



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 a recycling container, keep in mind:

- Plastic bags clog the machinery at the recycling plant: do not put recycling in plastic bags.
- Use paper bags or simply throw recycling directly into your outdoor green bin.
- Rinse/empty all containers so they are free of food residue.
- Leave plastic lids on containers.
- Flatten ALL boxes.
- Place your recycling containers at your curb by 7 AM the day of your collection.

What may I recycle?



- **Paper Material:** magazines, catalogs, telephone books, junk mail, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, kraft brown paper bags, and food boxes (such as cereal)
- **Metal Material:** aluminum cans, aluminum foil, steel or tin cans, empty aerosol cans, and aluminum baking trays/pie tins
- **Plastic Material:** soda bottles, milk containers, water bottles (with caps, please), butter containers, laundry detergent bottles
- **Glass Material:** glass bottles (clear, brown, green or blue) and glass jars (clear, brown, green, or blue)
- **Milk Carton/Drink Boxes:** gable top milk & juice cartons, and juice boxes

What should I NOT put in my container?

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

Remember: Acceptable items that can be recycled in the 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 that are clean, dry, and free of food residue may be dropped off at many grocery or retail stores. 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.

- Grocery
- Dry cleaner
- Newspaper sleeves
- Cleaning and dry produce
- Ziploc
- Cereal
- Bread
- Salt
- 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)

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 7:30 AM – 4 PM:

- Athletic shoes
- Cords
- Cell phones
- Small electronics
- Holiday lights
- Styrofoam - see below for guidelines
- Cartridges - Ink jet and toner
- CFL bulbs

Large electronics may be dropped off in the back of Building A on **Thursdays from 1 PM – 3 PM during the months of April through November**. Acceptable items include but are not limited to:

- Converter boxes
- Computers/monitors
- Fax machines
- Scanners
- Printers
- Satellite receivers
- Televisions
- VCR/DVD players
- Computer mice or keyboards
- Video game consoles

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

What are the guidelines for Styrofoam recycling?

When dropping off #6 block and Styrofoam (food service-style polystyrene), 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, or foam sheets.

What should I do with yard waste?

- Yard waste is collected from April through November on your regular trash day.
- Grass clippings and other similar landscaping refuse must be placed into a yard waste bag with a Village sticker attached, available for \$2.25 at Village Hall.
- Brush and branches must be bundled and each bundle must have a Village sticker attached, also available for \$2.25 at The Grand and Lakeside Foods. (Bundles cannot be larger than 2'x 2'x 4')



Who is SWANCC?

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is a nonprofit agency that provides solid waste management services 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 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

Revised February 2020. Please visit villageofwinnetka.org for the most up-to-date recycling information.



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