Grundy County Green Guide

The Grundy County Green Guide was developed by the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office to provide Grundy County residents with solutions to recycling and solid waste obstacles. The solutions provided in this guide focus on ways to reuse/recycle or dispose of items that should not be land filled due to their hazardous nature and IEPA laws.

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Environmental & Recycling Websites

Illinois Recycling Association:	www.illinoisrecycles.org
US Environmental Protection Agency:	www.epa.gov
IL Environmental Protection Agency:	www.epa.gov
Pollution Control Board:	https://pcb.illinois.gov/
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:	www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx
Earth's 911:	www.earth911.com
National Recycling Coalition:	https://nrcrecycles.org/
Environmental Industry Association:	www.wasterecycling.org
Solid Waste Association of North America:	www.swana.org
Vermicomposting:	www.redwormcomposting.com
Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation:	www.prba.org
Glass Packaging Institute:	www.gpi.org
American Plastics Council:	www.americanchemistry.com/plastics
Recycling sites	www.world.org/weo/recycling
Environmental Tech Schools	https://www.trade-schools.net/environmental/
Six pack plastic ring recycling	www.ringleader.com
Crayon Recycling	www.crazycrayons.com
World Wildlife Global Network	www.worldwildlife.org
Sierra Club	www.sierraclub.org
Free Cycle	www.freecycle.org
Earth Day Network for April 22	www.earthday.org
Your Guide to Composting	www.howtocompost.org
Environlink provides environmental information	https://www.environmentalscience.org/
For businesses and citizens	www.envirolink.org
Mother Nature Network	www.mnn.com



Kids Webpages

Green Crafts	www.greenkidcrafts.com www.favecrafts.com www.freekidscrafts.com/recycled-crafts/ www.planetpals.com www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/04/recycled-art-project-for-kids-2.html www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/ www.education.com/activity/kindergarten/recycled-crafts/ www.favecrafts.com/Earth-Day-Crafts/16-Recycle-Crafts-for-Kids www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-learn-recycling/ www.kinderart.com/recycle www.happyscribbles.net/recycled-art.php https://www.weareteachers.com/
Environmental Issues	www.kids.niehs.nih.gov www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/5-environmental-activities-for-kids https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/ https://study.com/academy/lesson/environmental-issues-lesson-for-kids.html http://www.nea.org/tools/environmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html
Wind Energy for Kids	www.cecsb.org www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=wind_home-basics
Recycling Games	www.kidsrecyclingzone.com www.pbskids.org www.kid-at-art.com www.planetpals.com
Composting for Kids	www.mykidsadventures.com/five-fun-composting-projects-for-kids/



Family Webpages

Outdoor Activities	www.nwf.org www.Familyfitness.about.com www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/
Composting	www.epa.gov/compost/ www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/ www.howtocompost.org www.compostinstructions.com
Crafts	www.familycrafts.about.com www.funfamilycrafts.com www.aboutfamilycrafts.com

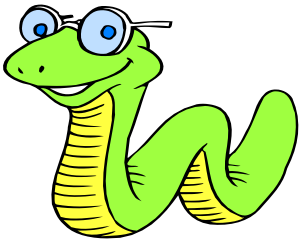


Teacher/Homeschool/Webpages

www.neefusa.org
www.earthforce.org
www.discoveryeducation.com
www.epa.gov
www.treepeople.org
www.edutopia.org
https://teachheart.org/
https://www.epa.gov/students
https://www.teachervision.com/
http://learningforaction.com/lfa-blogpost/environmental-education-for-kids
http://www.nea.org/tools/EnvironmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html
https://www.kindergarten-lessons.com/environmental_education_for_kids/
https://www.edutopia.org/topic/environmental-education
https://www.plt.org/curriculum/environmental-education-for-early-childhood/



Gardening/Composting Webpages



Vermicomposting

www.compostguide.com/vermicomposting
www.compostguy.com
www.allthingsorganic.com
www.planetnatural.com
www.redwormcomposting.com
https://rodaleinstitute.org/science/articles/vermicomposting-for-beginners/
https://www.thespruce.com/vermicomposting-setting-up-a-worm-bin-2539503

Organic Gardening

www.bhg.com
https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2015/03/17/tips-starting-organic-garden
https://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/teacher_resources/project_ideas/organic_garden/
https://www.thespruce.com/basics-for-gardening-organically-1402445
https://www.joyusgarden.com/tips-on-organic-vegetable-gardening/
https://joegardener.com/podcast/raised-bed-gardening-pt-1/

