

DuPage County Spring Cleaning

Disposal in Flux

Our daily life has been temporarily changed causing significant modifications to how we go about doing basic things. DuPage County understands that many residents are stuck inside and are taking the time to do an extra thorough cleaning this spring. The difficulty is our normal disposal and recycling methods for many of these household items has been reduced by business and drop-off site closures. Please do your best to box and hold onto what you can during this time until the stay-at-home measures are lifted, and recycling sites are fully active. If this is not an option for you, below is information on where you can take certain items from your spring-cleaning efforts. Be sure to **call ahead** as hours and practices can change rapidly to protect you and employees.

Common Household Items

Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries pose a significant fire hazard and should not be placed in the waste or recycling bin. Some local drop-offs are listed below. Additional sites can be found at <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>.

Batteries + Bulbs	481 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	1-800-677-8278 All Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries (Rechargeable) Compact Fluorescent Bulbs 	Fees may apply
Batteries Plus	481 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630-790-8100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries (Rechargeable) Cellular Phones Compact Fluorescent Bulbs Fluorescent Bulbs 	Batteries Plus accepts: Lead acid batteries, Nickel Cadmium batteries, Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries, Lithium Ion and Lithium Polymer. They also accept CFLs, Fluorescent Tubes Fees may apply
Batteries Unlimited	105 West Fullerton Avenue Addison, IL 60101	630-543-5554	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries (Rechargeable) 	Rechargeable, acid, car, phone
Home Depot	Various Locations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries (Rechargeable) Cellular Phones Compact Fluorescent Bulbs 	Rechargeable batteries only

Textiles – clothing & small household items

USAgain – Stand alone bins located throughout DuPage County

Accepted Items: Shoes and clothing

<https://www.usagain.com/find-treemachine>

The Give Back Box – Pack a box with donation items and print a free shipping label. Either request porch pick-up or drop-off at a shipping store.

Accepted Items: Clothing and other household items. **NO** liquids, fragile, hazardous or volatile items, or ammunition in the boxes.

<https://givebackbox.shop/>

eWorks – 1201 Estes St., Elk Grove, IL 217-364-7543

Acceptable items: clothing, sheets, bedding, towels and other household textiles in any condition. No heavily soiled items. ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED.

Large Items

1-800-Got-Junk	1-800-468-5865	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appliances • Aluminum • Bicycles • Electronics - Residential • Mattresses 	Call for details of pickup service.
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For COVID-19 information and disruptions visit: https://www.1800gotjunk.com/us_en/coronavirus-update

Junk Solution Pros	641 N Roselle Road Roselle, IL 60172	847-603-4305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appliances • Construction & Demolition Material Recycling • Electronics - Residential • Furniture • Hard to Recycle Items • Mattresses • Office Furniture • Yard Waste 	Possible discounted services for elderly and military. Accepts furniture, household items, appliances & electronics, yard & construction debris.
Collage Hunks Hauling Junk	753 Springer Dr., Lombard, IL 60148	630-934-1023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture • Appliances • Yard waste • Electronics • Carpeting • Mattresses • Tires • Office equipment • Scrap metal • Hot tubs • Renovation debris • Attic cleanouts 	



DuKane Transfer Station	1995 Powis Rd, West Chicago, IL 60185	630-587-5673		Call for minimum ton fees and other precautions as advised.
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Electronics – Fees may apply

AVA Recycling	21W301 Lake St., Unit #3 Addison, IL 60101	847-397-2900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics – Commercial, Government, Schools etc. • Electronics - Residential • Paper Shredding 	Call first for fee and drop off information.
eWorks	1201 Estes St. Elk Grove, IL	217-364-7543	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics – Commercial, Government, Schools etc. • Electronics – Residential <p>Fee applies for televisions and monitors. Pay online in advance. http://recycle.eworksesi.org/</p>	Recycles electronics Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Businesses call for details on recycling.

Books

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[Book Driver](#) – Provides porch pick-up of pre-boxed books for donation.

Wood and other Construction/Demolition type Material

Lakeshore Recycling Systems (West DuPage)	1655 Powis Road West Chicago, IL 60185	630-377-7000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction & Demolition Material Recycling • Roofing Shingles • Scrap Metal 	Roll-off containers for aggregates, brick, cardboard, carpet, dirt, drywall, lumber, metal, plastic, shingles and other construction associated materials. Fees may apply. Contact Questions@LRSrecycles.com for any additional questions.
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Landscape Waste

Landscape waste service in many communities has been postponed. The information below can help you continue to manage it.

Do not burn your landscape waste or any other waste, despite any advice to do so. See the EPA information on the [hazards of burning waste](#). Do not fill the air with smoke at a time when people are struggling with respiratory-related illnesses, and do not take the risk of stressing already-overtaxed first responders.

For **large quantities** of landscape waste that can't be managed in-place, there are several landscape waste transfer stations in DuPage that will be or are currently open and accepting landscape waste. Each one will have its own procedures to accepting from residents or 3rd parties so residents will want to call for details.

AK Mulch & Firewood (630) 530-6900	Anderson Landscape Supply (630) 833-1251	DuPage Yard Waste/Midwest Compost 1195 W. Washington St.
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631 E Wildwood Ave Villa Park, Illinois 60181	787 S. Route 83 Elmhurst, IL 60126	West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 876-8900
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For **smaller quantities**, residents can manage their landscape waste with green lawn care practices or composting. Below are some tips on green lawn care or you can visit [University of IL](#) Extension's resources on maintaining a natural lawn.

Recycling grass clippings back to the lawn

- Clippings are a valuable source of nutrients and you can use less nitrogen fertilizer if you recycle clippings to the lawn.
- Adding organic matter from clippings may help improve your soil if it is sandy, heavy clay or low in organic matter.
- Regular mowing will greatly reduce the need to collect clippings. Avoid cutting more than 1/3 of the grass height at a time.

Composting at home is another way to avoid the need for yard waste pickup. However, improper and incomplete composting can lead to odor complaints if residents are not managing the compost pile correctly. Below are some additional sites that have composting lawn care info. The [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](#) (IFSC) has a great handout for starting composting at home. Here are some additional resources that help homeowners learn how to cut their grass to and help with setting up at-home composting.

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

<https://www.scotts.com/en-us/library/lawn-food/what-do-grass-clippings>

<https://www.scarce.org/downloads/diy-outdoor-compost-bin/>

