

Beyond the Bin

*Recycling Opportunities
in Oak Park*



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The Village of Oak Park operates a comprehensive recycling collection program offered to all residential households of up to five units on a weekly basis. This guide was compiled by the Oak Park Environment and Energy Commission to offer additional information to recycle items not accepted in the curbside collection container. For more information on the Village collection and recycling program, visit www.oak-park.us and search for *recycling*.

This guide contains a list of common items and materials that are recyclable, and lists the local and regional businesses that will accept these items from residents for recycling/reuse. Please contact the organization during business hours prior to drop-off.

To submit ideas, suggestions and requests for future versions of *Beyond the Bin*, please contact the Village Environmental Services Manager at **708.358.5700** or via e-mail at **publicworks@oak-park.us**.



Hazardous Waste Events: These events typically allow disposal of oil-based paints, mercury, paint thinner, household batteries, solvents, insecticides, automotive fluids, thermostats, pesticides, cleaning products, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, motor oil, lawn chemicals, prescription drugs and aerosol paints. Cook County residents typically are offered four hazardous waste events each year at various locations. To be added to the contact list of future events, send a request to publicworks@oak-park.us.

Long-term Hazardous Waste Facility: There is a long-term hazardous waste facility located at Naperville Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Rd. Drop off is each Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 630.420.6700, #7559.

Also, the Chicago Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Goose Island, 1150 N. North Branch St., accepts drop-offs 7 a.m. - noon on Tuesdays; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursdays; and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. For general information, call 312.744.7672.

Pink Refuse Stickers: Bulk items will be picked up by the Village residential refuse service if they are clearly marked with two Pink Refuse Stickers. Stickers may be purchased for \$2 each at Village Hall, 123 Madison St.; Dressel's Ace Hardware, 1137 Chicago Ave.; Fair Share Finer Foods, 6226 Roosevelt Rd.; any of the area Jewel Food Stores (438 Madison St. and 7036 Roosevelt Rd. in Oak Park and 7525 Lake St. in River Forest).



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All Items

Freecycle: Reuse is even better than recycling. Go to <http://groups.freecycle.org/oakparkilfreecycle> and login to join your neighbors in giving and getting useful items. This is great for any items not listed elsewhere!

Craigslist: Another online site that focuses on group sharing is Craigslist.org. Craigslist operates much like a message board. Every day, people in the Chicagoland area post items on the site they're hoping to get rid of, sometimes for free. Items can also be searched for by state/city.

Repair Café: Find a repair specialist to help fix things rather than throwing them away. Tools and materials are available to help with small electric items such as lamps or toasters, mending clothes, fixing jewelry and more. Learn more at www.repair-cafeoakparkil.org.

S.C.A.R.C.E: School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education (S.C.A.R.C.E.)

799 Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. 2

Suite 108, Glen Ellyn

630.545.9710

www.scarcecoed.org

S.C.A.R.C.E. organization teaches people about the Earth's natural resources. They believe education inspires people to preserve resources and care for the Earth, in addition to teaching that each individual action makes a difference. Donations such as cell phones, laptops, books, office supplies, desks, ink cartridges and more are matched to donators.



Appliances

In Oak Park: One bulk item per week for each Oak Park residential unit may be placed in the trash collection area with two pink stickers attached to it (see Pink Stickers for more information).

Window air conditioners, due to Freon, require a special pick-up and a fee. Other options include the following:

Salvation Army Thrift Store
6536 Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park
708.848.1181

Accepts all functioning appliances in moderate to good condition.



Automobile Donation

Purple Heart
312.235.1000
purpleheartcars.org

Kars4Kids.org
877.527.7454 or
877.Kars.4Kids
kars4kids.org/car-donation-illinois.htm

Kidney Foundation
888.319.2277
kidney.org/support/kidneycars/index.cfm



Automotive Products

Auto Experts
7505 Randolph St., Forest Park
708.771.9222
Accepts batteries and oil (no more than one gallon), and tires (\$3 per tire).

DesPlaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District
8130 Ogden Ave., Lyons (west of Harlem)
708.447.1765

Only accepts tires. Accepts up to five tires per resident. Call first to schedule. The DVMAD is a licensed EPA waste tire hauler and all tires are properly disposed of through this facility. Since mosquitoes develop in standing water, places that can hold water for more than a week are likely sources for them.