Teen Webpages



Environmental Issues

www.epa.gov
www.nea.org

Improving communities

www.earthforce.org/

Environmental Literacy Council
Teen issues for air, food, energy and water

www.enviroliteracy.org

Environmental Activities

https://www.weareteachers.com/10-cool-ways-for-teens-to-celebrate-earth-day/

Environmental Fun for Summer

https://frogmom.com/earth-day-activities-for-teens/

Materials banned from Landfills

Material	Ban Date	Recycling/Disposal Choices
• Electronic Waste	2012	see page 15
• Mercury Thermostats	2011	see page 18
• Lead Acid Batteries	1990	see page 11
• Household Fluorescent Bulbs/High Intensity Light Bulbs	1997	see page 18
• Motor Oil	1996	see page 21
• Tires	1994	see page 24
• Household Medical Waste	1993	see page 20
• White Goods (Large appliances, etc.)	1994	see page 9
• High Hazardous Waste		see page 20
• Landscape Waste	1990	see page 13



Residents

If you live in an unincorporated area, it is your responsibility to obtain the services of a licensed waste hauler through subscription service. All municipalities have contracts with individual haulers to collect waste within their boundaries. To check on specifics within your municipal curbside waste/recycling program, call your village hall and/or hauler.

Braceville Village Hall
300 S. Mitchell Street
Braceville, IL 60407
815-237-8655

Carbon Hill Village Hall
695 N. Holcomb Street
Carbon Hill, IL 60416
815-634-4968

Channahon Village Hall
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-6644

Coal City Village Hall
515 S. Broadway Street
Coal City, IL 60416
815-634-8608

Diamond Village Hall
1750 E. Division Street
Diamond, IL 60416
815-634-8149

Dwight Village Hall
209 S. Prairie Avenue
Dwight, IL 60420
(815) 584-3077

East Brooklyn Village Hall
Box 338
South Wilmington, IL 60474
815-237-2829

Gardner Village Hall
302 N. Center Street
Gardner, IL 60424
815-237-2592

Godley Village Hall
150 S. Kankakee Street
Braceville, IL 60407
815-458-2222

Kinsman Village Hall
Box 836
Kinsman, IL 60437
815-392-4269

Mazon Village Hall
520 Depot Street/P.O. Box 33
Mazon, IL 60444
815-448-2206

Minooka Village Hall
121 E. McEvilly Road
Minooka, IL 60447
815-467-2151

Morris City Hall
700 N. Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-0103

S. Wilmington Village Hall
380 Lake Street
South Wilmington, IL 60474
815-237-2241

Verona Village Hall
427 Division Street
Verona, IL 60479
815-287-2214

County—Licensed Waste Haulers

Residential waste haulers are required to collect, waste, and recyclables produced by the customers of either residents or commercial/industrial users. Haulers have the right to refuse collection of recyclables which are prepared incorrectly or contain garbage. Haulers are required to provide trash and recyclables collection. Any other specific questions in regard to the type of waste that is picked up, dates and times of that pick up, and general complaints should be directed to the city hall or the waste hauler directly.

Republic Services
808 S. Joliet St.
Joliet, IL 60436
815-774-3953

Waste Management
2100 Moen Avenue
Rockdale, IL 60430
815-796-9696

Lakeshore Recycling
2145 Moen Ave
Joliet, IL 60434
815-725-4555

Homewood Disposal
dba Nuway Disposal
1501 West 175th Street
Homewood, IL 60430
(708) 798-1004

Joliet Disposal & Recycling
509 Rowell Ave
Joliet, IL 60433
815-409-4600

Midwest Paper Retriecer
509 Rowel Ave
Joliet, IL 60433



Appliance/White Goods Recycling

Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, and large appliances are considered White Goods and are banned from our landfills. The hazardous components, which include mercury, CFC gases, and PCB's are dangerous for our environment and need to be disposed of properly. Here are some options:

Contact your waste hauler for pickup options or the following local companies for hours for drop off:

Fairway Recycling
1124 E. Washington St.
Morris, IL
815-941-4550
Mon-Fri 7-4:00 PM
Saturday 7-1:00 PM
No Dehumidifiers

Hierz Scrap
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, IL
815-287-2445
Mon-Fri 8-4:00 PM
Saturday 7:30-Noon



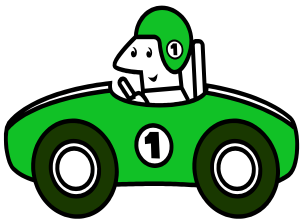
Automobiles, RVs, Boats, and Motorcycles Donations

The following websites provide options on the donations of automobiles, RVs and motorcycles:

www.carsforveterans.org

www.Kars4kids.org

www.800charitycars.org



Motor Oil

Auto Zone
1220 Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 416-1081

Walmart Tire and Lube
333 U.S. Route 6
Morris, IL 60450
(815)942-5981

Auto Zone
525 US Route 6
Minooka, IL 60447
(815) 467-1263

Advanced Auto Parts
1135 E. Division
Coal City, IL 60416
(815) 634-8852

Motor Oil Filters

O'Reilly Auto Parts
312 Collins Street
Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 740-0600
*Oil filters and used oil



AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Batteries—Lead Acid Battery Recycling

Fairway Recycling
1124 E. Washington
Morris, IL
(815) 941-4550

AutoZone
1220 Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 416-1081

Ace Iron & Metals Inc.
11 3rd Avenue
Joliet, IL
(815) 723-2612
Auto parts/batteries

