# Grundy County Green Guide



The Grundy County Green Guide was developed by the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office to provide Grundy County residents with solutions to recycling and solid waste obstacles. The solutions provided in this guide focus on ways to reuse/recycle or dispose of items that should not be land filled due to their hazardous nature and IEPA laws.

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# **Environmental & Recycling Websites**

Illinois Recycling Association:

US Environmental Protection Agency:

IL Environmental Protection Agency:

Pollution Control Board:

IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

Earth's 911:

National Recycling Coalition:

**Environmental Industry Association:** 

Solid Waste Association of North America:

Vermicomposting:

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation:

Glass Packaging Institute:

American Plastics Council:

Recycling sites

**Environmental Tech Schools** 

Six pack plastic ring recycling

Crayon Recycling

World Wildlife Global Network

Sierra Club

Use Less Stuff

Free Cycle

Earth Day Network for April 22

Your Guide to Composting

Environlink provides environmental information

For businesses and citizens

Mother Nature Network

www.illinoisrecycles.org

www.epa.gov

www.epa.gov

https://pcb.illinois.gov/

www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx

www.earth911.com

https://nrcrecycles.org/

www.wasterecycling.org

www.swana.org

www.redwormcomposting.com

www.prba.org

www.gpi.org

www.americanchemistry.com/plastics

www.world.org/weo/recycling

https://www.trade-schools.net/environmental/

www.ringleader.com

www.crazycrayons.com

www.worldwildlife.org

www.sierraclub.org

www.use-less-stuff.com

www.freecycle.org

www.earthday.org

www.howtocompost.org

https://www.environmentalscience.org/

www.envirolink.org

www.mnn.com

## Kids Webpages

Green Crafts

www.greenkidcrafts.com

www.favecrafts.com

www.freekidscrafts.com/recycled-crafts/

www.planetpals.com

www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/04/recycled-art-project-for-kids-2.html

www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/ www.education.com/activity/kindergarten/recycled-crafts/ www.favecrafts.com/Earth-Day-Crafts/16-Recycle-Crafts-for-Kids www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-learn-recycling/ www.kinderart.com/recycle

www.happyscribbles.net/recycled-art.php

https://www.weareteachers.com/

Environmental Issues www.kids.niehs.nih.gov

www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/5-environmental-activities-for-kids

https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/

https://study.com/academy/lesson/environmental-issues-lesson-for-kids.html http://www.nea.org/tools/environmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html

Wind Energy for Kids www.cecsb.org

www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=wind home-basics

Recycling Games

www.kidsrecyclingzone.com

www.pbskids.org www.kid-at-art.com www.planetpals.com

Composting for Kids www.mykidsadventures.com/five-fun-composting-projects-for-kids/



## Family Webpages

**Outdoor Activities** 

www.nwf.org www.Familyfitness.about.com

www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/

Composting

www.epa.gov/compost/ www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/ www.howtocompost.org www.compostinstructions.com

Crafts

www.familycrafts.about.com www.funfamilycrafts.com www.aboutfamilycrafts.com



# Teacher/Homeschool/Webpages

www.neefusa.org www.earthforce.org www.discoveryeducation.com www.epa.gov www.treepeople.org www.edutopia.org https://teachheart.org/ https://www.epa.gov/students https://www.teachervision.com/

http://learningforaction.com/lfa-blogpost/environmental-education-for-kids http://www.nea.org/tools/EnvironmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html https://www.kindergarten-lessons.com/environmental\_education\_for\_kids/

https://www.edutopia.org/topic/environmental-education

https://www.plt.org/curriculum/environmental-education-for-early-childhood/



# Gardening/Composting Webpages

#### Vermicomposting

www.compostguide.com/vermicomposting

www.compostguy.com www.allthingsorganic.com www.planetnatural.com

www.redwormcomposting.com

https://rodaleinstitute.org/science/articles/vermicomposting-for-beginners/ https://www.thespruce.com/vermicomposting-setting-up-a-worm-bin-2539503



www.bhg.com

www.motherearthnews.com

https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2015/03/17/tips-starting-organic-garden https://wwt.panda.org/knowledge\_hub/teacher\_resources/project\_ideas/organic\_garden/ https://www.thespruce.com/basics-for-gardening-organically-1402445 https://www.joyusgarden.com/tips-on-organic-vegetable-gardening/

https://joegardener.com/podcast/raised-bed-gardening-pt-1/

## Teen Webpages



Eco Challenge

www.scholastic.com/lexus/

**Environmental Issues** 

www.epa.gov/epawaste/education/teens/index.htm

www.nea.org

Improving communities

www.earthforce.org/

**Environmental Literacy Council** 

Teen issues for air, food, energy and water

www.enviroliteracy.org

**Environmental Activities** 

https://www.weareteachers.com/10-cool-ways-for-teens-to-celebrate-earth-day/

Environmental Fun for Summer

https://frogmom.com/earth-day-activities-for-teens/

# Materials banned from Landfills

	Material	Ban Date	Recycling/Disposal Choices
•	Electronic Waste Mercury Thermostats Lead Acid Batteries	2012 2011 1990	see page 15 see page 18 see page 11
•	Household Fluorescent Bulbs/High Intensity Light Bulbs	1997	see page 18
•	Motor Oil	1996	see page 21
•	Tires	1994	see page 24
•	Household Medical Waste	1993	see page 20
•	White Goods (Large appliances, etc.)	) 1994	see page 9
•	High Hazardous Waste		see page 20
•	Landscape Waste	1990	see page 13



## Residents

If you live in an unincorporated area, it is your responsibility to obtain the services of a licensed waste hauler through subscription service. All municipalities have contracts with individual haulers to collect waste within their boundaries. To check on specifics within your municipal curbside waste/recycling program, call your village hall and/or hauler.