Jiffy Lube
1122 Madison St., Oak Park
708.383.3339
Accepts batteries, oil and transmission fluid for customers only.

Midas Muffler & Brake Shop
6249 W. North Ave., Oak Park
708.848.2010
Accepts batteries and oil.

Oak Park Citgo
333 Lake St., Oak Park
708.383.7697
Accepts anti-freeze, batteries, oil and tires during operating hours only. Tire recycling is \$3 per tire.

Suburban Automotive, Inc.
826 North Blvd., Oak Park
708.771.4500
Accepts anti-freeze, batteries, oil, transmission fluid and tires. Tire recycling is \$3 per tire.



Dressel's Ace Hardware
1137 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.386.6843

Green Home Experts
811 South Blvd., Oak Park
708.660.1440
www.ghexperts.com

Radio Shack
914 Madison St., Oak Park
708.848.0110
Also accepts security system batteries.

Village of Oak Park
Public Works Department
201 South Blvd., Oak Park
708.358.5700



Oak Park's Animal Care League accepts new and used blankets for use with its many animals available for adoption.



Working Bikes Co-op
2434 S. Western Ave., Chicago
773.847.5440
Accepts only bicycles with little or no rust.



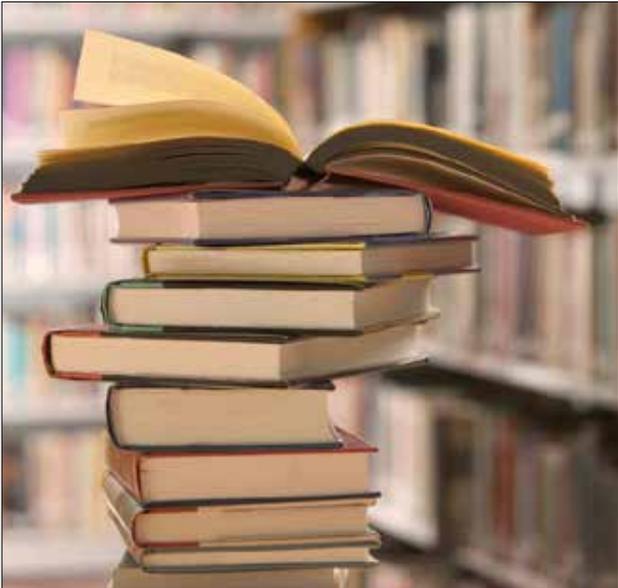
Animal Care League
1013 Garfield St., Oak Park
708.848.8155
Accepts blankets, towels, animal toys and plastic bags for reuse. Also accepts dog food, treats, animal crates, leashes and collars.



In Oak Park: Contact any of the three local Oak Park Library branches for information on planned book sales and drives. Find them online at: www.oppl.org.

Brown Elephant
217 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.445.0612

Accepts clothing, books, music, shoes, furniture, small electronics and more. Pick-up available. Accepts donations during operating hours only.



Contact any Oak Park Library for information on book sales, drives and other ways to recycle unwanted books.



Eagle Biomass
815.344.8777
Provides debris and waste removal recycling, hauling and clean-up services for residential and commercial sites for building developers and demolition contractors. Specializes in new construction sites.

ReBuilding Exchange
1740 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
773.252.2234
www.rebuildingexchange.org

ReBuilding Exchange offers recycled and reclaimed building materials. To schedule a drop-off, call ahead or email donate@rebuildingexchange.org.

Murco Recycling Enterprises, Inc.
murco.net
708.352.4111
Brokers of used residential building materials sold at demolition auctions.



Brown Elephant
217 Harrison St., Oak Park

708.445.0612
Accepts clothing, books, music, shoes, furniture, small electronics and more. Pick-up available. Accepts donations during operating hours only.

Salvation Army Thrift Store
6536 Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park
708.848.1181
Accepts donations of cameras, clothing, shoes, appliances, electronics, household items, furniture and more. For pick-up services, call 312.738.4367.



In Oak Park: Cardboard may be recycled with your weekly pick-up if cut and flattened in three-foot by three-foot pieces.



In Oak Park: The Village of Oak Park will discard each roll of carpeting that weighs less than 50 pounds, is less than four feet long when folded over and has two pink stickers on each roll (see Pink

Stickers for more information). Place each roll in the trash collection area on the regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day.



