled. Although most used carpeting can be reused or recycled into new products, we were unable to identify any local facilities that accept carpeting for recycling. Until local recycling options are available, please consider the following options:

- Contact carpet vendors or installers to see if they can recycle the old carpet. The more people that request this, the more likely these services will be offered.
- New Carpeting can be taken to the Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity Restore (page 20).
- For more info visit: www.carpetrecovery.org
www.krusecarpetrecycling.com

Cell Phones & Chargers



Drop off at collection boxes located at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department, 909 W. Pines Rd., Oregon, and the Ogle County Sheriff's Dept. Take to an annual county electronics recycling event. Check with local schools and churches that may collect and recycle cell phones for fund raisers.

CD's, DVD's & Floppy Disks



Reuse as craft projects or coasters. Donate useable disks to local thrift stores or take to music resale shop. May be placed in the garbage as last resort.

Recycle at Green Disk Recycling Program, 800-305-3475 www.greendisk.com; Alternative Community Recycling (non-profit) www.actrecycling.org; or The Compact Disc Recycling Center of America, www.cdrecyclingcenter.com.

Take to Secure Recycling Services, 629 Palmyra Rd., Dixon, IL.

Take to annual county electronics recycling event to be recycled.

Christmas Trees



Each year, OCSWMD works with local villages, businesses, park districts and forest preserves to provide places where Christmas trees can be chipped into mulch and recycled.

Drop off locations for trees and pick up sites for free mulch are as follows:

- Byron - IL Rt. 2 & S. Peru St. For mulch, call Byron Forest Preserve, 815-234-8535 (x219)
- Oregon - Hill St., behind Brian Bemis Auto Mall
- Polo - 410 Prairie St.
- Forreston - 407 N. Locust St. For mulch, call Al at City of Forreston, 815-938-2400.
- Rochelle - Atwood Park, 10th Ave. & 20th St. For mulch, call Don at City of Rochelle, 815-562-2494.
- Monroe Center - Lichty's Landscaping, 309 Pacific St.
- Leaf River - 18 Railroad St.

High School FFA groups pick up trees at curbside in some areas. Call Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department to see if your area is included in this pick up.

Cleaning Products (Safer Alternatives)



Many cleaning products used in the home contain toxic chemicals that are harmful to our health and environment. People with allergies, asthma or chemical sensitivity are especially vulnerable. Safe and natural alternatives to hazardous cleaning products can be used effectively at a fraction of the cost of chemical cleaners. Basic items such as vegetable oil based soaps, baking soda, vinegar, essential oils, washing soda and borax can be used to make a variety of cleaning products such as carpet cleaners, bleach alternatives, furniture polish, floor cleaners, bathroom cleaners, glass cleaners and insecticides. Contact the OCSWMD for a free brochure "Alternatives to Hazardous Household Products."



Clothing



Donate to Thrift shops. (see page 20). Recycle old clothing, textiles and shoes at drop off boxes located around the county.

Composting



The best way to manage most of the landscape waste is by composting it. It uses less energy, causes less pollution, and doesn't require a lot of work. Compost is organic matter that has been naturally broken down by bacteria, fungi, microorganisms, and insects into a dark brown, crumbly material (humus) resembling rich topsoil. Compost adds essential nutrients to soil, loosens heavy clay soils and helps retain soil moisture.

Compost is produced when yard waste, food waste and other organic matter are piled in a heap or in bins constructed of wood, fencing, or concrete blocks. Garden supply stores, mail order catalogs or internet merchants offer a variety of specially designed compost bins. Compost bins, books, videos and instructions on how to build a compost bin are available at the OCSWMD.

Proper composting requires adequate water and air which can be achieved by turning the pile regularly. It can take anywhere from six weeks to a year to make compost from yard waste. The process can be speeded up by frequent turning, maintaining a proper carbon to nitrogen ratio, maintaining proper moisture, and shredding leaves, food and garden waste into smaller pieces.