**Braceville Village Hall** 300 N. Mitchell Street Braceville, IL 60407 815-237-8655

Carbon Hill Village Hall 695 N. Holcomb Street Carbon Hill, IL 60416 815-634-4968

Channahon Village Hall 24555 S. Navajo Drive Channahon, IL 60410 815-467-6644

Coal City Village Hall 515 S. Broadway Street Coal City, IL 60416 815-634-8608

**Diamond Village Hall** 1750 E. Division Street Diamond, IL 60416 815-634-8149

Dwight Village Hall 209 S. Prairie Avenue Dwight, IL 60420 (815) 584-3077

East Brooklyn Village Hall Box 338 South Wilmington, IL 60474 815-237-8360

Gardner Village Hall 302 N. Center Street Gardner, IL 60424 815-237-2592

**Godley Village Hall** 150 S. Kankakee Street Braceville, IL 60407 815-458-2222

Kinsman Village Hall Box 836 Kinsman, IL 60437 815-970-2554 Mazon Village Hall 520 Depot Street/P.O. Box 33 Mazon, IL 60444 815-448-2206

Minooka Village Hall 121 E. McEvilly Road Minooka, IL 60447 815-467-2151

Morris City Hall 700 N. Division Street Morris, IL 60450 815-942-0103

**S. Wilmington Village Hall** 380 Lake Street South Wilmington, IL 60474 815-287-2241

**Verona Village Hall** 429 Division Street Verona, IL 60479 815-287-2320

# County—Licensed Waste Haulers

Residential waste haulers are required to collect, waste, and recyclables produced by the customers of either residents or commercial/industrial users. Haulers have the right to refuse collection of recyclables which are prepared incorrectly or contain garbage. Haulers are required to provide trash and recyclables collection. Any other specific questions in regard to the type of waste that is picked up, dates and times of that pick up, and general complaints should be directed to the city hall or the waste hauler directly.

Republic Services 808 S. Joliet St. Joliet, IL 60436 815-774-3910

Three Rivers Waste & Recycling P.O. Box 2127 Joliet IL 60450 815-693-6496

Homewood Disposal 1501 West 174th Street Homewood, IL 60430 (708) 798-1004 Waste Management 2100 Moen Avenue Rockdale, IL 60430 815-725-4200

Environmental Recycling & Disposal P.O. Box 675 Orland Park, IL 60462 815-725-4555

County Line Hauling P.O. Box 225 Newark, IL 60451 (888) 426-6767 NuWay Disposal Service, Inc. P.O. 588 Morris, IL 60450 815-942-5851

# Appliance/White Goods Recycling

Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, and large appliances are considered White Goods and are banned from our landfills. The hazardous components, which include mercury, CFC gases, and PCB's are dangerous for our environment and need to be disposed of properly. Here are some options:

Contact your waste hauler for pickup options or the following local companies for hours for drop off:

Fairway Recycling 1124 E. Washington St. Morris, IL 815-941-4550 Mon-Fri 7-4:00 PM Saturday 7-1:00 PM

Hierz Scrap 4345 S. Verona Road Verona, IL 815-287-2445 Mon-Fri 8-4:00 PM

# Automobiles, RVs, Boats, and Motorcycles Donations

The following websites provide options on the donations of automobiles, RVs and motorcycles:

www.carsforveterans.org

www.Kars4kids.org

www.800charitycars.org



## **Motor Oil**

Auto Zone 1220 Division Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 416-1081 Walmart Tire and Lube 333 U.S. Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 (815)942-5981 Auto Zone 525 US Route 6 Minooka, IL 60447 (815) 467-1263 Advanced Auto Parts 1135 E. Division Coal City, IL 60416 (815) 634-8852

## **Motor Oil Filters**

I Hierz Scrap 4345 S. Verona Road Verona, IL (815) 287-2445 Walmart Tire and Lube Express 333 U.S. Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-6306 O'Reilly Auto Parts 312 Collins Street Joliet, IL 60432 (815) 740-0600

## **AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES**

Batteries—Lead Acid Battery Recycling

Fairway Recycling 1124 E. Washington Morris, IL (815) 941-4550

Ace Iron & Metals Inc. 11 3rd Avenue Joliet, IL (815) 723-2612 Auto parts/batteries

AutoZone 1220 Division Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 416-1081