Carpet Recycling

The Village has teamed up with Indianapolis-based Heritage Recycling LLC to provide curb-side collection and recycling of used carpet and padding.

The pilot program launched last year is similar to the yard and bulk waste sticker programs currently offered. Stickers cost \$2 each and can be purchased at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Carpet and padding must be cut or folded into rolls no larger than four feet long and not exceeding 50 pounds each. The rolls must be free of tape, tack strips, nails, knife blades, wet glue and debris, and placed in a dry location such as on or under a porch or in a garage.

Each roll requires two stickers. Pickup is scheduled by calling the telephone number or visiting the web site listed on the sticker. The discarded carpet and pad are recycled and turned into new products or used as a fuel source.

For more information about this and other recycling opportunities, call 708.358.5700 or publicworks@oak-park.us.

Chicago Rug Gallery
(formerly Oriental Rug Gallery)
125 N. Marion St., Oak Park
708.386.6003
Accepts carpet padding and rugs. Pick-up available.
Does not accept carpeting.

CDs & Tapes

See the **Media** category for more details.



GREEN FACTS
In 2013, Village of Oak Park residents recycled 5,581 tons of items that otherwise would've ended up in a landfill.

Cell Phones

(Mobile phones, pagers, etc.)

Apple Computer
www.apple.com/recycling
Apple's recycling program offers free and environmentally friendly disposal of iPods and cell phones with no purchase necessary. A pre-paid printable label or a pre-paid mailer can be sent to your home. Items can also be brought into any Apple store.

Economy Shop
103 S. Grove Ave., Oak Park
708.383.2449
EconomyShop.org
Accepts clothing, shoes, some electronics including computers, small furniture, bikes, antiques, household goods, functioning cellular phones and more. Proceeds are given to local charities. See a detailed list on their web site. Open annually from August to June.

RadioShack
914 Madison St., Oak Park
708.848.0110
www.radioshack.com

Sprint
7404 W. North Ave., Elmwood Park
708.452.2400

Village of Oak Park
Public Works Department
201 South Blvd., Oak Park
708.358.5700
www.oak-park.us/publicworks

Clothing & Other Items

This category includes resale and consignment shops, as well as charity groups. Some of these

organizations provide pick-up services; call for more information.

Animal Care League's Resale Shop
808 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.383.9660

Accepts women's clothing, housewares in excellent condition, small furniture, gently used pet items, CDs and DVDs.

Aspire on Broadway
117 Broadway St., Melrose Park
708.865.1638

AspireofIllinois.org
Accepts donations from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Accepts clothing, furniture in good condition, housewares, shoes and toys. Saturday pick-up for furniture is also available by appointment.

Brown Elephant
217 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.445.0612
Accepts clothing, shoes, books, music and more during open hours only. Pick-up available.

Carousel Thrift Shop
23 Calendar Ave., #207, La Grange
708.354.3803
Accepts clothing, jewelry, housewares, shoes and toys during operating hours only. No baby furniture, computers, TVs, lumber or appliances.

Divine Consign
809 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
Oak Park, IL
708.386.3366
www.divineconsign.com
Accepts furniture and decorative household items.

Economy Shop
103 S. Grove Ave., Oak Park
708.383.2449
www.economyshop.org
Accepts clothing, some electronics including computers, small furniture, bikes, antiques, household goods, working cellular phones and more.

Fashions Anew
183 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
708.848.0120
Accepts women's apparel only. Unsold items are returned to the donor. New or slightly used clothing may be sold on consignment.

Salvation Army Thrift Store
6536 Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park
708.848.1181
Accepts clothing, shoes, appliances, electronics, household items, furniture and more.

Ga-Ga Girls Boutique
7017 North Ave., Oak Park
708.445.7000
www.shopgagagirls.com
Children's clothes and accessories.

Goodwill Store & Donation Center
1900 Harlem Ave.
North Riverside
708.442.3606
www.amazinggoodwill.com

Oak Park Vintage Market
1117 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.434.5493
www.oakparkvintagemarket.com
Buys antiques and other items. Call for details.

Sugarcup Trading
110 N. Marion St., Oak Park
708.524.5336
www.sugarcuptrading.com
Kids can trade in their gently used clothes, toys and games for credit toward other items.

Trends
810 North Blvd., Oak Park
708.434.0801
www.trendsoakpark.com
Accepts high quality men's and women's clothing and accessories.