Computer Equipment



Most computer equipment is now banned from disposal in landfills. Consider donating useable computer equipment to Rockford Computers for Schools, (815-316-4580), or other local school, church or charity.

Options for recycling broken or outdated computer equipment or other electronics are listed on pages 6-8.

Concrete



Please see options for asphalt on page 24.

Construction & Demolition Debris



Construction and demolition (C&D) debris is defined by

IEPA as nonhazardous, uncontaminated material resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition of utilities, structures and roads. These materials include the following: bricks, concrete, and other masonry materials, soil, rock, wood, including nonhazardous painted, treated, and coated wood and wood products, wall coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, non-asbestos insulation, roofing shingles and other roof coverings, reclaimed asphalt pavement, glass, plastics that do not conceal waste, electrical wiring and components that do not contain hazardous substances, piping, metal materials incidental to any of the materials mentioned.

C & D debris cannot be burned nor buried and generally needs to be hauled to a permitted sanitary landfill. It can be transported to a permitted facility by any hauler. You should first call the disposal facility to determine if it accepts C & D debris.

If it is suspected that the materials contain asbestos, precautions should be taken during demolition. It is best to hire a qualified inspector to inspect the building for asbestos containing material prior to any renovation or demolition activity. See asbestos on pages 23-24.

If lead based paint is present in a home to be renovated or demolished, other requirements may be necessary. Contact Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department for more information.

Excavators should note that the burial of waste is not allowed. A common practice has been to dig a hole, demolish a building, push the building into the hole, burn it and bury what is left. This is illegal. The only items that can be buried under certain conditions are clean C & D debris. Clean C & D debris includes the following uncontaminated materials: broken concrete without protruding metal bars, bricks, rocks, stone, reclaimed asphalt pavement, and dirt or sand generated from construction or demolition activity. Clean C & D debris may be used as fill outside of a setback zone if the fill is placed no higher than the highest point of elevation immediately adjacent to the fill area. It must also be covered by sufficient soil to support vegetation within 30 days or covered by a road or structure. Broken concrete without protruding metal bars may also be used for erosion control.

Additional requirements apply if used to fill a current or former quarry, mine, or other excavation.

Certain C & D materials can be separated and salvaged rather than disposed. These materials can be used on

another project or made available to others.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Rockford (815-713-3184) accepts decent, reusable building materials for reuse or resale.

Crayons



Did you know crayons can be recycled? All crayons, even broken ones (leave wrappers on), can be collected. They can be made into new crayons and gifts. Email Crazy Crayons at www.crazycrayons.com or call: 970-879-1966 or 800-561-0922 for information.

Most Crayons are made from petroleum, however, others are made from soybean oil or beeswax, which are renewable resources.

Disability Equipment



The Rock River Center, Inc. at 810 S. 10th St., Oregon is in need of good quality wheel chairs with foot rests, seated walkers with brakes and wheels, and heavy duty shower chairs. No other items are being requested. Equipment must be clean and in good condition and will be inspected before being accepted. The Rock River Center loans these items out to the public. If you have any equipment meeting the above description, please call 815-732-3252. Equipment must not be left at the door.

Hub City Senior Center, 401 Cherry Avenue, Rochelle, 815-562-5050; accepts: wheelchairs, canes, walkers and other assistive devices.

Electronics (TV's, VCR's, Computers, Printers, Cell Phones, etc.)



Electronic products may contain hazardous components like lead, mercury, cadmium, etc., as well as metals, glass, plastics that can be recycled. Most electronic equipment is now banned from disposal in landfills in Illinois.

Take to a county electronics recycling event or see pages 6-8 for a list of places that accept electronics for recycling.

*Glass never wears out - it can be recycled forever.
We save over a ton of resources for every ton of glass recycled!*

Eyeglasses



Contact your local Lion's Club, optician or optometrist for a drop box location near you. The following locations accept glasses to be reused or recycled by Lions of Illinois Foundation:

- OCSWMD
- Northwest Eyecare, Oregon, 815-732-3121
- Family Vision Center, Rochelle, 815-562-7077
- Rochelle Eyecare Center, 815-562-6175

Fire Extinguishers



Many fire extinguishers can be refilled and reused. As long as fire extinguishers are completely expelled (empty), they can be thrown away or taken to a junkyard for recycling. Call the manufacturer on the extinguisher label for more information.