Auto Zone 525 W. U.S. Route 6 Minooka, IL 60447 (815) 467-1263

Home Depot 621 Brook Forest Ave Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 725-6301 Belson Scrap & Steel, Inc. 1685 N. State Route 50 Bourbonnais, IL (815) 932-7416

Hierz Scrap 4345 S. Verona Road Verona, IL (815) 287-2445

Walmart Supercenter 333 US Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 (815)942-6306

Advance Auto Parts 1135 E. Division Coal City, IL 60416 (815) 634-8552 Berlinsky Scrap 212 Page Avenue Joliet, IL (815) 726-4334

Advance Auto Parts 2510 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 730-7428

First America Metal 1000 Armstrong Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 941-9888

Olson's Auto/Scrap Metal 354 West Jackson Street Seneca, IL 61360 (815) 357-8625

# Antifreeze/Transmission Fluids

Advance Auto Parts 2510 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 730-7428 Auto Zone 525 U.S. Route 6 Minooka, IL (815) 467-1263 Firestone Complete Auto Care 601 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60435 (815) 768-3926

**Automobile Tires** 

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# Household Battery Recycling—Rechargeable/Nickel Cadmium

**Grundy County: through Battery Solution Buckets:** 

Grundy County Admin Bldg. 1320 Union St.

Morris, IL

Coal City Public Library 85 N. Garfield St.

Coal City, IL

Morris Public Library 604 Liberty St.

Morris, IL

Morris City Hall 700 N. Division St. Morris, IL

Other Drop off Locations:

Matteson Hardware (rechargeable only) 221 Bedford Road Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-6240 Seneca—Ellis Ace Hardware 255 South Main Street Seneca, IL 61360 (815) 357-6144 Home Depot 621 Brookforest Ave. Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 725-6301 Verizon 657 Brookforest Ave Shorewood, IL 60404

# Bike Recycling

Aurora –All Spoked Up 14 W. Downer Place Suite 12 Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 801–9005 Plank Road Cyclery 20 W. Elwood Street Frankfort, IL (815)469-3594 (drop off location) All American Recycling 2285 New Lennox Road Joliet, IL (815)722-0200 St. Vincent DePaul 1427 N. Division Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-9288

Naperville Performing Bicycle 428South State Route 59, Suite 106 Naperville, IL 60195 (630)983-3010



## **Book Reuse**



SCARCE—Books and School Supplies Drop off location and pick up 799 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 2 Suite 108 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 545-9710

Book Drives for Children Bernie's Book Bank 917 North Shore Drive Lake Bluff, IL (847)780-7323 Community libraries:
Morris Public Library; 604 Liberty St., Morris, IL 815-942-6880
Coal City Public Library; 85 N. Garfield, Coal City, IL 815-634-4552
Fossil Ridge Library; 386 W. Kennedy Rd, Braidwood, IL 815-458-2187
Three Rivers Library Channahon; 25207 W. Channon Road, 815-467-6200
Three Rivers Library Minooka; 109 N. Wabena, 815-467-1600

Grundy County Toy Drive
November/December of Each Year
Grundy County Land Use Department/other locations
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-3229

# Cellular Phone Recycling and Reuse

Air Corps 273 E. US Route 6 Morris, IL (815) 416-1071

Home Depot 621 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 725-6301

Cell Phones for Soldiers Grundy County Land Use 1320 Union Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 941-3229 And Seldel & Mueller Country Financial 1509 Creek Drive Morris, IL 60450

Green Hippo Sell used phones on web www.greenhippo.com (855)304-4776 Walmart Send in a postage paid mailer printable from www.Walmart.com

Staples 992 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 609-2387

First America Metal Corp. 1000 Armstrong Morris, IL 60450 (815) 941-9888 Target 1111 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 609-6800

Best Buy 3351 Mall Loop Drive Joliet, IL 60431 (815) 609-0771

Many big box stores will accept cell phones such as: Office Depot, Lowes, Apple etc.



## **CFL Bulbs**

For more information on CFL/mercury disposal, visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling

Home Depot 621 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60431 (815) 725-6301 To purchase kits for recycling the following companies may be contacted: Air Cycle Corporation (800) 909-9709 LampMaster; (888) 470-4835 Everlights Lamps and Ballasts; (877) 934-9873

Lowe's 2480 East Lincoln Hghwy New Lenox, IL 60451 (815)215-6000

# Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling

Southwind RAS, LLC 2252 Southwind Blvd Bartlett, IL 60103 (630)233-5700 (shingles)

GreenWay Resource Recovery, LLC 2100 S. Kilbourn Avenue Chicago, IL 60623 (773) 522-0025 (landscaping/roof/concrete/brick/metals)

American Recycling and Disposal 2100 Madison Street Maywood, IL 60153 (630)506-9977 (Dirt/concrete/ferrous metals/plastic)

C & D Recycling 2300 Carlson Drive Northbrook, IL 60602 (847) 291-1222 (dumpsters for CCDD)

All American Recycling 2285 New Lenox Rd., Joliet, IL Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 722-0200 (scrap metals)

Henson Disposal 2148 TriLakes Road Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 829-5022 (All CCDD) JKS Ventures, Inc. 3800 W. Lake Street Melrose Park, IL 60160 (708) 338-3408 (mixed demo/wood/brush/brick/metals)

