

**List of locations that offer various recycling services**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>
Used & new batteries	All Home Depot locations and most Lowe's stores recycle batteries of all types as well as fluorescent lights and LED's... Alderman Arena's office has a battery recycling bucket.
Styrofoam packaging materials (panels, inserts in which TV's and other small appliances come packed)	Abt. Electronics 1200 N. Milwaukee Ave. Glenview, IL 60025 847.967.8830 Drive around to the delivery/truck area on on West side of the building, and ring the buzzer...someone comes to assist. Abt accepts <u>WHITE styrofoam only</u> for its re-use as packing peanuts and padding.
Fluorescent lighting tubes	All Home Depot & most Lowe's locations; (bring them taped together in bundles if you have several)...containers are in the store entry areas.
Household Chemicals and Computers (bleach, oil-based paint, medication, propane tanks, motor oil, fire extinguishers, cell phones, computers, televisions, and much more)	City of Chicago Recycling Facility, 1150 N. North Branch Street, Chicago, IL 60642. Hours: Tuesday 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; First Saturday of every month 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a full list of items accepted, visit: <a href="https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/environmental_permitsandregulation/household_chemicalscomputerrecyclingfacilityaccepteditems.html">https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/environmental_permitsandregulation/household_chemicalscomputerrecyclingfacilityaccepteditems.html</a>
Latex Paint	Add kitty litter, sawdust, shredded paper, drywall compound, etc. to absorb and dry the paint, and throw entire can in the normal garbage when paint is dry.
Misc metals, old bikes, sections of pipe & conduit, lawn chairs with metal frames, bed frames, mowers, broken tools etc.	Our active network of alley "scrappers" makes sure all metals (and many other items) are either recycled for cash, or re-used. Scrap metal prices for mixed steel are way down, but copper, brass and aluminum are highly valued. It's not uncommon for an item placed next to or (for attention) on top of garbage cans on non-collection days to be gone within two hours!...and it helps these licensed and hard-working guys make a living!
Wine Corks	All Whole Foods locations welcome natural wine corks (bagged or loose) in a cardboard floor display in their wine dept. These are also free for the taking if you want to line the bottom of a planter (saves weight on decks, or with large indoor houseplants,

	<p>...and corks also make great slingshot ammo! (paint them red so you can find them later) We've also mixed them with wood chips for mulch.</p>
<p>Cellular Phones</p>	<p>Best Buy (limit 3 items daily) and Lowe's both accept phones for recycling. If the phone is still usable and has its charger there are dozens of non-profits (such as domestic abuse-related and military) that accept them for reprogramming and new uses.</p>
<p>Shredded office paper</p>	<p>North Park Village Recycling Center  5801 North Pulaski Road  Chicago, Illinois 60646  (773) 821-1351  Hours: 9-5 pm daily  Shredded office paper is NOT OK for Blue Bins, but you can bring it here. They also recycle all the usual stuff, but please don't leave things after hours. Scrap metal items of modest size also OK. This is not a City site, but a non-profit, so a small donation is helpful.</p>
<p>Clothing, CD's, books, household items with continuing value</p>	<p>Thrift stores sort, price and "recycle" billions of dollars of material each year.  In our area two drop-off locations are worth noting:  Juvenile Diabetes Research Fdn. partners with Village Discount Outlets (our location 4635 N. Elston, in the VDO parking lot). Your donations are resold through VDO's many locations, and proceeds go directly to JDRF  Hours are Mon-Sat. 9-6pm for the drop-off. If you bring the items <u>inside</u> the store to donate you get no tax letter, since VDO is a for-profit business  <a href="http://www.jdrf.org/illinois/2016/04/22/village-discount-outlet-of-illinois-donation-program/">http://www.jdrf.org/illinois/2016/04/22/village-discount-outlet-of-illinois-donation-program/</a></p> <p>Thrift &amp; Thrive, 6025 W. Irving Park Rd 773-283-1653  Mon-Fri 10-6, Sun. 9-6  Melissa &amp; Joe Basilone have created an efficient, well-priced and neatly run store where you can bring "the better stuff" and be assured they'll get it back in circulation.  Stop for a cup at their "Perkolator" just across the street, with its large bookstore annex, also well sorted and priced. These two neighborhood businesses are kid &amp; family-friendly, and a real asset to the NW side. T&amp;T is affiliated for tax purposes with the Epilepsy Foundation, but is a private for-profit.  Great people doing good work here!  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/thriftandthrive/">https://www.facebook.com/thriftandthrive/</a>  <a href="http://thriftnthrive.com/">http://thriftnthrive.com/</a></p>

