

# Changes to the 2020 Green Guide



- Page 1: 2021 Event Dates are listed on the flip side of this supplement.
- Page 1: Campton Township changed haulers from Waste Management to Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Kaneville Township has DC Recycling as their hauler.
- Page 3: Electronics Drop-offs have been rebranded as Kane County Recycling Centers because we now take additional materials there, including clothing and textiles, books, and scrap metal.
- Page 3: Electronics Recycling for Businesses. Businesses can bring electronics to the Recycling Centers now. Please see website for more information.
- Page 3: Items accepted at the Recycling Centers have changed. See website for the updated list.
- Page 6: Liquid Latex Paint can be recycled at Ace Hardware stores but the costs may differ from the fees charged at Kane County Recycling Events. Call hardware stores for their per-can costs.
- Page 10: Elgin ReStore hours are now Tues-Sun 9-5, closed Monday.
- Page 13: Dehumidifiers, and other Freon-containing items, are NOT accepted with electronics at County Recycling Centers. Take them to The Crusher at 651 W. Washington Street in West Chicago.
- Page 13: Fire Extinguishers were omitted last year. Here is the correct info: If full or empty: See the Naperville Household Hazardous Waste facility information on page 4 of the 2020 Guide. If empty: Aurora TriState Fire Protection (630-978-0600) will take the old one if you are buying a new one.
- Page 14: SCARCE has new location: 800 S Rohlwing Rd. (Rt. 53), Addison, IL 60101.

Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information:  
[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)

## RECYCLING TIPS in the time of COVID-19

**Personal Protection Supplies:** Gloves, masks, and alcohol wipes can NOT be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. Please check out [TerraCycle.org](http://TerraCycle.org) for a PPE Zero Waste Box or dispose of in the trash. Reusable washable masks, gloves, and wipes are a good way to minimize waste.

**Delivery Packaging:** Most is recyclable, some is not.

- **Bubble wrap:** Bubble-wrap is recyclable at grocery store plastic bag recycling programs but not in your curbside recycling cart.
- **Cardboard boxes:** Remove all packing material from box, flatten box, and recycle in curbside cart.
- **Plastic pillows or bags:** Look for How2Recycle label on packaging, and follow that instruction. Plastic film with a #2 or #4 stamp can be recycled at grocery store programs. Pop the pillows before recycling.
- **Plastic envelope mailers:** Most plastic envelope mailers (with or without bubble-wrap inners) can be recycled through grocery store programs but not in curbside recycling. Remove and dispose of label before recycling, by cutting it off and placing in trash.
- **Paper envelope mailers:** Some are recyclable and some are not. Because there are many different kinds of mailer envelopes, look for the How2Recycle label and follow instructions implicitly. If there is not a How2Recycle label then it is probably not recyclable. The non-recyclable envelopes are generally hybrids of material like the orange-colored paper with plastic bubble wrap inside. Mixed-material items are NOT recyclable. Please throw them in the trash.
- **Styrofoam:** Block Styrofoam is recyclable at the Dart Container Corporation in North Aurora. They will also take cleaned and dried food service foam products.

**Take-Out Containers:** Many take-out containers are not recyclable. Do recycle clear plastic tub shaped containers (round or rectangle okay) that are bigger than your fist. Do recycled clear plastic clamshell containers. Do not recycle Black plastic. Do not recycle thin, flat lids. Do not recycle foam or small sauce containers.

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# Kane County Recycles Green Guide 2021 SUPPLEMENT GUIDE



## This Guide is a supplement to the 2020 Green Guide

Dear Recyclers,  
This year, because there were not many changes in programs or services, we are not publishing a whole new guide, but instead offer this supplement with changes and additional information, including the 2021 Event Dates. If you need a paper copy of the 2020 Green Guide to pair with this supplement, you can download it from [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling), click the Green Guide box on the left bar of the home page, or contact [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) and we will send you one.

Please always refer to [www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling) for the latest information about recycling in Kane County, including recycling guidelines for what you can and cannot put in your bin, places you can drop-off all sorts of things to be recycled, event and recycling center details, and more.