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc. 3152 S. California Avenue Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 579-0100 (roll off dumpsters for mixed)

Sexton Clean Construction and Demolition Debris 22100 S. Central Avenue Richton Park, IL 60471 (224) 212-1251 (Clean Construction Demolition Debris)

FJV Development LLC 2951 Mound Road Joliet, IL 60645 (708) 774-9300 (clean fill/concrete/sand/brick/rock)

Will County Habitat for Humanity Restore 2112 West Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 714-7011 (Deconstruction Services to salvage items)

Narvick Brothers 1037 Armstrong Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-1173 (concrete)

# Clothing & Textiles Reuse/Recycling

Goodwill Store 414 Arthur Ave Morris, IL (815) 941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul Store Drop off Donation/Sales 1427 Division Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-9288 UsAgain www.usagain.com (800) 604-9533 Ten boxes in Grundy The Salvation Army 126 S. Bloomington Street Streator, IL 61364 (815) 672-2746

Locations for the UsAgain Drop off Boxes: We Care 530 Bedford Road, Morris Mystery Crate, 315 Bedford Road, Morris Park St. UCC 806 Park Street, Mazon

Forte Arts Center 1200 N. Division, Morris First Christian Church 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris Verona Methodist 433 Ann, Verona

Three Rivers School 24150 W. Ford Road, Channahon

Purple Heart Veterans, Crestwood, IL (877) 337-3873 Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA.org for drop off boxes in Grundy County

AMVETS http://www.ilamvets.org/HowToHelp/ClothingGoodsDonations/ScheduleaPickup/tabid/108/Default.aspx

## **Compost Bins**



The Grundy County Environmental & Resource Conservation Office does have EARTHMACHINE compost bins available for sale for \$50.00 each. Please call ahead to place order 815-941-3214, (815) 941-3229

For more information on composting please see pages 4, 5 and 6 of this guide.

# Compost Facilities/Landscape Waste Transfer Stations

On Farm Compost Facility Joyce Farms Recycling 13253 W. 3000 N. Road Essex, IL 815-426-2133 Compost Facility Land and Lakes Company 1371 N. Joliet Road Romeoville, IL

Compost Supply Inc. 2970 Route 52 Newark, IL 60541

Christiansen Farms 12151 Wilmington Road Peotone, IL (708) 259-7355 Organix Composting 19065 Hickory Creek Drive, Suite 240 Mokena, IL 60448

Accepts grass clippings, branches and leaves Must be free of glass, plastic and rocks Landscape Companies and residents welcome

# **Electronics Recycling**

**Grundy County Events:** The Land Use Department periodically will hold Electronic Collection events. See our webpage at <a href="https://www.grundcyo.org">www.grundcyo.org</a> or page 28 of this guide for more details.

IEPA WEBPAGE: www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/

### Best Buy Stores will accept the following electronics:

Best Buy will Accept these Electronics for Free/Potential discount on future purchase—All in one computers, battery back ups (UPS), cables, cd/dvd drive, computer speakers/controllers, memory, mice and keyboards, modems/routers/hubs, web cams, netbooks, desktops, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, laptops, printers/scanners/fax, sound/video cards, tablets and e-readers.

#### Best Buy will take for a Fee:

\$25/each : CRT Monitors limited to 2/household/day

\$25/each: CRT/Tube TVs limited to 2/household/day LESS THAN 32", and Flat panel TVs, LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50"

#### Best Buy Will Haul a TV from Your Home for a Fee:

\$19.99 when a TV is-delivered by Geek Squad or Best Buy Home Delivery (CRT/Tube and Projection will cost more—call your local store)

\$99.99 to haul and properly recycle





## Eye Glass & Hearing Aids Reuse Programs

Check with your Municipality, Township Hall or Library for the Lions Club sponsored programs. In additions the following commercial businesses also collect these items:

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center 880 W. Bedford Road Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-5500 Hearing Solutions 3223 North Liberty Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-4403

Pearl Vision Hillcrest shopping center 1701 N. Larkin Avenue Crest Hill, IL 60403 (815) 741-1140 Walmart Vision Centers 333 East US Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-5918 Lens Crafters 153236 Louis Joliet Mall Joliet, IL (815) 436-1770





# Fire Extinguishers/Smoke Detectors

## Fire Extinguishers:

EFR Fire Equipment 19711 Mokena St. (behind bldg. by garage door) Mokena, IL 708-479-1889 \*Also accepts Lead Acid Batteries—No fee

Illinois Fire & Safety \*\*\$6.00 fee charged 702 Rowling Road Addison, IL (888) 455-3473

Cintas Fire Protection 1627 Rock Creek Boulevard Joliet, IL (815) 744-4075

Integrity Fire Equipment
1931 Cherry Hill Road
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 726-0503
Also refills/recharges call for prices



#### **Smoke Detectors:**

FEMA's US Fire Administration recommends that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years, but what do you do with the smoke detector?

There are two types of smoke detectors—Ionization and photoelectric.

Photoelectric types may be disposed of in your regular trash as long as the battery is taken out.