Clothing (Pick-up only)

Purple Heart
708.396.8995
www.veteranpickup.org

Vietnam Veterans
www.charitypickupservice.com

AMVETS
708.388.7800

Salvation Army
1.800.728.7825
www.donate.salvationarmyusa.org



The Village of Oak Park offers food scrap composting services to residents throughout the community. The cost is \$14 per month. Participants receive a special 96-gallon mobile cart for organics, an under-sink collection bucket and a box of compostable bags for food scraps.

Subscribers who use the organics cart for their yard waste and food scraps will not have to purchase yard waste stickers for grass clippings placed into the organics cart. Residents who maintain backyard compost piles or who mulch grass clippings are urged to investigate sharing organics carts and costs with neighbors. For more information, call 708.358.5700 or e-mail compostable@oak-park.us.

More ideas and resources are available at chicago-recycling.org and www.epa.state.il.us.



GREEN FACTS

Turn your computer off when it's not in use. The average computer left on all day uses nearly 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year – producing more than a ton of carbon emissions.



Recycling old electronics is a simple and easy way to help the environment.



United Cerebral Palsy Association
332 Harison St., Oak Park
708.383.8887
ucpnet.org

The United Cerebral Palsy Association runs the Assistive Technology Exchange Network. Call for details and drop-off information.

Chicago HHW Facility
1150 N. Branch St., (Goose Island), Chicago
Drop-off is the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular hours are 7 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Computers for Schools
4734 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago
800.939.6000 or 773.583.7575
PcsForSchools.org

Provides affordable computer resources for education nationwide. Computers for School is a Chicago organization that accepts private and corporate computer donations. They also refurbish equipment and make them available to schools and other non-profit organizations. Free pick-up of 10 computers or more.

Dell Computers

www.dell4me.com/recycling

Offers a free program to collect and recycle its legacy products. Dell owners simply need to register their PCs and peripherals at the web site. They will then be issued a printable pre-paid shipping label for home pick-up of the equipment by DHL. Dell also offers free recycling of a competitor's equipment with the purchase of a new Dell.

Economy Shop

103 S. Grove Ave., Oak Park

708.383.2449

www.economyshop.org

Accepts clothing, some electronics including computers, small furniture, bikes, antiques, household goods, working cellular phones and more. Open from August to June each year.

Hewlett-Packard

www.hp.com/recycle

Accepts computer equipment, rechargeable batteries or HP printing supplies as a trade-in, return-for-cash, recycle, or donation. Go to their web site for further details.

Office Max

OfficeMax and Sims Recycling Solutions partner together to provide a convenient way for consumers to recycle their obsolete electronics and be rewarded for it with coupons. Multiple locations. Visit www.officemax.com to find the one nearest to you.

Salvation Army Thrift Store

6536 W. Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park

708.848.1181

Accepts clothing, shoes, appliances, electronics, household items, furniture and more.

That Computer Shop

1053 Madison St., Oak Park

708.386.7000

Ed@ThatComputerShop.net

Accepts computer equipment for a nominal fee.

Village of Oak Park

Public Works Department

201 South Blvd., Oak Park

708.358.5700

www.oak-park.us/publicworks

See the **Electronics** category for more details.

Consignment Shops

See the **Clothing & Other Items** category for more details.

DVDs

See the **Media** category for more details.



Electronic items may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the last Saturday each month from May through October at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd. Acceptable items include computers, peripherals, laptops, monitors, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, printers, fax machines, MP3 players, portable digital assistants, video game consoles, video cassette recorders/players, digital video disk players, zip drives, scanners and microwaves. The program is sponsored in part by the Illinois EPA, West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Vintage Tech Recyclers. For more information, call 708.358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.



For Eyes Optical

409 N. Harlem Ave., Oak Park

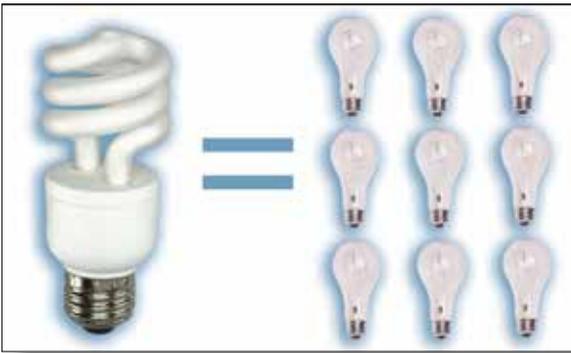
708.358.2000

Accepts used eyeglasses that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.