Fluorescent Bulbs



Fluorescents lights are a great way to reduce your energy consumption and save money. They generally last much longer than incandescent bulbs, but do need to be recycled when burned out.

When broken, these bulbs may release mercury and other metals. EPA recommends you store bulbs safely in a tall box in an upright position until able to take to the HHW in Rockford or Home Depot recycling program. Customers can take in any expired, unbroken CFL bulbs to Home Depot and give them to the store associate behind the returns desk. For more information: Home Depot Commercial Drop-Off, 6930 Argus Drive, Rockford, 815-391-8880 www.homedepot.com/ecoptions.

The following stores accept compact fluorescent light-bulbs (CFL's) for recycling:

- Basler's Ace Hardware, Oregon
- Home Depot, Rockford
- Moore's True Value Hardware, Rochelle
- R & D Do It Best Hardware, Rochelle
- Rochelle Municipal Utilities
- Batteries Plus, Rockford & Sycamore



A 60-watt light bulb can be run for over a day on the amount of energy saved by recycling 1 pound of steel. In one year in the United States, the recycling of steel saves enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes!

Food Waste



According to a State of Illinois waste composition study conducted in 2009, food waste was the third largest component of municipal solid waste at 19%, with paper products making up the largest at 28% and demolition waste being 22%. Residents are encouraged to reduce the amounts of food waste they generate by careful planning of meal portions and prompt consumption of left-overs.

Backyard Composting – Much of the food waste we generate can be composted in a backyard compost bin. Please see Composting on page 26 for more information.

Vermi-Composting – Worms can also be used to recycle food waste into a rich, fertile soil amendment called worm castings. Please see Vermicomposting on page 33 for details.

Furniture



If furniture is in good shape, consider selling it or donating it to a local charity or thrift shop, see list on page 20. If beyond repair, furniture must be landfilled. Do not burn!

Gasoline



Despite its common occurrence and use, gasoline, kerosene, and diesel fuel are among the most dangerous and toxic substances found around the home. Fuels can harm you through inhalation, ingestion or contact with skin. They present an extreme fire hazard if not stored properly. They present a serious risk to the environment if not disposed of properly.

Gasoline should never be dumped on the ground, down the drain or into a sewer. Using up old fuel is the best way to "dispose" of it. If the gas is contaminated beyond use, take it to the HHW site in Rockford for disposal.

How to prevent gasoline from spoiling:

- Store in an approved container in a safe dry location.

- Use the fuel promptly or add fuel stabilizer to prevent gum and corrosion from occurring.
- Avoid storing small amounts of gasoline or keeping gas in small engines for more than two months. At the end of the season, run the engine until all fuel is gone.

Glass



All curbside and drop-off recycling programs accept glass jars and bottles only. Rinse and replace lids. Lids are recyclable. Do not include drinking glasses, dishes, tableware, broken glass, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramic, or porcelain.

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!

Grocery Bags



Each year over 110 billion plastic bags are consumed in the U.S. Made from non-renewable resources, these can take hundreds of years to decompose and can pollute the environment with litter. Annual paper bag production consumes about 14 million trees and produces more air pollution than plastic bag production.

The best choice is to bring your own reusable cloth grocery bags when you shop. Many stores are now selling reusable bags. We've listed recycling options for paper bags (Paper Products) and plastic bags on pages 31-32.

Hangers (Clothes)



The following dry cleaners take clothes hangers back from their customers for reuse:

- Custom Care Cleaners, 110 N. Union St., Byron, 815-234-2058

Contact your local dry cleaner to see if they do.

To recycle metal hangers, take them to a junkyard after removing non-metal parts. May also be taken to local thrift stores. Hangers of any type are not accepted in any of the curbside or Ogle County drop-off recycling stations.