Hierz Scrap
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, IL
(815) 287-2445

Advance Auto Parts
2510 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 730-7428

Auto Zone
525 W. U.S. Route 6
Minooka, IL 60447
(815) 467-1263

Advance Auto Parts
1135 E. Division
Coal City, IL 60416
(815) 634-8552

Olson's Auto/Scrap Metal
354 West Jackson Street
Seneca, IL 61360
(815) 357-8625





Antifreeze/Transmission Fluids

Advance Auto Parts
2510 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 730-7428

Firestone Complete Auto Care
601 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60435
(815) 768-3926

Automobile Tires See page 23

Household Battery Recycling—Rechargeable/Nickel Cadmium

Grundy County: through Battery Solution Buckets:

Grundy County Admin Bldg.
1320 Union St.
Morris, IL

Coal City Public Library
85 N. Garfield St.
Coal City, IL

Morris Public Library
604 Liberty St.
Morris, IL

Morris City Hall
700 N. Division St.
Morris, IL

Other Drop off Locations:

Whittmore Hardware
(rechargeable only)
& Lithium
221 Bedford Road
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-6240

Home Depot
All Battery types
621 Brookforest Ave.
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 725-6301

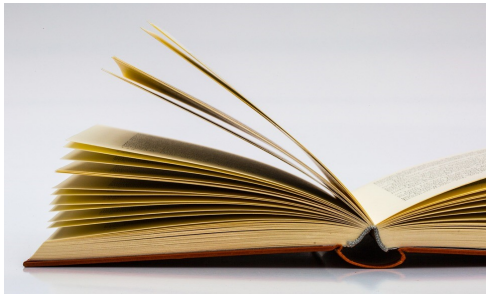


Bike Recycling

All American Recycling
2285 New Lennox Road
Joliet, IL
(815)722-0200



St. Vincent DePaul
1427 N. Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-9288



Book Reuse

SCARCE—Books and School Supplies
Drop off location and pick up
799 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 2
Suite 108
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
(630) 545-9710

Community libraries:
Morris Public Library; 604 Liberty St., Morris, IL 815-942-6880
Coal City Public Library; 85 N. Garfield, Coal City, IL 815-634-4552
Fossil Ridge Library; 386 W. Kennedy Rd, Braidwood, IL 815-458-2187
Three Rivers Library Channahon; 25207 W. Channon Road, 815-467-6200
Three Rivers Library Minooka; 109 N. Wabena, 815-467-1600

Book Drives for Children
Bernie's Book Bank
917 North Shore Drive
Lake Bluff, IL
(847)780-7323

-Grundy County Book Drive
(once per year)

Grundy County Toy Drive
November/December of Each Year
Grundy County Land Use Department/other locations
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-3229

Cellular Phone Recycling and Reuse

Staples
992 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 609-2387

Target
1111 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 609-6800

Best Buy
3351 Mall Loop Drive
Joliet, IL 60431
(815) 609-0771

A-Team Recyclers
304 Gregory Court
Shorewood, Il 60404
(877) 635-1220

bigskyrecycling.com
* go to the above site to ship your used cell phone, and tablets to charity.



CFL Bulbs

For more information on CFL/mercury disposal, visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling

Home Depot
621 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60431
(815) 725-6301

Lowe's
2480 East Lincoln Hghwy
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815)215-6000

To purchase kits for recycling the following companies may be contacted:
Air Cycle Corporation (800) 909-9709
LampMaster; (888) 470-4835
Everlights Lamps and Ballasts; (877) 934-9873



Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling

Southwind RAS, LLC
2252 Southwind Blvd
Bartlett, IL 60103
(630)233-5700 (shingles, concrete, brick, asphalt)

GreenWay Resource Recovery, LLC
2100 S. Kilbourn Avenue
Chicago, IL 60623
(773) 522-0025 (landscaping/roof/concrete/brick/metals)

American Recycling and Disposal
2100 Madison Street
Maywood, IL 60153
(630)506-9977 (Dirt/concrete/ferrous metals/plastic)

C & D Recycling
2300 Carlson Drive
Northbrook, IL 60602
(847) 291-1222 (dumpsters for CCDD)

All American Recycling
2285 New Lenox Rd., Joliet, IL
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 722-0200 (scrap metals)

Henson Disposal
2148 TriLakes Road
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 829-5022 (All CCDD)

JKS Ventures, Inc.
3800 W. Lake Street
Melrose Park, IL 60160
(708) 338-3408 (mixed demo/wood/brush/brick/metals)

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc.
3152 S. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608
(773) 579-0100 (roll off dumpsters for mixed)

Sexton Clean Construction and Demolition Debris
22100 S. Central Avenue
Richton Park, IL 60471
(224) 212-1251 (Clean Construction Demolition Debris)