GREEN FACTS

If you live within five miles, consider biking or walking to work. If just one member of each U.S. household did this, they would eliminate more than 115 million tons of global warming pollution annually.



Compact fluorescent bulbs are an effective way to save energy. Bulbs can also be disposed of at any IKEA store.

LensCrafters
 7435 W. Lake St., River Forest
 708.771.0769
 Accepts used eyeglasses that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.

LensCrafters
 7153 Cermak Plaza, Berwyn
 708.795.8585
 Accepts used eyeglasses that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.

Rosin Eyecare
 6233 Cermak Rd., Berwyn
 708.749.2020
 Accepts used eyeglasses that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.

Rush Oak Park Hospital
 520 S. Maple, Oak Park
 708.660.2300
 Accepts used eyeglasses and hearing aids that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.

Village of Oak Park Public Works Center
 201 South Blvd., Oak Park
 708.358.5700
 Accepts eyeglasses and hearing aids during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Check with the manufacturer of your fire extinguisher to see if they will accept it back for reuse. Otherwise, empty the extinguishers and dispose of them in your trash receptacle. Also, try www.freecycle.org or www.craigslist.org for other reuse options as well.



Dressel's Hardware
 1137 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
 Oak Park, IL
 708.386.6843
 Accepts intact CFLs only.

IKEA
 1800 E. McConner Pkwy., Schaumburg
 847.969.9700
ikea.com

IKEA
 750 E. Boughton Rd. , Bolingbrook
 888.888.4532
ikea.com
 Both IKEA stores accept mercury-containing bulbs for disposal.

Village of Oak Park Public Works Center
 201 South Blvd., Oak Park
 708.358.5700
 Accepts intact CFLs only.



In Oak Park: Only dispose of bottles and jars in your recycling cart. Mirrors, window panes and Pyrex must be discarded in your trash receptacle, ideally placed in a paper bag and sealed with tape to prevent injury.



In Oak Park: Grills – excluding the propane tank – may be disposed of on your regular trash day with two pink stickers attached (see Pink Stickers for more information).

See the **Metals** category for more details.



Bright Cleaners (a Certified Green Cleaner)
(customers only)
100 S. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park
708.386.7700

Elite Cleaners
944 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
708.524.0402

Family Cleaners
(hangers in good condition only)
206 Lake St., Oak Park
708.386.5151

Fashion Cleaners
(customers may drop off hangers)
327 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.383.1314

Jinny Cleaners
321 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.524.9757

Kings Cleaners
130 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.848.0989

Oak River Cleaners
1112 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.386.4275

O'Connors Cleaners
(customers only, hangers in good condition)
1045 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.386.6767

P & J Cleaners
(hangers only)
238 Madison St., Oak Park
708.386.1200

Poly Cleaners
(hangers only)
600 Madison St., Oak Park
708.383.8400

Roosevelt Cleaners
(hangers only)
1137 Garfield St., Oak Park
708.445.9850

Sun Cleaners
6811 North Ave., Oak Park
708.383.1815

Zephyr Cleaners
(customers only)
130 Chicago Ave., Oak Park



Rush Oak Park Hospital
520 S. Maple Ave., Oak Park
708.660.2300

Accepts used eyeglasses and hearing aids that are recycled by the Lion's Club and given to those in need.

Village of Oak Park Public Works Center
201 South Blvd., Oak Park
708.358.5700

Accepts eyeglasses and hearing aids during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.



Household Hazardous waste should always be disposed of properly. The Oak Park Public Works department can answer questions about your hazardous waste disposal. Contact them at 708.358.5700 or e-mail publicworks@oak-park.us.

Recycle Place
 Accepts uncracked/reusable ink-jet, laser or toner cartridges for reuse. Pays for those cartridges and includes a postage-paid envelope.
www.recycleplace.com

Staples
 1850 N. Harlem Ave., Elmwood Park
 708.453.1942
www.staples.com
 Will pay up to \$2 in store credit for cartridges.