Hearing Aids



Drop off at OCSWMD or contact a local Lions Club for other drop-off locations. Will be cleaned and/or refurbished and given to those in need by the Lions of Illinois Foundation, phone: 800-955-5466; www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org. Also accepted at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department are: eyeglasses, keys, printer cartridges and cell phones.

Herbicides



Herbicides are substances used to kill unwanted plants. As with pesticides, the health risks or toxicity of herbicides vary, and should be used carefully. If used in moderation and according to label instructions, they can be safe and effective. However, on the lawn and garden scale, safer alternatives exist. Hand pulling weeds, manual or mechanical cultivation, intercropping (mixing compatible plants), natural or organic herbicides, and proper lawn maintenance can reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides.

If you do use commercial herbicides, use them up as intended. Dispose of unusable herbicides at the HHW site in Rockford. For farm herbicide options, see Agricultural Chemicals/Pesticides page 23.

Household Hazardous Waste



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any material discarded from homes that may threaten human health or the environment if mishandled or disposed of improperly. Potential dangers found in HHW are classified into five areas:

- Toxic (Poison) - May cause injury or death if ingested, inhaled, or through skin absorption.
- Ignitable - May be flammable under most temperature conditions.
- Corrosive - A substance that will destroy or damage a substance, including living tissue, by chemical action.
- Irritant - A material which causes reversible soreness or inflammation of living tissue by chemical action at the site of contact.
- Reactive - A substance which if combined with other substances may react mildly or violently.

HHW includes many products we use every day, but if mishandled, can result in serious harm or death to children, pets, refuse haulers, disposal site workers and YOU! They can also have an adverse affect on septic systems, sewage treatment plants, ground water, and lakes and streams.

Examples of HHW are: automotive fluids (gasoline, oil, antifreeze, etc.), cleaning products (bleach, ammonia, bathroom/toilet cleaners, etc.), lawn & garden products (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, etc.), paints, stains, varnish, thinners and solvents.

These types of products can be safe if you follow these guidelines:

- Read and follow the directions.
- Only buy the amount that you will actually use for the project.
- Use the product for its intended purpose only.
- Keep product tightly sealed in its original container.
- Keep in cool dry place out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep incompatible products separated, i.e. bleach & ammonia.
- Check containers periodically for deterioration.

If you have followed these guidelines and still have HHW to dispose of, try one of the following:

- If the product is still useable, give it away to a friend, family member, church, Habitat for Humanity, drama club, or other place that could use it.
- Take the items to the HHW site in Rockford. There is no fee for this service. See page 22.

Ink Cartridges



See Toner Cartridges, page 33.

Junk Mail



According to the USEPA, each year about 5 1/2 million tons of paper are shipped for direct marketing or "junk"

mail. Over half of that mail is discarded, adding more than 3.7 million tons to the waste stream each year. Only about one third of the mail (1.8 million tons) is recycled. This not only costs money and energy to produce, but also to mail, recycle or dispose of, not to mention the environmental impacts.

- **The Direct Marketing Association (DMA)** offers a Mail Preference Service to remove your name and address from their mailing lists. Include the names of all people receiving the mail at that address. Register on line and choose what types of mail you wish to receive or cancel. www.dmachoice.org
- **Credit and Insurance Offers:** The Fair Credit Reporting Act gives you the right to have your name removed from mailing lists used for credit or insurance offers. Again, each name receiving such offers must be removed separately. To opt out of such offers, contact the major credit bureaus Opt Out Program at 888-567-8688 or visit www.optoutprescreen.com
- **Mailing Lists:** The previous options may remove your name from most national mailing lists, but your name may be on other lists. Magazines, catalogs, newsletters, charities, stores and online vendors all may sell or share your name with other businesses. Whenever you place an order, make a donation, receive a credit card, subscribe to a publication, or join an organization, write or ask the entity not to share or sell your name to others.
- **Return Junk Mail:** Unwanted mail stamped "address correction requested" or "return postage guaranteed" can be returned unopened by writing "refused, return to sender" on the envelope. If the mail includes a postage paid reply envelope, use it to send a note requesting to be removed from their list. Include the mailing label they sent to you.

