

Hazardous Waste:

Certain products cannot be poured down the drain, put on the ground or into storm sewers, or put into the trash.

Materials include: antifreeze, unused or expired medications, used motor oil, oil-based paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury, compact fluorescent lamp and light bulbs.

Electronics:

Certain electronics have been banned from landfills in Illinois, electronics can no longer be recycled in your Blue Cart or with your household recyclables due to the hazardous materials often in electronics such as lead, mercury and polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs).

Electronics include: televisions, monitors, printers, computers (laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet, desktop), electronic keyboards, facsimile machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players, digital video disc, players, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers and digital video disc recorders.

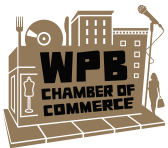
Latex Paint Recycling:

Latex paint is no longer accepted at the Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility.

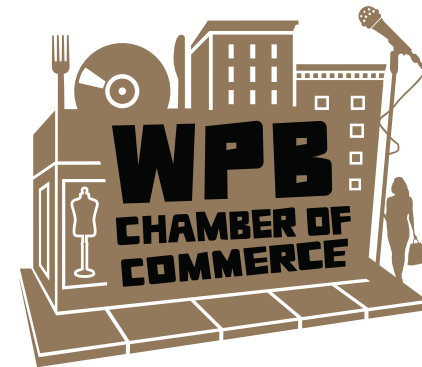
Ideas for recycling at home: save for new project, let the empty can dry out and then recycle the empty can, absorb remaining paint with sawdust or kitty litter, pour into a bag, once paint dries throw away and recycle the empty can, donate to friends neighbors or school group, or store for future touch-ups.

Changes to Chicago's Battery Recycling Program:

Chicago's battery recycling program has been discontinued as of January 1, 2012. Rechargeable batteries are still being accepted at many locations including the Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility. Due to the removal of mercury from alkaline batteries with the federal Battery Management Act of 1996, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency now recommends the disposal of alkaline batteries with regular trash.



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The Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer you guidelines for effective commercial/retail recycling programs within Chicago.

Recycling Guide

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1. Source separation of at least three recyclable materials.

Recyclable materials are separated from other solid waste before being collected. Commercial establishments may not use a “post-collection” separation system as the sole method of recycling without a written waiver from the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

2. A written plan detailing the program and made available to all current and prospective office establishments affected by the plan.

The plan should include:

- Recyclable materials collected and source reduction measures
- Type of collection method
- Targeted recycling rates
- Summary of the education program
- Any written quality reports received from the hauler

3. An educational program that informs all new tenants or employees how to participate in the building’s recycling program and the importance of recycling.

The program should include:

- Flyers explaining why it is important to recycle and how the program operates
- Signage in common areas identifying the location of recycling collection points
- Signs marking the location of all recycling collection points
- Notification about changes in the recycling plan to tenants or employees

Additional tips for educating employees:

-Assign a recycling coordinator and provide these coordinators with quarterly recycling updates or reminders.

-Let tenants know that they need to encourage their employees to participate in the building recycling program.

Possible ways to reduce material use at the source:

- Offer customers reusable tote bags instead of disposable bags
- Use boxes, bags and other packaging materials made of recycled materials
- Switch to wipeable or reusable signs
- Make double-sided copies
- Use reusable laser toner or copier cartridges
- Use long-lasting, energy efficient light bulbs with median life expectancies of 9000 hours of long-lasting, energy efficient fixtures
- Donate surplus food
- Change to cloth towel dispensers or warm air hand dryers in restrooms
- Provide educational materials to customers on source reduction
- Return shipping materials to vendors for reuse
- Buy supplies in bulk to reduce packaging
- Reduce packaging on in-store materials

1. City Facility

1633 W. Medill Ave.

2. Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N. North Branch St.

Accepts electronics and hazardous waste:

Tuesday 7am-12pm

Thursday 2pm-7pm

1st Saturday of the month 8am-3pm

Compact fluorescent lamps are also accepted at any Chicago area Home Depot store without charge

3. Chicago Center for Green Technology

445 N. Sacramento Blvd.

4. West Loop

1519 W. Warren Blvd.

Approved recyclables include:

- Newspaper
- High grade paper
- Mixed paper
- Steel and bi-metal cans
- High-intensity discharge lamps
- Magazines and catalogs
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans, foil and pans
- Plastic film
- Fats, oils and greases
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastic containers (1,2,3,4,5,7)
- Wooden pallets
- Fluorescent bulbs

Recycling facilities near Wicker Park/Bucktown:
Open 7 days a week during daylight hours