FJV Development LLC
2951 Mound Road
Joliet, IL 60645
(708) 774-9300 (clean fill/concrete/sand/brick/rock)

Will County Habitat for Humanity Restore
2112 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435
(815)714-7011 (Deconstruction Services to salvage items)

Narvick Brothers
1037 Armstrong Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-1173 (concrete)





Clothing & Textiles Reuse/Recycling

Goodwill Store
414 Arthur Ave
Morris, IL
(815) 941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul Store
Drop off Donation/Sales
1427 Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-9288

UsAgain
www.usagain.com
(800) 604-9533
Ten boxes in Grundy

The Salvation Army
126 S. Bloomington Street
Streator, IL 61364
(815) 672-2746

Locations for the UsAgain Drop off Boxes:
First Christian Church, 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris
Park St. UCC, 806 Park Street, Mazon
Verona Methodist, 433 Ann, Verona
Three Rivers School, 24150 W. Ford Road, Channahon
Our Savior's Lutheran Church 300 E Union St, Seneca
Marathon 330 N. Main St, Seneca
First Presbyterian Church, 406 S. Lincoln St, Channahon
Reed-Custer HS, 249 Comet Dr, Braidwood

Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA.org for drop off boxes in Grundy County

AMVETS http://www.ilamvets.org/HowToHelp/ClothingGoodsDonations/ScheduleaPickup/tabid/108/Default.aspx



Compost Facilities/Landscape Waste Transfer Stations

On Farm Compost Facility
Joyce Farms Recycling
13253 W. 3000 N. Road
Essex, IL
815-426-2133

Compost Facility
Land and Lakes Company
1371 N. Joliet Road
Romeoville, IL

Compost Supply Inc.
2970 Route 52
Newark, IL 60541

Christiansen Farms
12151 Wilmington Road
Peotone, IL
(708) 259-7355
Accepts grass clippings, branches and leaves
Must be free of glass, plastic and rocks
Landscape Companies and residents welcome

Organix Composting
19065 Hickory Creek Drive, Suite 240
Mokena, IL 60448







Electronics Recycling

Grundy County Events: The Land Use Department periodically will hold Electronic Collection events. See our webpage at www.grundcyo.org or page 28 of this guide for more details.

IEPA WEBPAGE: www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/

A-Team Recyclers
304 Gregory Ct
Shorewood, IL 60404
815-630-4308
a-teamrecyclers.com

Best Buy Stores will accept the following electronics:

Best Buy will Accept these Electronics for Free/Potential discount on future purchase—All in one computers, battery back ups (UPS), cables, cd/dvd drive, computer speakers/controllers, memory, mice and keyboards, modems/routers/hubs, web cams, netbooks, desktops, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, laptops, printers/ scanners/fax, sound/video cards, tablets and e-readers, batteries, cell phones and appliances (fee).

Best Buy will take for a Fee:
$25/each : CRT Monitors limited to 2/household/day
$25/each: CRT/Tube TVs limited to 2/household/day LESS THAN 32", and Flat panel TVs, LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50"

Best Buy Will Haul a TV from Your Home for a Fee:

$19.99 when a TV is delivered by Geek Squad or Best Buy Home Delivery (CRT/Tube and Projection will cost more—call your local store)

$99.99 to haul and properly recycle





Eye Glass & Hearing Aids Reuse Programs

Check with your Municipality, Township Hall or Library for the Lions Club sponsored programs.
In additions the following commercial businesses also collect these items:

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center
880 Bedford Road
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-5500
Hearing aids and glasses

Hearing Solutions
3223 North Liberty Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-4403
Hearing aids and hearing aid batteries

Pearl Vision
Hillcrest shopping center
1701 N. Larkin Avenue
Crest Hill, IL 60403
(815) 741-1140
*collect glasses for Lions Club

Walmart
Vision Centers
333 East US Route 6
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-5918





Fire Extinguishers & Smoke Detectors



Fire Extinguishers:

EFR Fire Equipment
19418 97th Ave, Suite 3
Mokena, IL
708-479-1889
By appointment
*Also accepts Lead Acid Batteries—No fee

Integrity Fire Equipment
1931 Cherry Hill Road
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 726-0503
Will take for recycle, Also refills/recharges call for prices

* To recycle an extinguisher –Discharge the extinguisher, remove the stem and drill a hole in the cylinder. Then it becomes recyclable.

Smoke Detectors:

FEMA's US Fire Administration recommends that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years, but what do you do with the smoke detector?

There are two types of smoke detectors—Ionization and photoelectric.

Photoelectric types may be disposed of in your regular trash as long as the battery is taken out.

Ionization types must be properly disposed of as there is a small amount of radioactive substance in the detector. Check with the manufacturer for a mail in program to properly dispose of them or the USPS website for phone numbers and address for return.