Keys



Bring to Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department, 909 W. Pines Rd., Oregon, to be recycled by the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Landscape Waste



Landscape or yard waste consists of grass clippings,

leaves, weeds, shrubbery cuttings, and tree branches generated from the care of residential lawns, trees and yards. It makes up about 13% of the municipal waste we generate (USEPA, 2010).

Most municipalities in the county offer collection services for landscape waste which differ from town to town, depending on the waste hauler. Contact your waste hauler or municipality to determine what is collected and how it must be prepared.

In managing leaves and grass clippings, the following options can to reduce your environmental impact and cut disposal costs:

- **Grass Clippings** – Leave them on the lawn. This returns nutrients to the soil, helps retain moisture, and avoids the effort and cost involved in collecting and managing it. If the lawn is too long and you must bag it, then composting or mulching the material is recommended. Don't over fertilize, herbicide, or pesticide your lawn or garden. These chemicals can have an adverse affect on the lawn, environment or public health, if misused. Over fertilizing and watering can make your grass grow faster, which in turn makes more work and waste for you to deal with.
- **Leaves** – Consider purchasing a mulching mower or new mulching blade to shred the leaves into the lawn. This works best if the leaves are dry. Or mow and bag the leaves and use them for mulch around trees and shrubs, or compost them, see page 26.

Use a rake to collect them for mulching or composting. If you have more than you can use, consider giving them to a gardener friend, bag them for collection or take them to one of the compost sites listed on page 9.
- **Brush/Branches** – If curbside collection of brush by a waste hauler is not available, then burning it may be an option if it is dry, done safely, and in compliance with open burning laws and regulations. Large branches, trees and stumps may require the assistance of a tree removal or lawn care service. See page 9 for a list of facilities that accept brush for chipping or composting.



Lumber



Please see Construction & Demolition Debris, page 26.

Medicine Waste



Unwanted, expired and unused medications or pharmaceuticals in the home pose safety and health threats. Storage of medicine can lead to abuse or poisoning. Disposing down the drain or in the trash can present environmental risks.

The Ogle County Waste Medicine Disposal Program provides a safe convenient disposal option for waste medicine.

Items Accepted: Medicine from households only will be accepted, including: prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements and pet medications.

Medicine will be accepted in any form, including blister packs, capsules, creams, gels, liquids, patches, pills, powder, sprays, vials, etc.

Place pills in a sealable plastic bag and place into drop box. Recycle empty pill bottles in your regular recycling program.

To deposit liquid medicine, leave in bottle, black out personal information, seal in a plastic bag and deposit into drop box. **Medicines are accepted free of charge.**

Items NOT accepted: Needles or sharps, thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, medicine from businesses or clinics.

Locations in Oregon:

- Outside the Ogle County Correctional Center (Jail)
- Byron Police Dept.
- Forreston Police Dept.
- Mt. Morris Police Dept.
- Oregon Police Dept.
- Polo Police Dept.
- Rochelle Police Dept. - No drop box, give to clerk.

Hours: Container outside the Ogle County Jail is open continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Others - during business hours.

Mercury



Mercury containing products like thermometers, thermostats, and switches must be handled with extreme caution and packaged to contain any leaks. They may be taken to the HHW site in Rockford.

Thermostats may be taken to a participating heating/air conditioning contractor or supplier for recycling. Call the Thermostat Recycling Corporation at 888-266-0550 for a list or visit www.thermostat-recycle.org.

In case of a mercury spill, contact the Illinois Dept. of Public Health at 217-782-5830 for more information. Do not use a vacuum cleaner to clean up mercury!

Metal (Scrap)



OCSWMD encourages the recycling of all types of scrap metal. Please see list of recycling drop-off facilities & junkyards on pages 15-16.

Motor Oil & Oil Filters



Do not pour on ground or down a drain. Take oil and filters to the permanent HHW site in Rockford. For recycling or fuel use, see pages 18 & 19.