	<p>Most grocery stores and many chains offer plastic bag recycling, with includes bubble wrap and similar plastic film products.</p>
Used bikes and trikes	<p>Working Bikes Cooperative is a great non-profit serving the entire city.  2434 S. Western Ave. 773-847-5440</p> <p>Call or check website for drop-off hours or current NW side drop-off sites. <a href="http://www.workingbikes.org/">http://www.workingbikes.org/</a></p> <p>“While we prefer that you drop off your bicycles, if you are unable to transport them or if you have a larger number of bikes we may be able to arrange to pick them up. To contact us about a potential pick up, <b>email us</b> or call 773-847-5440 during business hours. If there’s no answer please leave us a voicemail and we’ll get back to you as soon as possible!”</p> <p>Bikes are reconditioned and repaired by volunteers, then sold at low cost locally or send abroad to several countries, where having a bike makes a world of difference to workers and families.</p>
Building materials, tools, hardware, working appliances, furniture in good condition	<p>Habitat for Humanity ReStore Chicago - 6040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60646 - (773) 539-6040</p>
Hearing Aids	<p>A national mail-in program is run by Starkey Labs, re-using hearing devices for those with low-income or special needs. It’s easy, just follow the instructions at:  <a href="https://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/Hearing-Aid-Recycling">https://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/Hearing-Aid-Recycling</a></p>
Eyeglasses	<p>Pearle Vision (Six Corners, 4017 N Milwaukee Ave) collects eyewear for OneSight, an international program that reuses them for third world and underserved populations. You may also mail eyewear to:  Lions Clubs International Headquarters  Attention: Receiving Department  300 W. 22nd Street  Oak Brook, IL 60523 for similar reuse domestically and abroad.</p>
Motor oil and filters	<p>Most auto service centers accept used oil (Jiffy Lube, Valvoline, WalMart) with no charge.</p>
Kitchen waste & food scraps	<p>Compost Club offers a service in which you bring in a 5 gallon bucket of your accumulated waste monthly to a Farmers Market location (our nearest Logan Sq) and get a new clean bucket (\$5). The waste is composted at local urban farm operations. A pickup service is also</p>

	<p>offered for an added cost. After ten buckets you get a \$5 off coupon for a Farmer's Market purchase, or a 5 gal bucket of composted material.</p> <p><a href="http://www.theurbancanopy.org/compost-club/">http://www.theurbancanopy.org/compost-club/</a></p>
<p>Used Athletic Shoes, Kids, Toddlers &amp; other shoes in fair to good condition.</p>	<p>Share Your Soles has a donation box at many local athletic shoe retailers (see list) and sends these abroad, mostly to sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p><a href="http://shareyoursoles.org/donate-shoes/">http://shareyoursoles.org/donate-shoes/</a></p> <p>"Your gently worn or new shoes of any kind are going to people who may have never even owned a pair. It's important that any used shoes are in good condition to respect the dignity of those receiving our shoes. So please: be respectful with your donations, understand that our goal is to provide good, clean shoes to those in need. For example, tennis shoes should include laces and not have holes"</p>
<p>Old cables like HDMI or PC cables</p>	<p>Best Buy</p>
<p>Plastic Shopping Bags</p>	<p>Some parks have areas for dog clean-up bags, they are always welcome. Best Buy and many other stores have a bin in their entryway for used shopping bags.</p>

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