Flags



Flags are accepted for proper disposal at the following locations:

Whittmore Ace Hardware stores:

Morris
221 W. Bedford Rd.
815-942-6240

Coal City
1025 E. Division St.
815-634-8898

Minooka
855 S. Ridge Rd.
815-467-7300

Also:

VFW
309 McKinley Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-0605

American Legion
212 West Washington St
Morris, IL
(815) 942-0183

Three Rivers Libraries at
109 N. Wabena St in Minooka (815-467-1600)
and
25207 W. Channon Dr. in Channahon (815-467-6200)

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

Kits:

Everlights
8027 N. Lawndale Ave.
Skokie, IL
877-934-9873
Call for details/charges



Air Cycle Corporation
Recycling Services and Equipment
2200 Ogden Avenue, Suite 100
Lisle, IL 60532
800-909-9709
www.aircycle.com
Commercial and Business Recycling
Also collects commercial batteries, ballast, e-scrap and waste.

"Freecycle" www.freecycle.org

This network provides individuals and non profit organizations an electronic forum to recycle unwanted items. Membership is free and is open to all individuals who want to participate.

To participate in the Morris Freecycle Group visit:

www.freecycle.org/group/US/Illinois/Morris

Furniture

Goodwill
414 Arthur Ave.
Morris, IL.
(815)941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul
1427 N. Division
Morris, IL
(815) 942-9288

Salvation Army
Operation Home Front
Furniture Bank



HHW— Naperville Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Permanent HHW IEPA Drop Off Facility General Information

Naperville HHW — Free to all Illinois residents
Located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
Hours Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, excluding holidays
Www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
(630) 420-6095

Accepted HHW Items:

- Oil based paint, stain, varnish, and solvents
- Automobile fluids such as oil, antifreeze, gas etc.
- Aerosol cans
- Household cleaners and pool chemicals
- Mercury
- Propane tanks (20 lb.)
- Poison, pesticides, fertilizer and insecticides
- Flammables
- Sealed fluorescent light bulbs, tubes and CFLs
- Hobby chemicals and unknowns
- Batteries (auto, sump pump, marine, non-alkaline)
- Asbestos materials that fit a 55 gal barrel
- Fire Extinguishers
- Prescription non-controlled and over the counter medications
- Peanut oil
- Solvents and strippers
- Thermostats
- Unknown hazardous substances
- Household batteries including car/sump
- Expired and unused prescription medications, non-controlled and over the counter

Not-Accepted Items:

- Ammunition
- Empty Spray cans
- Helium tanks
- Radioactive materials
- Smoke Detectors
- Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood, Styrofoam
- Trash and Non-hazardous Materials
- Unopened useable consumer products
- Sharps
- Tires
- Compressed Gas (not propane)
- Explosives
- Latex Paint
- Alkaline Batteries

Call the Naperville Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 for other disposal options.

NO BUSINESS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Procedure for Drop off:

To safely transport hazardous materials, make sure containers are securely sealed. Materials should be left in their original containers with a legible label. Do not mix chemicals together. Place containers in a box lined with plastic and a layer of kitty litter as protection against a spill or leak. Transport items in the trunk of your car and have them clearly marked.

When you arrive at the drop off facility, please stay within your vehicle. You will need to provide the technician with information verifying the county in which you reside.



PROPER Latex Paint Disposal

How to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint:

- Steel Cans with less than one inch of material may be opened and dried. Once the paint is dried keep the lid off of the can and dispose of in regular trash.
- Larger quantities may be reused or recycled. Please store the paint in an area where they will not be frozen at any time. Contact neighbors, friends, non-profits who may take the material as a donation.
- Larger quantities take additional drying time. Cat litter, oil dry, sand or sawdust is recommended as a low cost absorbent material that may be mixed with the latex paint to speed the drying process. The can and material must be placed in the refuse when complete: due to the absorbent and quantity of paint, this cannot be placed in the recycling program.

Paint Recycling Programs:

- Check Grundy County Events Calendar. Grundy County holds a Paint Recycling Event, March-October. Fees will be applied. Please call 815-941-3228 to set up an appointment.

Household Medical Waste



Medical waste generated in households is not regulated like medical waste produced by hospitals and other health care facilities. Pharmaceuticals can enter the water supply via sink, toilets, or trash disposal. Hence, there is great potential for these harmful chemicals ending up in our lakes, rivers, and ground water. Effects of improper disposal of this waste has already be shown to have negative effects on aquatic ecosystem. Trace amounts of certain medications have also been found in drinking water.

Used "sharps," such as hypodermic or intravenous needles, also pose a danger of accidental exposure to blood born pathogens. All sharps should be recapped and placed in rigid plastic containers such as detergent bottles. The lid should be placed back on these containers and they should be clearly labeled "sharps" or "needles".

Below is a listing of locations that will take unwanted sharps and medications that once collected will be properly disposed of through incineration under IEPA standards.

Grundy County Administration Building
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL
(815)941-3360
May drop off M-F from 8A-4:30P
To the Coroner's Office
Sharps and Meds accepted

Morris and Minooka Police Departments
700 N. Division Street (Morris)
121 McEvilly Road (Minooka)
***Container in Lobby for unwanted medication Only**—No syringe/needles.