Ionization types must be properly disposed of as there is a small amount of radioactive substance in the detector. Check with the manufacturer for a mail in program to properly dispose of them or the USPS website for phone numbers and address for return.

## Flags

Flags are accepted for proper disposal at the following locations:

Matteson's Ace Hardware stores:

Morris

221 W. Bedford Rd.

815-942-6240

Other locations: Municipal libraries (call first)

Coal City 1025 E. Division St. 815-634-8898

**VFW** 

309 McKinley Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-0605

Minooka 855 S. Ridge Rd. 815-467-7300

American Legion 212 West Washington Street

Morris, IL (815) 942-0183



Kits:

**Everlights** 8027 N. Lawndale Ave. Skokie, IL 877-934-9873 Call for details/charges

Air Cycle Corporation Recycling Services and Equipment 2200 Ogden Avenue, Suite 100 Lisle, IL 60532 800-909-9709 www.aircycle.com Commercial and Business Recycling Also collects commercial batteries, ballast, e-scrap and waste.

# "Freecycle" www.freecycle.org

This network provides individuals and non profit organizations an electronic forum to recycle unwanted items. Membership is free and is open to all individuals who want to participate.

To participate in the Morris Freecycle Group visit:

www.freecycle.org/group/US/Illinois/Morris

## **Furniture**

Goodwill 414 Arthur Ave. Morris, IL. (815)941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul 1427 N. Division Morris, IL (815) 942-9288

Salvation Army Operation Home Front Furniture Bank

# HHW— Naperville Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Permanent HHW IEPA Drop Off Facility General Information

Naperville HHW Located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 Hours Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, excluding holidays Www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx (630) 420-6095

## Accepted HHW Items:

- -Oil based paint, stain, varnish, and solvents
- Automobile fluids such as oil, antifreeze, etc.
- Aerosol cans
- Household cleaners and pool chemicals
- Mercury
- Propane tanks (20 lb.)
- Poison, pesticides, and insecticides
- Flammables
- Sealed fluorescent light bulbs, tubes and CFLs
- Hobby chemicals and unknowns
- Expiréd and unused prescription medications

- Batteries (auto, sump pump, marine)
- -Asbestos materials that fit a 55 gal barrel
- Fire Extinguishers
- -Prescription non-controlled and over the counter medications
- -Peanut oil
- -Solvents and strippers
- -Thermostats
- -Unknown hazardous substances
- -Household batteries including car/sump

## **Not-Accepted Items:**

- -Ammunition
- -Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood, Styrofoam
- -Compressed Gas (not propane)

- -Empty Spray cans
- -Trash and Non-hazardous Materials
- -Explosives -Latex Paint
- -Helium tanks -Unopened useable consumer products
   -Radioactive materials
  - -Smoke Detectors

SharpsTires

Call the Naperville Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 for other disposal options.

NO BUSINESS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

#### Procedure for Drop off:

To safely transport hazardous materials, make sure containers are securely sealed. Materials should be left in their original containers with a legible label. Do not mix chemicals together. Place containers in a box lined with plastic and a layer of kitty litter as protection against a spill or leak. Transport items in the trunk of your car and have them clearly marked.

When you arrive at the drop off facility, please stay within your vehicle. You will need to provide the technician with information verifying the county in which you reside.



## PROPER Latex Paint Disposal

#### **How to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint:**

- Steel Cans with less than one inch of material may be opened and dried. Once the paint is dried keep the lid off of the can and dispose of in regular trash.
- Larger quantities may be reused or recycled. Please store the paint in an area where they will not be frozen at any time. Contact neighbors, friends, non-profits who may take the material as a donation.
- Larger quantities take additional drying time. Cat litter, oil dry, sand or sawdust is recommended as a low
  cost absorbent material that may be mixed with the latex paint to speed the drying process. The can and
  material must be placed in the refuse when complete: due to the absorbent and quantity of paint, this
  cannot be placed in the recycling program.

#### Paint Recycling Programs:

- Matteson Ace Hardware, 855 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, IL (815)-467-7300 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Kinko Ace, 1202 Essington Road, Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 729-0155 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Check Grundy County Events Calendar for possible Paint Recycling Events (page 28); Fees will be applied.

## Household Medical Waste

Medical waste generated in households is not regulated like medical waste produced by hospitals and other health care facilities. Pharmaceuticals can enter the water supply via sink, toilets, or trash disposal. Hence, there is great potential for these harmful chemicals ending up in our lakes, rivers, and ground water. Effects of improper disposal of this waste has already be shown to have negative effects on aquatic ecosystem. Trace amounts of certain medications have also been found in drinking water.

Used "sharps," such as hypodermic or intravenous needles, also pose a danger of accidental exposure to blood born pathogens. All sharps should be recapped and placed in rigid plastic containers such as detergent bottles. The lid should be placed back on these containers and they should be clearly labeled "sharps" or "needles".

Below is a listing of locations that will take unwanted sharps and medications that once collected will be properly disposed of through incineration under IEPA standards.

