

# SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY

## WHAT IS SWALCO?

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL (SWALCO) was formed in 1991 to help manage the “municipal waste” of residents, businesses and institutions in Lake County. For the most part, municipal waste refers to garbage, recycling and yardwaste. The SWALCO Board of Directors has members from 37 communities, as well as Lake County, representing approximately 85% of the county’s population. SWALCO provides special services and information to help people dispose of their municipal waste, especially those materials that are difficult to get rid of (such as chemical waste). This brochure contains more information about our programs and your disposal options. **SWALCO does NOT provide trash or recycling hauling services - please call your village or city hall if you do not know who provides this service in your area.**



## RECYCLING PROGRAMS

While SWALCO does not provide the curbside recycling services most people are familiar with, the agency does offer other types of programs to encourage recycling in Lake County. In the **Green Zone Commercial Recycling** program, businesses receive commercial recycling services at no cost for a two-year period with funding provided by SWALCO and the host municipality. After two years, the business decides if it is going to continue recycling. Residents in apartments and townhomes can sometimes take advantage of the pilot **Multi-Family Recycling** programs that SWALCO offers. To learn more about these programs, please call the SWALCO Recycling Coordinator (847-336-9340 ext. 3) for more information.



## ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS

Do you have an outdated computer, old cell phone or other small electronic item gathering dust in your home? SWALCO offers special collections for these types of items, which pose the same sorts of threats to environmental and human health as household chemical waste. Electronic products may contain potentially hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury and cadmium, so please consider bringing them to one of our collections instead of throwing them out with the rest of your trash.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

One of SWALCO’s goals is to keep county residents informed about the disposal programs and alternatives available to them. To accomplish this goal, SWALCO supports its programs with publicity campaigns, the agency’s website, and public speakers for community events. In addition, agency staff advise companies in the trash hauling business as they communicate with their customers.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION

Whether you are a teacher or youth group leader, SWALCO has something to offer you in terms of the "4R's" (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover). SWALCO is committed to helping Lake County educators meet Illinois Learning Standards while providing fun, hands-on learning experiences. Besides in-school appearances and teacher workshops, SWALCO offers the Earth Flag Program to any public or private Lake County school. Over the course of a school-year, participating schools complete five basic criteria on their way to earning an Earth Flag, which is presented during a special ceremony. In addition, SWALCO created an educational website ([www.trash4kids.org](http://www.trash4kids.org)) to provide additional resources. Please call the SWALCO Public Information Officer (847-336-9340 ext. 4) for more information.



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# HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

## WHAT IS HCW?

Household Chemical Waste (HCW) and household hazardous waste are terms used to describe the fairly common chemical products found around the home from a variety of cleaning, painting, pest control and yard work activities. Keeping these chemicals out of our landfills and water resources helps protect both human and environmental health.



## HCW COLLECTION EVENTS

Because SWALCO is not permitted to host a permanent drop-off facility for these products, we offer several free collection events to Lake County residents. These events take place during the warmer months of the year in various locations around the county. Collections are advertised in local media and community outlets, as well as on our website ([www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)). You can also call the SWALCO office at (847) 336-9340 to find out when events will take place.

If waiting for a SWALCO event is not an option, there is a permanent Drop-off Facility in Naperville for Illinois state residents. This facility is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and is located one half mile south of the intersection of Hwy. 59 and Interstate 88 (behind the fire station at 1979 Brookdale). Please call (630) 420-6700 (code # 7559) for more information.

## WHAT'S ACCEPTED AT HCW COLLECTIONS?

### ACCEPTED

Products that contain the words “toxic,” “flammable,” “corrosive,” and/or “reactive” on their labels are accepted at events. Examples are:

oil-based paint	garden/lawn chemicals
solvents	pool chemicals
metal polishes	driveway sealer
paint remover	fungicides
hobby chemicals	insecticides
old prescriptions	pesticides
aerosol products	asbestos
household cleaners	household batteries (alkaline and rechargeable)
drain cleaner	
old gasoline	mercury (including thermometers and thermostats)
used motor oil	
antifreeze	

### NOT ACCEPTED

#### Latex paint

business waste  
fireworks  
explosives  
propane tanks  
farm chemical wastes  
fire extinguishers  
smoke detectors  
lead-acid batteries

please see reverse side for more information about these items

## LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL

Latex paint is not accepted at HCW collections. To help residents dispose of Latex paint, SWALCO provides free bags of crushed corn cobs in limited quantities at various locations. Please call the SWALCO office or check our website for distribution points. Instructions are listed on the label.



