

COUNTY OF KANE

Public Information Office
Kane County Board Office



Kane County Government Center
719 South Batavia Avenue
Geneva, IL 60134
MannJulie@co.kane.il.us
www.countyofkane.org

Media Release

4/22/22

Hot Housing Market Prompts Recycling Questions

As more people continue buying and selling homes, the question becomes, “what do I do with all this unwanted stuff?” Kane County’s Recycling Coordinator Clair Ryan says that’s a question she’s been asked.

Whether it’s a move or just spring cleaning, there are ways to keep the following unwanted items out of landfills by recycling:

Paint – Latex paint is not a hazardous waste and can be dried out and thrown away. Empty latex paint cans can be recycled curbside. Leave the lid off the cans so sorters can see that they’re empty. For unopened latex paint, check with [Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations](#). Aerosol cans, including old spray paint, can be dropped off at the Kane County Batavia recycling center Monday through Friday and in Aurora at the Lake Street Ace Hardware on Saturdays for \$1 per can.

Household Hazardous Waste – Items including auto fluids, oil-based paints, wood stains, pesticides and any other industrial chemicals can be taken to the [Naperville Household Hazardous Waste facility](#) at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All Illinois residents may use this facility at no cost. A hazardous material [home collection program](#) also serves the northern townships and most of the tri-cities? area, however, the program typically books weeks in advance.



Old Electronics – Almost all household electronics are accepted at the recycling locations in Batavia and West Dundee on weekdays and in Aurora on Saturdays. Small TVs and monitors (less than 21” diagonal screen size) are \$25 and larger TVs and monitors (21” and over screen size) are \$35. Cash and cards are accepted. All other items are free to drop off. The County doesn’t accept items that contain refrigerants – i.e., fridges and freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioning units – because of the environmental hazards they pose. A professional can remove the compressor and evaporator coils from these items and then they can be taken to a crusher or scrap metal recycler.

Old Media – Kane County takes books in reasonable condition (not wet or moldy) at all of the County’s [recycling centers](#). Also accepted are bulk quantities of old newspapers and magazines.

[SCARCE](#) in Addison will take vinyl records and commercially recorded CDs and DVDs in cases. Floppy disks, old software CDs, home recorded items, and all types of cassette tapes are the hardest to dispose of. However, there is a relatively affordable self-pack mail-in option. For about \$15 plus the cost of shipping, [GreenDisk](#) will take up to 25lbs of these items for recycling. If this isn't a manageable option, these items will have to be trashed, so don't put them in with curbside recycling.