



VILLAGE OF WINNETKA RECYCLING GUIDE



What should I do BEFORE recycling?

Additional green recycling containers, both 35 & 95 gallon, are available for purchase at Winnetka Village Hall (510 Green Bay Road).

BEFORE you put anything in your residential recycling container, commercial recycling dumpster, or in a recycling receptacle on our sidewalks:

- DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags as they clog the machinery at the recycling plant. If you want to use a plastic bag to line an interior container, please dump the contents directly into your exterior bin/tote/dumpster without the plastic bag.
- Use paper bags or simply throw recycling directly into your outdoor green bin.
- Rinse/empty all glass, aluminum/steel, and plastic so that it is free of food residue.
- Leave plastic lids on containers.
- Flatten ALL boxes. (This is especially important for organizations and businesses that share dumpsters to ensure there is room for everyone's recyclables.)
- Place your recycling containers at your curb by 7:00 AM the day of your collection.

What may I recycle in my container?



- Paper, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and telephone books
- Chip board (i.e. cereal boxes, towel cores, shoe boxes)
- Envelopes (window style are OK)
- Computer paper
- Corrugated cardboard boxes (maximum size 2' x 2')
- All glass bottles, jars and metal lids (Take lids off jars)
- All metal food & beverage cans
- Aluminum foil & pie plates
- Plastic soda bottles, milk/water jugs, most juice & detergent bottles, and any other rigid or semi-rigid containers labeled #1 through #5 and #7 and lids. Keep lids on bottles/jugs. You will find the number on the bottom of the item
- Refrigerated gable top cartons such as milk, juice or cream, and non-refrigerated shelf-stable cartons such as juice packs, soy milk, soups or wine
- Scrap metal (must fit in container)

What should I NOT put in my container?

- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene/Styrofoam
- Single use paper goods-plates, cups, napkins, towels, and tissues
- #6 Plastic rigid or semi-rigid containers and lids (e.g. Solo cups)
- Food-contaminated paper goods
- Waxed, frozen or refrigerated food containers
- Window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, dishes, mugs, and plates
- Containers from automotive products, chemical & paint products

Remember: Acceptable items you recycle in your residential recycling containers may ALSO be recycled in commercial dumpsters and the green recycling receptacles located throughout the Village.

What should I do with plastic bags?



Plastic bags, clean, dry and free of food residue, may be dropped off at many grocery and retail stores in the area. A list of the types of bags that may be collected is provided below. Please note that not all items are accepted at all locations. Contact stores prior to drop off to see what they accept. For more information and to find a drop off location near you, visit www.plasticbagrecycling.org.

- Grocery
- Dry cleaner
- Newspaper sleeves
- Cleaning and dry produce
- Zip loc
- Cereal
- Bread
- Salt (shaken)
- Ice (no moisture or metal/hard clips)
- Garment
- Bubble wrap
- Case wrap (soda and water bottles, canned goods, Costco items, etc.)
- Overwrap (toilet paper and paper towel)
- Polyethylene stretch and shrink wrap, foam, and other packaging (recycle codes 2 & 4)

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What may I recycle at the Winnetka Municipal Facility at 1390 Willow Road?

Additionally, expired medications and sharps may be taken to the Winnetka Fire department located at 428 Green Bay Rd. Call 847-501-6029 for more information.

These items may be dropped in the lobby Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM:

- Athletic shoes
- Household batteries
- Cell phones
- CFL bulbs
- Small electronics
- Holiday lights
- Styrofoam - see below for guidelines
- Cartridges - Ink jet and toner
- Thermometers (mercury)
- Cords

Large electronics may be dropped off in the back of Building A on Thursdays from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Acceptable items include but are not limited to:

- Cameras
- Computers/Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Humidifiers
- Printers
- Power tools
- Telephones
- Televisions
- VCR/DVD players
- Stereo equipment
- Small appliances i.e. microwaves

For a complete list, contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 or visit www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling

What are the guidelines for Styrofoam recycling?

When dropping off #6 block and food service style polystyrene (Styrofoam), please consider the following:

- Make sure your Styrofoam has the triangle recycling symbol
- Separate packaging foam and foodservice foam
- Foodservice containers MUST be clean and rinsed
- No straws, lids, plastic wrap, or trash
- No packaging peanuts (Accepted at most UPS Stores)
- No foam insulation, foam rubber, foam sheets

What should I do with yard waste?

- Yard waste is picked up curbside on your regular trash day and twice a week from April through November.
- Grass clippings and other similar landscaping refuse must be placed into Village Yard Waste Bag, available for \$2 each at The Grand and Lakeside Foods.
- Brush and branches must be bundled and each bundle must have a Village sticker attached, also available for \$2 at both The Grand and Lakeside Foods, and at Village Hall. (Bundles cannot be larger than 2'x2'x4')



Who is SWANCC?



For more information on SWANCC, including events, programs, educational resources, and a full directory of reuse and recycling options in the region, visit www.swancc.org.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is a nonprofit intergovernmental agency that provides solid waste management services, programs, and resource materials to 23 member communities, including Winnetka. SWANCC's focus is to reduce the volume and toxicity of solid waste through responsible waste reduction solutions and includes collections for special materials. Most of the Village's recycling collection programs, both event-based and year-round are coordinated through SWANCC. Common items that SWANCC provides proper recycling/reuse/disposal resources for include:

- Hazardous waste/chemicals
- Oil-based paint
- Paper shredding
- Appliances
- Clothing
- Propane tanks
- Cooking oil/Grease trap
- Carpeting
- Bicycles
- Office equipment
- Furniture