Channahon Police Dept. **(Medication Only)**
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-5152

Minooka Police Department
121 McEvilly Road
Minooka, IL 60447
(815) 467-2300

Morris Police Department
200 East Chapin Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-2131

Landfills and Transfer Stations

Waste Management Joliet Transfer Station
2850 Mound Road
Joliet, IL (800)963-4776
Accepts municipal solid waste, and construction debris
No hazardous or special waste
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Livingston Landfill
Pontiac, IL (815)844-3911
14206 E. 2100 Road North
Municipal, non-hazardous & special waste
Call for details.

LandCom -Republic Landfill
Illinois Valley Recycling
2840 E. 13th Road, Ottawa, IL (815)434-1808
Accepts municipal, non-hazardous and special waste.
Accepts clean recyclables at no charge.
wastes. Call for details.

Oil Recycling (see Automotive also)

Since oil is banned from landfills those who change their own oil must dispose of it properly. The following local merchants will accept your used motor oil. It is advisable to contact the following vendors prior to bringing your used oil to their facility. Do not leave or dump your oil containers outside a facility. Doing so may jeopardize future program alternatives for residents.

See Page 9 for Automotive Recycling Opportunities.

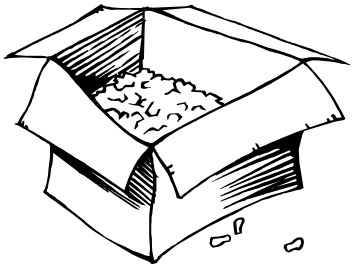


Packing Peanuts / Bubble Wrap - Reuse or Recycling

Peanuts can be made from plastic, vegetable, or cellulose. If they dissolve under water, they are biodegradable and can be composted. If they are plastic they can be added to the bottom of planters to improve water drainage or mixed into hard packed soil for improved drainage in the garden.

Ship N' Mail Business Services
601 N. Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
815-941-4140

Post Net
1147 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
815-230-2222





Pallet Recycling

Pallets Recycling & Disposal
491 W. 2000S Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-4968

Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling

Jewel-Osco (Morris and Minooka)
1414 N. Division St. (Morris)
2051 Ridge Road (Minooka)

Wal-Mart Supercenter
333 E. Route 6
Morris, IL
(815)942-6306

Verdeco Plastics Inc.
23315 South Youngs Road
Channahon, IL
(815)255-1585 **Call first

Target
1111 Brookforest
Shorewood, IL
(815) 609-6800

Most major grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags and newspaper wrappers. They usually have containers near the entrance of the store for collection. Businesses ask that only clean and dry bags be placed into the containers and all other materials, like receipts, be removed. Check with local dry cleaners to see if they accept used dry cleaning bags and hangers.

Use Reusable Grocery Bags



Reusable bags save trees
Reusable bags save water
Reusable bags save gas and oil
Reusable bags help air pollution
Reusable bags help our oceans
Reusable bags help our sea creatures
Reusable bags save 700+ bags over the span of their lifetime!
Reusable bags help our families!

Polystyrene Recycling/Reuse

There are limited options for block or expanded polystyrene - EPS. Encourage companies to take the recycling possibilities into consideration when deciding upon packaging options.

Ship N' Mail Business Services, (815)941-4140, 601 N. Division in Morris will accept block and expanded polystyrene (EPS) for use in their packing and shipping operations. Please call first.

Verdeco Plastics Inc.
23315 South Youngs Road
Channahon, IL
www.verdecoplastics.com
(815)255-1585

Propane Tanks



Hicksgas
415 South Division Street
Braidwood, IL
(815)458-2373
Will take empty and partial tanks for a charge ($10.00) per tank in them for a charge. Call first.

Grainco FS
202 W. Route 71
Newark, IL 60541
(815) 695-1067
Will take 20gal grill tanks
Free of charge for recycling



Rain Barrels

Water conservation is important for our planet! Many areas in drought conditions put watering restrictions in place to conserve.

Rain barrels are a good method of collecting water to be used specifically for the watering of gardens and houseplants. All rain barrels should be constructed such that there is a netting to prevent insects, especially mosquitos, from breeding in the water.

Rain barrels are made in many different colors and shapes to add to the décor of your garden areas.