Grundy County Coroner's Office 1320 Union Street Morris, IL (815)941-3360 May drop off M-F from 8A-4:30P Sharps and Meds accepted

Channahon Police Dept. (Medication Only) 24555 S. Navajo Drive Channahon, IL 60410 (815) 467-5152

Minooka Police Department 121 McEvilly Road Minooka, IL 60447 (815) 467-2300 Morris and Minooka Police Departments 700 N. Division Street (Morris) 121 McEvilly Road (Minooka) \*Container in Lobby for unwanted medication Only—No syringe/needles.

Coal City Pharmacy 175 South Broadway Street Coal City, IL 60416 Sharps and meds accepted. (815) 634-2391

Morris Police Department 200 East Chapin Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-2131

## Landfills and Transfer Stations

Waste Management Joliet Transfer Station 2850 Mound Road Joliet, IL (800)963-4776 Accepts municipal solid waste, and construction debris No hazardous or special waste July 2016

Livingston Landfill Pontiac, IL (815)844-3911 14206 E. 2100 Road North Municipal, non-hazardous & special waste Call for details. LandCom -Republic Landfill
Illinois Valley Recycling
2840 E. 13th Road, Ottawa, IL (815)434-1808
Accepts municipal, non-hazardous and special waste.
Accepts clean recyclables at no charge.
wastes. Call for details.

# Oil Recycling (see Automotive also)

Since oil is banned from landfills those who change their own oil must dispose of it properly. The following local merchants will accept your used motor oil. It is advisable to contact the following vendors prior to bringing your used oil to their facility. Do not leave or dump your oil containers outside a facility. Doing so may jeopardize future program alternatives for residents.

See Page 9 for Automotive Recycling Opportunities.

# Packing Peanuts / Bubble Wrap - Reuse/Recycling

Peanuts can be made from plastic, vegetable, or cellulose. If they dissolve under water, they are biodegradable and can be composted. If they are plastic they can be added to the bottom of planters to improve water drainage or mixed into hard packed soil for improved drainage in the garden.

Ship N' Mail Business Services 601 N. Division Street Morris, IL 60450 815-941-4140 The UPS Store 249 E. US Rte. 6 Morris, IL 60450 815-416-0750 Post Net 1147 Brookforest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60404 815-230-2222

Verdeco Plastics Inc. 23315 South Youngs Road Channahon, IL (815)255-1585

Verdeco will also collect hard post industrial plastic, cardplastic film, water bottles, foam, Styrofoam, obsolete and off rials. Drop off hours are 7:30 AM—3:00 PM Monday—Friday.



board/paper, clean grade plastic mate-

Pallet Recycling

Pallets Recycling & Disposal 491 W. 2000S Road Kankakee, IL 60901 815-939-4968

## Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling

Jewel-Osco (Morris and Minooka) Wal-Mart Supercenter 1414 N. Division St. (Morris) 2051 Ridge Road (Minooka)

333 E. Route 6 Morris, IL (815)942-6306

Verdeco Plastics Inc. 23315 South Youngs Road Channahon, IL (815)255-1585 \*\*Call first

**Target** 1111 Brookforest Shorewood, IL (815) 609-6800

Most major grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags and newspaper wrappers. They usually have containers near the entrance of the store for collection. Businesses ask that only clean and dry bags be placed into the containers and all other materials, like receipts, be removed. Check with local dry cleaners to see if they accept used dry cleaning bags and hangers.

## Use Reusable Grocery Bags

Reusable bags save trees Reusable bags save water

Reusable bags save gas and oil

Reusable bags help air pollution Reusable bags help our oceans

Reusable bags help our sea creatures

Reusable bags save 700+ bags over the span of their lifetime!

Reusable bags help our families!



## Polystyrene Recycling/Reuse

There are limited options for block or expanded polystyrene - EPS. Encourage companies to take the recycling possibilities into consideration when deciding upon packaging options.

Ship N' Mail Business Services, (815)941-4140, 601 N. Division in Morris will accept block and expanded polystyrene (EPS) for use in their packing and shipping operations. Please call first.

Verdeco Plastics Inc. 23315 South Youngs Road Channahon, IL www.verdecoplastics.com (815)255-1585

# **Propane Tanks**

Hicksgas 415 South Division Street Braidwood, IL (815)458-2373 Will take empty and partial tanks for a charge (\$10.00) in them for a charge. Call first. Grainco FS
2295 N. Route 47
Morris, IL
(815)942-1022
Will take empty tanks at no charge.
Call first.

## Rain Barrels

Water conservation is important for our planet! Many areas in drought conditions put watering restrictions in place to conserve.

Rain barrels are a good method of collecting water to be used specifically for the watering of gardens and houseplants. All rain barrels should be constructed such that there is a netting to prevent insects, especially mosquitos, from breeding in the water.

Rain barrels are made in many different colors and shapes to add to the décor of your garden areas.

Places in which you may purchase a rain barrel include but are not limited to:

The Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District has rain barrels for sale in the spring and the summer. For more information please call (815) 942-0359 x 3 or go to <a href="https://www.grundycountyswcd.org">www.grundycountyswcd.org</a>.

Home improvement stores: Menards, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes etc.