A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water!

Paint



Latex: If dry and solid, can go into garbage with lid off. If liquid remains, try using up the rest by painting on cardboard, or allow to air dry with lid off. Mix with oil dry, sawdust, kitty litter, or paint hardener to harden. Then place in garbage when dry. Donate to churches, theater groups, art association, Habitat for Humanity. May take to the HHW site in Rockford.

Oil based paints: Use up or take to the HHW site in Rockford.

Paper Products



Paper products make up about 30% of the waste we produce. Most of it can be recycled. Paper products such



as office paper, magazines, phone books, corrugated boxes, chipboard boxes (cereal, shoe, pasta, etc.), paper bags, junk mail, catalogs, books, newspapers & ads, beverage cartons, wrapping paper and most other paper products can be recycled at all curbside recycling collections, if available, or at the county drop-off recycling stations. Boxes must be flattened. Magazines can also be donated to schools, nursing homes, or day care facilities.

Try to reduce what you print or copy at home, work or school. Often the documents are used briefly and then discarded. Print on both sides of the page to reduce wastes. Reuse paper for note pads.

Pesticides



Pesticides are substances used to prevent, control or lessen the damage from pests. Although the toxicity varies from one pesticide to the next, all pesticides should be treated with caution. Never dump leftover pesticides or pesticide mixes down the drain, toilet, or on the ground. If used in moderation and according to label instructions, these products can be safe and effective. If possible, use them up as intended. Dispose of expired or unusable pesticides at the permanent HHW site in Rockford. Consider natural, organic or biological alternatives to pesticides. See Agricultural chemicals/pesticides on page 23.

Phone Books



Phone books are accepted at all curbside recycling programs as well as the county drop-off recycling stations.

Plastic Bags



Reuse as small trash can liners or reuse to shop with. Bags can be recycled at most Wal-Mart, Target, Jewel/Osco, Schnucks, and Logli stores. Sullivan Foods in Rochelle and County Market in Byron also accept plastic grocery bags. Local thrift stores may be able to reuse plastic bags. Do not place in the Ogle County drop-off recycling stations or curbside bins. Replace with reusable cloth bags, see Grocery Bags page 28.

Plastic Recycling



With a few exceptions, most plastic bottles and containers are accepted for recycling at curbside programs and the county drop-off recycling stations. Plastic items that are NOT accepted for recycling

include: Styrofoam #6 (cups, peanuts, rigid packing materials, etc.), toys, plastic bags, plastic silverware, hangers, buckets, laundry baskets, and items without a recycling symbol.

We can recycle plastic milk, water and detergent bottles to make new detergent and engine oil bottles, trash cans, flower pots, recycling bins, drainage pipes, park benches, playground equipment, traffic barrier cones, kitchen drain boards and combs!

Poisons



Store safely away from children or pets. Use up completely as intended or take to the HHW site in Rockford.

Propane Tanks



Most businesses that fill or sell propane tanks will accept empty propane tanks in exchange towards the purchase of a new full tank. Call first to verify. If completely empty, small camping type propane tanks can be taken to a junkyard for recycling, or disposed of in the trash.

Shoes



Donate to local thrift shops and charities, see page 20. Recycle old shoes at drop boxes located around the county.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program accepts old athletic shoes to be recycled. The different shoe parts are ground up and made into new products like athletic flooring, synthetic basketball and tennis courts, and carpet padding. For a drop off location, go to www.nikereuseashoe.com or send to Nike Grind Processing, 3552 Avenue of Commerce, Memphis, TN 38125.

Shredded Paper



Shredded paper is accepted at some curbside recycling programs and at the county drop-off recycling stations as long as the paper is prevented from blowing around. Place in clear plastic bags and tie shut or in paper bags and roll up or staple. For larger quantities, use paper landscape waste bags. No double or confetti shredded paper.

Smoke Detectors



Most smoke detectors contain a tiny amount of Americium 241, a radioactive material. They should not be taken apart or thrown in the trash. They are not accepted at the HHW site in Rockford.