Village of Oak Park
 Public Works Department
 201 South Blvd., Oak Park
 708.358.5700
www.oak-park.us/publicworks
 Ink cartridge recycling is offered at e-waste recycling events only. (See **Electronics**)



Household Hazardous Waste

Chicago Household Hazardous Waste Facility
 1150 N. North Branch St., Goose Island, Chicago
 Drop-offs are 7 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays. The facility is also open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of the month. The facility is closed holidays.



Ink Cartridges

Best Buy
www.bestbuy.com
 Also accepts a wide variety of computers and electronics. See website for details.

Office Max (all locations)
www.officemax.com
 Accepts ink jet and toner cartridges. Pays \$2 back per cartridge with reward card, for up to 10 cartridges.



Lawnmowers

May be disposed of on your regular trash day with two pink stickers attached (see Pink Stickers for more information).

See the **Metal** category for more information.

Magazines
 See the **Paper** category for more information.



Material Hauling

Eagle Biomass
 815.344.8777
 Provides debris and waste removal recycling, hauling and clean-up services for residential and commercial sites for building developers and demolition contractors. Specializes in new construction sites.

Metro Junk Removal
1176 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
708.280.9987
www.metrojunkremoval.net



(CDs, DVDs, Software, Tapes & Videos)

Chicago Digital
905 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
708.383.1870
Buys used CDs and DVDs of live concert performances only made by the music industry.
No movies accepted.

GreenDisk
800.305.DISK
www.greendisk.com
Provides secured, audited disposal of intellectual property stored on electronic media from CDs to PCs and other techno trash. The resulting materials then are used to manufacture the GreenDisk brand line of office supplies. Works with both for-profit and non-profit companies to create a national network of service providers.

Oak Park Records
179 S Oak Park Ave., Oak Park
708.524.2880
Call for items currently accepted.

Val's Halla Records
239 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.524.1004
Buys vinyl albums. Call about other items.



In Oak Park: All sharp objects (needles and other medical objects) may be stored in a non-recyclable hard-plastic or metal container with a screw-on or

tightly secured lid, reinforced with heavy-duty tape. Label the container "NOT FOR RECYCLING" and place into the refuse container to be thrown out. For additional tips, call the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hotline 800.553.7672. Soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves should be placed in securely fastened plastic bags then discarded in the refuse container.

Oak Park Police Department
123 Madison St., lower level
708.386.3800
www.oak-park.us/police
The Oak Park Police Department maintains a prescription drug disposal unit in the lobby of the main police station. The disposal unit is available 24 hours a day. Needles (sharps), liquids and inhalers are prohibited.

Medasend Mailback
800.200.3581
www.medasend.com
Medasend provides an Environmental Protection Agency approved mail-back waste service program, with no contracts to sign and training materials are available for the health care professionals. This program adheres to all OSHA regulations encouraging environmentally sound practices for waste recycling or disposal. Call or visit the web site for details and pricing information.



Chicago Recycling
8224 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago
77.873.1600
Stainless steel, copper, brass and aluminum. Also takes computers, laptops and auto parts.

Central Metal Recycling
5618 W. Fillmore St., Chicago
773.345.8608
Stainless steel, copper, brass and aluminum. Also takes gas grills.

United Scrap Metal, Inc.
1545 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero
708.780.6800
www.unitedscrap.com

Accepts steel, aluminum, copper, stainless steel and brass. Donator receives a cash payment for items.

Windy City Metal Recycling
4617 W. Division St., Chicago
773.287.1500

Stainless steel, copper, brass, and aluminum.

Newspaper

See the **Paper** category for more information.

Packing Peanuts

See the **Styrofoam Packaging** category for info.



In Oak Park: If the paint is usable, consider donating it to friends, family, neighbors, church groups, local theaters or handymen. Otherwise, remove the lid, let it dry and discard it separately. To speed up the drying process, add cat litter or wood chips. When the paint is completely dry throw the can in the trash container, not the recycling container.

Green Home Experts
811 South Blvd., Oak Park
708.660.1443
www.ghexperts.com

Accepts latex paint in cans for a fee: \$2.50 per gallon can; \$1.50 per quart can; \$12.50 per 5-gallon bucket.



Newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers as well as mail can all be recycled at the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Re-

triever® bins. Abitibi Paper Retriever® is a community-based program with 25,000 collection points, including schools, churches and non-profit organizations. Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division pays these organizations for their paper recycling efforts and annually diverts 1.9 million tons of waste paper from landfills.