# Refrigerators/Freezers/Washers/Dryers

Ace Iron and Metals Inc. 11 3rd Avenue Joliet, IL 60433 (815) 723-2612 Fairway 1124 E. Washington Morris, IL (815) 941-4550 Hierz Scrap Service 4345 S. Verona Road Verona, IL (815) 287-2445

## Reuse & Resale Shops

Are there some things that you have too much of, are just tired of, or have outgrown? There are shops that will take your items from you, and sometimes, you can even make money from them. The best part is that it will save them from going into a landfill! The list below can give you a start:

Goodwill
414 Arthur Ave.
Morris 815-941-2411
Accepts good clean and re-usable clothing and household items

St. Vincent DePaul 1427 N. Division St. Morris 815-942-9288 Accepts good, clean and re-useable clothing and household items Junk in the Trunk Flea Market 100 Commercial Drive Morris, IL 60450 (8125) 942-2032 willis824@comcast.net Third Sunday of the month

# Tire Recycling & Disposal (call for disposal fees)

Dellwood Tire & Auto 530 W. Mondamin Minooka, IL (815) 467-0210

Mazon Auto 501 East Street Mazon, IL (815) 448-2122

Tire Tracks 129 E. Jackson Street Morris, IL (815) 942-0001 Steve's Tire Center 514 N. Liberty Morris, IL (815) 942-5080

McCoy Union 76 Rte. 6 and Tryon Channahon, IL (815) 467-2258

Tire Zone 85 N. 1st Avenue Coal City, IL 60416 (815) 634-3000

13903 Ashland Riverdale, IL 60827 (708) 388-9910

Lucenta Tire

Channahon, IL

(815) 467-1275

24059 S. Municipal Drive

## Larger Tire Drop off companies and locations:

Treadstone Tire Recycling

175 South Des Plaines Street Joliet, IL 60436 (815) 726-4644 Liberty Tire Recycling Tri-State Tire Disposal Inc. 2044 N. Dominick St. Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 871-6360

Toner/Inkjet Printer Cartridges

Many programs exist that will accept used cartridges for cash, credit. Internet provides many groups and companies that will provide incentives for recycling. Below is a listing of a few:

Staples Reward Ink Toner Recycling Program Www.staples.com

Office Depot Program

Quill
Recycling Program
Quill.com
\*Only ink & toner purchased from Quill

Schools may also participate in fund raisers by having their own recycling drive. Cartridges for Kids School Fundraiser—(877) 987-3678

**Unwanted Advertising Mail** 

The mail you receive may have a section that lists an address for you to notify the company of your desire to be removed from any future mailings, or eliminated from the selling of your name to other mailing companies.

The following address and information will eliminate you from the registry for Direct Marketing and Credit Bureaus.

Mail Preference Service Direct Marketing Assoc. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20036 202-955-0085 Consumer Reporting Companies 5 year opt out (888) 567-8688 www.optoutprescreen.com emails, mails and calls Direct Marketers Telemarketing www.donotcall.gov (888) 382-1222

## Commercial Waste Haulers and Recyclers - Grease

Apex Waste Services P. O. Box 3635 Joliet, IL 815-744-8910

Mahoney Environmental 1819 Moen Avenue Joliet, IL 800-892-9392 Kaluzny Brothers Inc. 1528 Mound Road Rockdale, IL 815-744-1453

Aurora Tallow, Inc. 28W440 Main Street Warrenville, IL (630) 393-6806

# Waste Haulers for Scrap Metal

First American Metal Corp. 1000 E. Armstrong Street Morris, Illinois 815-941-9888

Belson Scrap & Steel Inc. 1685 IL-50 Bourbonnais, Illinois 815-932-7416

Berlinsky Scrap Corp. 212 Page Avenue Joliet, Illinois 815-726-4334

Ace Iron and Metals Inc. 11 3rd Avenue Joliet, IL 60433 (815) 723-2612 Fairway Recycling Co. 1124 E. Washington Morris, Illinois 815-941-4550

Hierz Scrap Service 4345 S. Verona Road Verona, Illinois 815-287-2445

All American Recycling 2285 New Lennox Road Joliet, IL 60433 (815) 722-0200

For additional information about companies that recycle scrap metal and other items such as white goods, please check your yellow pages or see the Appliance/White Goods Recycling section in this guide.