Places in which you may purchase a rain barrel include but are not limited to:
Home improvement stores: Menards, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes etc.
Upcycle Products Inc. (815)735-9583, located 570 W. Gore Rd. in Morris

Refrigerators/Freezers/Washers/Dryers

* Will also take Steel, Copper, Brass, Stainless Steel, Aluminium *

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.
11 3rd Avenue
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 723-2612
Donates Aluminum Cans
To Lurie Children's Hospital

Fairway
1124 E. Washington
Morris, IL
(815) 941-4550
Appliance fee $35

Hierz Scrap Service
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, IL
(815) 287-2445
Call ahead

Reuse & Resale Shops



Are there some things that you have too much of, are just tired of, or have out-grown? There are shops that will take your items from you, and sometimes, you can even make money from them. The best part is that it will save them from going into a landfill! The list below can give you a start:

Goodwill
414 Arthur Ave.
Morris 815-941-2411
Accepts good clean and re-usable clothing and household items

St. Vincent DePaul
1427 N. Division St.
Morris 815-942-9288
Accepts good, clean and re-useable clothing and household items

New Beginnings
312 High St
Morris 815-513-3964
Accepts household items
No –Books, clothes, toys or large appliances

True North
539 Bedford Rd
Morris 815-705-0161
Consignment shop to set Up your own little thrift spot

Tchotchkes
1013 Liberty St
Morris 815-274-7427
Accepts donations and on consignment
No electronics or clothes at this time

Tire Recycling & Disposal (2024 prices)

Steve's Tire Center
514 N. Liberty
Morris, IL
(815) 942-5080
$3.50 car and truck

Mazon Auto
501 East Street
Mazon, IL
(815) 448-2122
$4.00 car and truck, $25 Semi

Tire Tracks
129 E. Jackson Street
Morris, IL
(815) 942-0001
$4.00 car and truck only

Treadstone Tire Recycling
175 South Des Plaines Street
Joliet, IL 60436
(815) 726-4644
$12 for large semi, $2 for car and truck

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$12 for large semi, $2 for car and truck

McCoy Union 76
Rte. 6 and Tryon
Channahon, IL
(815) 467-2258
$7.00 car and truck, $15.00 Semi

Keep your eyes peeled, Grundy County has a free tire recycle event once per year!!



Toner/Inkjet Printer Cartridges

Many programs exist that will accept used cartridges for cash, credit. Internet provides many groups and companies that will provide incentives for recycling. Below is a listing of a few:

Staples Reward
992 Brookforest Ave
Shorewood, IL 60404
815-609-2387

Walmart
333 Us 6
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-6306



Office Depot Program
Officedepot.com

inkrecycling.org
*Pays you for your empty cartridges

Schools may also participate in fund raisers by having their own recycling drive, go to planetgreenrecycle.com
Cartridges for Kids School Fundraiser—(877) 987-3678

Unwanted Advertising Mail

The mail you receive may have a section that lists an address for you to notify the company of your desire to be removed from any future mailings, or eliminated from the selling of your name to other mailing companies.

The following address and information will eliminate you from the registry for Direct Marketing and Credit Bureaus.

Mail Preference Service
Direct Marketing Assoc.
NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036
202-955-0085
Dmachoice.org

Consumer Reporting Companies
5 year opt out
(888) 567-8688
www.optoutprescreen.com
emails, mails and calls

Direct Marketers Telemarketing
www.donotcall.gov
(888) 382-1222

ecocycle.com

Commercial Waste Haulers and Recyclers - Grease

Apex Waste Services
P. O. Box 3635
Joliet, IL
815-744-8910

Mahoney Environmental
1819 Moen Avenue
Joliet, IL
800-892-9392



Kaluzny Brothers Inc.
1528 Mound Road
Rockdale, IL
815-744-1453

Aurora Tallow, Inc.
28W440 Main Street
Warrenville, IL
(630) 393-6806

Waste Haulers for Scrap Metal

Fairway Recycling Co.
1124 E. Washington
Morris, Illinois
815-941-4550

Belson Scrap & Steel Inc.
1685 IL-50
Bourbonnais, Illinois
815-932-7416

All American Recycling
2285 New Lennox Road
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 722-0200
aarecycles.com

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.
Commercial only
11 3rd Avenue
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 723-2612
aceironmetal.com

Hierz Scrap Service
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, Illinois
815-287-2445

For additional information about companies that recycle scrap metal and other items such as white goods, please see the Appliance/White Goods Recycling section in this guide.

Recyclers of Paper/Shredders of Documents

Paper Recyclers with bin collection throughout Grundy County:

Midwest Paper Retriever
509 Rowell Ave
Joliet, IL 60433
Phone: 312-841-4460

MPR Grundy County Box Locations

Morris Locations :

- Nettle Creek School: 8820 Scott School Rd, Morris, IL - paper route
- Saratoga Elementary School: 4040 North Division Street, Morris, IL - eco route
- Utility Concrete: 2495 Bungalow Road, Morris, IL -eco route
- Morris School District 54: 2001 Dupont Ave., Morris, IL - eco and paper routes
- Shabbona Middle School: 725 School Street, Morris, IL -eco and paper routes
- Morris High School: 1000 Union Street, Morris, IL -paper route
- Grundy Chamber of Commerce: 909 Liberty Street, Morris, IL -paper route
- Morris City Hall: 700 north division Street, Morris, IL -paper route
- Grundy County Sheriff Department: 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, IL - paper
- Morris Public Library: 604 Liberty Street, Morris, IL - paper route
- White Oak Elementary: 2001 Dupont Ave, Morris, IL -eco and paper routes