Schools have used the additional funds for scholarships, teaching aides and books and field trips. Churches and other nonprofits have sponsored missions, landscaping, maintenance projects and more. To locate the recycling container closet to your address, visit www.paperretriever.com

Paper Drop-off locations (after school hours only)

Oak Park-River Forest High School
201 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park (enter from Erie)

St. Catherine School
38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park



Animal Care League
1013 Garfield St., Oak Park
708.848.8155

Accepts blankets, towels, animal toys and plastic bags for reuse.

Jewel Food Store (all locations)
438 Madison St., Oak Park
7036 Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park
7525 Lake St., River Forest



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Reduce your energy bills by as much as \$150 a year with a programmable thermostat that adjusts the temperature when you leave the house, go to sleep or go on vacation.



Dressel's Ace Hardware
1137 Chicago Ave., Oak Park
708.386.6843

Sells propane and takes back empty tanks. Prefers tank exchanges.

Ferrell Gas
4809 Lake St., Melrose Park
708.343.8600

Sells and refills tanks. Takes back empty tanks.

Schauer Hardware
7449 W. Madison St., Forest Park
708.366.1100

Sells and exchanges propane in the tank only.

Resale Shops

See the **Clothing** category.



Aspire on Broadway
117 Broadway St., Melrose Park
708.865.1638

AspireofIllinois.org

Accepts donations from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Accepts clothing, furniture in good condition, housewares, shoes and toys. Saturday pick-up for furniture is available by appointment.

Brown Elephant
217 Harrison St., Oak Park
708.445.0612

Accepts shoes, cameras, clothing, books, music and more during open hours only. Pick-up available.

Carousel Thrift Shop
23 Calendar Ave., #207, La Grange
708.354.3803

Accepts clothing, jewelry, housewares, shoes and toys.

Competitive Foot
102 N. Marion St., Oak Park
708.524.0030

Share Your Soles program sends shoes to impoverished people in countries worldwide.

Economy Shop
103 S. Grove Ave., Oak Park
708.383.2449

EconomyShop.org

Accepts clothing, shoes, some electronics including computers, small furniture, bikes, antiques, household goods, functioning cellular phones and more. Proceeds are given to local charities. See a detailed list on their web site. Open annually from August to June.

Niketown
669 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
312.642.6363
www.nikereuseashoe.com

Salvation Army Thrift Store
6536 W. Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park
708.848.1181

Accepts shoes, clothing, appliances, electronics, household items, furniture and more.



Residential smoke detectors contain a small amount of radioactive material. Because of this material, it is dangerous to simply throw your detector into a landfill. Proper disposal of your detector is available:

For First Alert or BRK: Call First Alert at 800.323.9005

- o Be prepared with quantity and model number
- o After calling, send to: First Alert Disposal
3901 Liberty Street Aurora IL, 60504

For Other Brands: Curie Environmental in New Mexico will take any smoke detector back for a small fee of \$8 per detector (under 27 microcuries). Specific instructions are available online at www.curieservices.com

Each company takes apart the detectors to recycle the plastic and other re-usable materials. The radioactive material is then separated and sent to a landfill that is specially designed to take in radioactive waste.

Software

See the **Media** category.



Play It Again Sports
3939 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago
773.305.9900
www.playitagainsports.com

Trade in your quality used fitness equipment for something new, used or for cash.



In Oak Park: Remove the plastic nozzles and caps and throw the empty cans in the recycling container.



Plastic polystyrene “peanuts” used for packaging are not recyclable but can be reused many times. Store them year-round in a dry, plastic bag and use them for holidays or gift giving.

FP International
16850 Canal St., Thornton
708.877.5180
fpintl.com
Accepts clean packing peanuts and Styrofoam



If those shoes still have life left in them, donate them to someone in need.

shipping packaging for recycling into new products. Drop-off available or ship them to the above address with the package clearly marked “RECYCLING.”

The UPS Store
159 N. Marion St., Oak Park
708.358.1445
Accepts clean packing peanuts only.

The UPS Store
7115 North Ave., Oak Park
708.386.8431
Accepts clean packing peanuts only.

Tapes

See the **Media** category.

Televisions

See the **Electronics** category.

Tires

See the **Automotive** category.



GREEN FACTS

Think globally, buy locally. Choosing products that are harvested or made locally reduces transportation energy use and helps sustain your community's economy.



Towels

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Videos

See the **Media** category for more info.