Thank you for your efforts to recycle right!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Jarland,  
Kane County Recycling Coordinator

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# KANE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS

*open year-round*

## Accepted Items:

- **Books:** text books; kids books; books of any age; hard & soft cover; encyclopedias.
- **Clothing, Shoes & Textiles:** clean clothing; paired shoes; bedding, towels, and other household textiles, in any condition; as well as accessories (belts, hats, scarves); stuffed toys; and purses.
- **Electronics:** TVs; Monitors; Computers; anything with a cord on it (except we do not take Freon-containing devices like refrigerators). TVs & monitors have a cost (see below). See website for more detail and a full list of items accepted.
- **Scrap Metal:** any metal scraps; metal appliances like hot water tanks, washers, ovens, etc. (Fabyan location only).

**Costs:** Costs apply at Recycling Centers and at Events. TVs and Monitors have a cost to recycle: \$25 (under 21" measured diagonally) or \$35 (21" or over). All other items are FREE to drop off.

### Payment guidelines:

**Online:** You may pay online in advance for any TVs or monitors and bring your printed receipt with you. You will need to show the printed receipt.

**Card:** You can pay by credit card at the time of delivery. Staff will limit contact while processing any payment transactions.

**Cash:** Cash payments are discouraged but you can pay with (exact) cash if necessary.

**Why is there a fee on TVs and Monitors?** TVs and monitors contain lead and/or mercury and must be processed as hazardous material, a more expensive process that makes the consumer-based fee a necessity. The fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler - eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities. You are helping a good cause and responsibly disposing of your used electronics!

**Data security:** Kane County contracts with eWorks Recycling Services, located in Elk Grove Village. All data stored on computer hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed under the highest security (meeting all FACTA privacy protection

requirements). They use the BLANCO data erasure software and the Department of Defense Standard 7-pass kill disk. This also applies to the Naperville site which is managed and served by eWorks as well.

**Business equipment:** In addition to residential equipment, Kane County Recycling Centers can now take electronic equipment from businesses, organizations and local governments. Please identify yourself as a business for record keeping purposes, and provide a business card or tax ID. Audit Reports may be requested by scheduling in advance; contact eWorks Electronics Services at [jstagg@eworksesi.org](mailto:jstagg@eworksesi.org) or 217-364-7472. Costs for TVs and Monitors are the same as for residents.

### Batavia, Fabyan Parkway

**Location:** 517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510

**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm & Sat 8am-1pm\*  
(except on Holidays)

**Contact:** Kane County recycles at 630-208-3841

### West Dundee Public Works

**Location:** 900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, IL 60118

**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm (except on Holidays)

**Contact:** Kane County recycles at 630-208-3841

### Naperville Public Works

*(open to Kane County residents)*

**Location:** 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540

**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm (except on Holidays)

**Contact:** eWorks at 217-364-7543

**Please check website to confirm hours\*:**

[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)

## 2021 Recycling Events

### Event Location:

540 S Randall Road,  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
*(unless otherwise specified)*



- Apr 10 Electronics, Clothes, Books
- Apr 24 **Document Shredding Event**
- May 8 Electronics, Clothes, Books & **Paint**
- Jun 5 Hazardous Waste Event (Aurora)
- Jun 26 **Document Shredding Event**
- Jul 10 Electronics, Clothes, Books, **Paint**, & more at the Annual Recycling Extravaganza
- Sept 11 Electronics, Clothes, Books & **Paint**
- Oct 23 **Document Shredding Event**
- Nov 6 Pumpkin Composting (Geneva)

NOTE: Costs apply for TVs, Monitors, and Paint.

For more information on these events please see [www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/recyclingEvents.aspx](http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/recyclingEvents.aspx).

## COVID-19 Rules of Use for Events and Recycling Centers

- Please wear your mask.
- Materials must be in the hatchback area or trunk of the vehicle.
- Please remain in your vehicle; site staff will unload for you.
- Please see website for full list of Covid-related Rules of Use.



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