Minooka Locations:

- Minooka Community High School: 203 W. Mondamin Street, Minooka, IL -paper
- Minooka Elementary School: 400 W. Coady Dr., Minooka, IL - paper route
- Minooka Primary Center: 305 W. Church St., Minooka, IL - paper route
- Minooka Intermediate School: 321 McEvily Rd., Minooka, IL -paper route
- Minooka Jr High: 333 McEvily Rd., Minooka, IL -paper route
- Aux Sable Elementary: 1004 Misty Creek Dr., Minooka, IL -paper route

Coal City Locations:

- Coal City Public Library: 85 N. Garfield Street, Coal City, IL - eco route
- Assumption Catholic Church: 245 S. Kankakee Street, Coal City, IL - paper route
- USPS Coal City: 495 S. Broadway Street, Coal City, IL -paper route
- Coal City Middle School: 500 S. Carbon Hill Rd., Coal City, IL -paper route

Document Shredding Companies

Shred X
330 North First Street
Wilmington, IL 60481
(815) 476-6616

West Rock
1601 East Mountain St
Aurora, IL 60505
(630) 898-4231;
Public Wednesday Free 1-5:00 PM
Business Tues, Thurs Free 10-1:00PM

Midwest Fiber, Inc.
422 White Oak Road
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 452-0064

Shark Shredding
18811 South 90th Ave.; Suite 1
Mokena, IL 60448
(866) 702-3619

Shred-It
115 West Lake Drive #200
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
(877) 817-1211

Shred Nations Via UPS Store
249 East Route 6
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 267-9302

Important Information on Open Burning in Grundy County

Within City or Village Limits:

If you live within an incorporated city or village of Grundy County, please check with your local municipalities for local regulations.

Unincorporated Grundy County areas:

The following are the open burning allowances for areas in unincorporated Grundy County:

- Open burning is allowed only for dry landscape waste.
- Dry landscape waste includes tree trunks, branches, shrubs, and plants from gardens. Also includes all dry grass.
- Dry landscape waste the is burned must be generated from the parcel in which it is burned.
- Burning is allowed from October 15 to May 1.
- Time for burning Monday through Friday is 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and weekends from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- No burning should take place when the wind speed is greater than ten (10) miles per hour.
- Burning shall occur such that the burn pile is greater than twenty (20) feet from any building, structure and greater than twenty (20) feet from any property line.
- Proper supervision by an adult should be continuous during the burn until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher or water source shall be available at all times during the burning and to completely and thoroughly extinguish the fire.
- Garbage, construction materials., tires or lumber are prohibited to be burned during an open burn.

Exceptions to the open burning requirements:

- Recreational fire is an outdoor fire for warmth, cooking, where the fire is not larger than three feet by three feet by three feet.
- Fire Department control burns that have IEPA permits.
- Agricultural control fires.
- IDNR or state licensed contractors who are completing landscape or prairie control burns.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please call my office if you should have questions concerning these regulations.

Heidi H. Miller
Land Use Director
(815) 941-3229
hmiller@grundycountyil.gov

County Recycling and Garbage Requirements

The Land Use Department's Environmental and Resource Conservation Office or ERCO regulates the waste haulers, improper garbage disposal, and open dumping issues for the unincorporated areas of Grundy County.

Below is a brief description of how our office may be able to assist you better:

Open Dumping:

As open dumping is a hazard not only for people but also negatively effects species of the water, land and air, it is prohibited and violators are required to comply with County and IEPA state requirements for cleaning the property until compliance is met. Failure to comply will cause the case to be sent to the States Attorney's office.

Rental and Mobile Home Units:

Owners of rental units or managers of mobile home parks are required to provide both garbage and recycling services to their tenants. The garbage and recycling receptacles shall be large enough to serve all of the tenants and be kept in a clean and orderly manner.

Waste Haulers:

All waste haulers whether service communities in unincorporated or incorporated areas of the county are required to hold an annual waste hauler license with our office. By receiving the insurance statements, our office ensures that if any public portion is damaged based on their trucks or dumpsters, the company has the means to correct those damages.

We also ask each hauler how much in tons of solid waste and recyclables that they collect from Grundy County. This helps us to see how much is created within our county and also what our recycling rate is at present. Our office provides outreach in many ways through our different recycling events throughout the year and also this document to help residents/children learn how to recycle and follow the other three Rs of reducing, reusing, and respecting the earth.

Nuisance Ordinance:

This office enforces one portion of the nuisance ordinance in regard to junk or refuse accumulated on a property. As this not only causes aesthetic problems for the neighborhood, it also may create other health and safety issues by allowing rodents, insects, and mosquitos to thrive.

The complaints that our office investigates are always generated from a call or complaint that we receive in the office in regard to the conditions. We will investigate and take photos to ensure that there is a violation before sending a letter to the owner of the property.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will cause the case to be forwarded to the States Attorney's office for further action.