Smoke detectors should be sent back to the manufacturer for recycling. The majority of them are made by First Alert/BRK Electronics, 800-323-9005. Send those brands to First Alert/BRK Electronics; Attn: Disposal, 3920 Enterprize Ct., Aurora, IL 60504. Wrap in newspaper, put in box and send by surface mail. Contact OCSWMD for addresses for other brands.

Styrofoam Packing Material



For Styrofoam packing peanut options, please see Bubble Wrap on pages 24. Rigid Styrofoam packing material, such as that used for packing a new VCR or computer is not accepted at this time in any of the area recycling programs. It must be disposed of at a landfill and may not be burned or buried. #6 Styrofoam (polystyrene) cups, plates and food containers are not accepted in any of the recycling programs.

Thermometers & Thermostats



Please see Mercury on page 31.

Tires



When you purchase new tires, leave your used tires with the retailer who must accept them for recycling. May also take to Rockford HHW site, which accepts 4 tires per weekend. For businesses accepting tires for recycling, see pages 18-19.

Toner Cartridges



Small ink-jet toner cartridges can be recycled by acquiring a postage-paid mailer from the vendor or by dropping them off at OCSWMD, Best Buy, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples or other participating stores. Most copier, fax and printer cartridges are recyclable. Check with your local schools, churches or office supply vendor to see if they offer a cartridge return/reuse service or collect them for a fund raiser.

Vermicomposting (Composting with Worms)



Vermicomposting, using redworms to recycle your food waste and wastepaper, is a fascinating and easy way to manage waste and create rich, fertile organic matter called worm castings or vermicompost. It can be done indoors and outdoors and takes very little effort.

In a nutshell, vermicompost is made in a container filled with moistened bedding (shredded paper) and redworms. Food waste is added, and in a few weeks, the worms and other microorganisms will convert the entire contents into rich compost.

Contact OCSWMD for more information or to borrow books, videos, worm bins and worms.

An average size worm bin containing two pounds of red wigglers can consume about one pound of food waste per day. Based on 22,000 households in Ogle County, if just 5% of them had one of these average worm bins, they could prevent 1,100 pounds (.50 tons) of food waste from entering the landfill each day, and 400,000 pounds(200 tons) from entering the landfill each year.

Video Tapes/Cassettes



Donate to local thrift stores or take to music/video resale shop. Recycle by mail through the following businesses: (Ship prepaid by UPS or USPS Media Mail.)

- Alternative Community Training (Non-profit) (Video Tapes & Floppy Disks) 2200 Burlington, Columbia, MO 65202, 800-359-4607 www.actrecycling.org
- Green Disk (All forms of electronic media & cases) 800-305-3475 www.greendisk.com
- Plastic Recycling Inc. (Video Tapes, Audio Cassettes, CD's & DVD's) 2015 S. Pennsylvania St. Indianapolis, IN 46225, 317-780-6100 www.plasticrecycling.com

Vinyl Siding



Although vinyl siding is recyclable, we were unable to identify any facilities or businesses in the area that accept it for recycling. The only option currently is to discard it at a permitted landfill. Do not burn it. Go to www.vinylinfo.org to find companies which recycle vinyl siding in the Chicago area.

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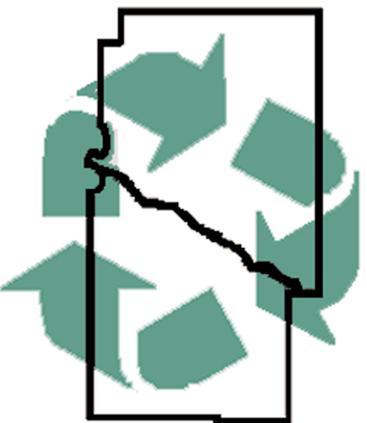
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The first real recycling program was introduced in New York City in the 1890's. The city's first recycling plant was built in 1898!

A typical family consumes 182 gallons of pop, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers - make sure they're recycled!



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Rethink!