# Recyclers of Paper/Shredders of Documents

## Paper Recyclers with bin collection throughout Grundy County:

Midwest Paper Retriever 509 Rowell Ave Joliet, IL 60433 Phone: 312-841-4460

### Midwest Paper Retriever bins are currently located at:

Morris Public Library 604 Liberty St. Morris	i
Morris High School 1000 Union St. Morris	
Peace Lutheran Church 101 Candlelight Ln. Morris	
Grundy County Sheriff's Bldg. 111 E. Washington Morris	
Grundy County Administration Bldg. 1320 Union St. Morris	
Standard Bank - Morris 1433 Lisbon St. Morris	
First Presbyterian Church 200 E. Jackson St. Morris	
Morris City Hall 700 N. Division Morris	
Bethlehem Lutheran Church 333 E. Rt. 6 @ Walmart Morris	
We Care of Grundy County 534 Bedford Rd. Morris	
Saratoga School 4040 N. Division Morris	
White Oak Elementary 2001 DuPont Ave. Morris	
Shabbona Middle School 725 School St. Morris	ı
First Christian Church 455 W. Southmor Rd. Morris	
Aux Sable Elementary 1004 Misty Creek Dr. Minoo	_
Minooka Community High School 203 W. Mondamin St. Minoo	
Minooka Elementary School 400 Coady Dr. Minoo	
Minooka Intermediate School 321 W. McEvilly Road Minoo	
Minooka Jr. High School 333 W. McEvilly Road Minoo	
Minooka Primary Center 305 W. Church Street Minoo	
Walnut Trails Elementary School 301 Wynstone Drive Shore	
USPS - Coal City 495 S. Broadway Coal C	
Coal City Middle School 500 South Carbon Hill Rd. Coal C	
Coal City Public Library 85 N. Garfield Street Coal C	
Assumption Roman Catholic Church 245 S. Kankakee Street Coal C	

## **Document Shredding Companies**

Shred X 330 North First Street Wilmington, IL 60481 (815) 476-6616

West Rock 1601 East Mountain Street Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 898-4231; Public Wednesday Free 1-5:00 PM Business Tues, Thurs Free 10-1:00PM Midwest Fiber, Inc. 422 White Oak Road Normal, IL 61761 (309) 452-0064

Shark Shredding 18811 South 90th Ave.; Suite 1 Mokena, IL 60448 (866) 702-3619

Shred-It 115 West Lake Drive #200 Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (877) 817-1211 Shred Nations Via UPS Store 249 East Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 (815) 267-9302

# Important Information on Open Burning in Grundy County

#### Within City or Village Limits:

If you live within an incorporated city or village of Grundy County, please check with your local municipalities for local regulations.

#### Unincorporated Grundy County areas:

The following are the open burning allowances for areas in unincorporated Grundy County:

- Open burning is allowed only for dry landscape waste.
- Dry landscape waste includes tree trunks, branches, shrubs, and plants from gardens. Also includes all dry grass.
- Dry landscape waste the is burned must be generated from the parcel in which it is burned.
- Burning is allowed from October 15 to May 1.
- Time for burning Monday through Friday is 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and weekends from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- No burning should take place when the wind speed is greater than ten (10) miles per hour.
- Burning shall occur such that the burn pile is greater than twenty (20) feet from any building, structure and greater than twenty (20) feet from any property line.
- Proper supervision by an adult should be continuous during the burn until the fire is completely extinquished.
- A fire extinguisher or water source shall be available at all times during the burning and to completely and thoroughly extinguish the fire.
- Garbage, construction materials., tires or lumber are prohibited to be burned during an open burn.

#### Exceptions to the open burning requirements:

- Recreational fire is an outdoor fire for warmth, cooking, where the fire is not larger than three feet by three feet by three feet.
- Fire Department control burns that have IEPA permits.
- Agricultural control fires.
- IDNR or state licensed contractors who are completing landscape or prairie control burns.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please call my office if you should have questions concerning these regulations.

Heidi H. Miller Land Use Director (815) 941-3229 hmiller@grundyco.org

## County Recycling and Garbage Requirements

The Land Use Department's Environmental and Resource Conservation Office or ERCO regulates the waste haulers, improper garbage disposal, and open dumping issues for the unincorporated areas of Grundy County.

Below is a brief description of how our office may be able to assist you better:

### Open Dumping:

As open dumping is a hazard not only for people but also negatively effects species of the water, land and air, it is prohibited and violators are required to comply with County and IEPA state requirements for cleaning the property until compliance is met. Failure to comply will cause the case to be sent to the States Attorney's office.

#### Rental and Mobile Home Units:

Owners of rental units or managers of mobile home parks are required to provide both garbage and recycling services to their tenants. The garbage and recycling receptacles shall be large enough to serve all of the tenants and be kept in a clean and orderly manner.

#### Waste Haulers:

All waste haulers whether service communities in unincorporated or incorporated areas of the county are required to hold an annual waste hauler license with our office. By receiving the insurance statements, our office ensures that if any public portion is damaged based on their trucks or dumpsters, the company has the means to correct those damages.

We also ask each hauler how much in tons of solid waste and recyclables that they collect from Grundy County. This helps us to see how much is created within our county and also what our recycling rate is at present. Our office provides outreach in many ways through our different recycling events throughout the year and also this document to help residents/children learn how to recycle and follow the other three Rs of reducing, reusing, and respecting the earth.

#### **Nuisance Ordinance:**

This office enforces one portion of the nuisance ordinance in regard to junk or refuse accumulated on a property. As this not only causes aesthetic problems for the neighborhood, it also may create other health and safety issues by allowing rodents, insects, and mosquitos to thrive.

The complaints that our office investigates are always generated from a call or complaint that we receive in the office in regard to the conditions. We will investigate and take photos to ensure that there is a violation before sending a letter to the owner of the property.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will cause the case to be forwarded to the States Attorney's office for further action.