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# LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE RESOURCES

## TRASH HAULERS

Here is a list of other trash and recycling services and facilities available in Lake County:

Please call your trash hauler directly if you have questions about your service:  
BFI/ALLIANCE WASTE SYSTEMS (800) 344-5600  
ONYX WASTE SYSTEMS (847) 623-3870 (NE area) or (847) 272-4145 (SE area)  
CLEVELAND CORPORATION (847) 872-7200  
C&M RECYCLING (847) 578-1066  
GROOT (847) 689-1919 or (773) 242-1977  
JENSEN DISPOSAL (847) 566-0189  
MUNDELEIN DISPOSAL (847) 566-5159  
WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. (800) 796-9696



## LANDFILLS

Lake County trash ends up in one of three landfills. Call ahead for hours and tipping fees.  
ONYX LANDFILL 701 N. Green Bay Road - Zion (847) 731-5110  
COUNTRYSIDE LANDFILL 31725 N. Route 83 - Grayslake (847) 223-2722  
PHEASANT RUN Recycling & Disposal Facility 19414 60th Street - Bristol, WI (262) 857-7956

## RECYCLING FACILITIES

These facilities accept a variety of materials for recycling. This is a partial list, so please check your local phone book under "recycling" for additional locations in your area. Call ahead for hours and a complete list of accepted materials.

A-1 RECYCLING 96 Honing Road - Fox Lake (847) 587-0788  
ALAN JOSEPHSEN COMPANY 101 E. Maple - Mundelein (847) 949-0700  
C & M RECYCLING 1600 Morrow - North Chicago (847) 578-1066  
CLEVELAND CORPORATION 42810 Green Bay Road - Zion (847) 872-7200  
TOP DOLLAR RECYCLING 611 S. Lake - Mundelein (847) 949-8833



## MUNICIPAL RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

Some municipalities have drop-off centers for recycling. Except for the Grayslake facility, these centers accept recycling from their residents ONLY. Call ahead for hours and a complete list of accepted materials.

GRAYSLAKE - Route 83 & Berry Avenue (847) 223-8515  
LAKE BLUFF - 666 Rockland Road (847) 234-0774  
LAKE FOREST (Compost Center) - 1381 Kennedy Road (847) 234-2600  
VERNON HILLS (Public Works Facility) - 490 Greenleaf (847) 367-3700  
WAUKEGAN (Public Works Department) - 1700 McAree Road (847) 360-0944

## GENERAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

A wide variety of products are accepted for recycling. In general, paper products, glass, tin, aluminum, steel, and plastics numbered 1-5 are recyclable (look for a recycling symbol with a number on the bottom of the container). Please check with your waste hauler, or village or city hall, for specific instructions on what recyclables are accepted in your area. Several suggested guidelines for preparing your recycling include:

- Rinse all food and beverage containers; remove lids and caps.
- Keep paper separate from glass, plastics and metals.
- Flatten cardboard and reduce large pieces to 2'x2' sections.

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# HOW TO DISPOSE OF...

Here are some additional resources to help you out when curbside disposal is not an option. The most up to date information can be found on our website ([www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)). If you cannot find the type of item you are trying to dispose of listed here, please call the SWALCO office at (847) 336-9340 for help.

## ASBESTOS

Asbestos can pose a health threat when it is damaged or moved, therefore we ask that you do not transport it to HCW collection events. It is highly recommended that you contact an asbestos removal professional for disposal options. You can find these services under "asbestos abatement" in your local phone book.

## AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

There is a drop-off site for motor oil ONLY at the Lake Zurich Public Works facility (505 Telser Road), which is available to county residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Businesses such as Jiffy Lube, Lube Pro's, Oil Exchange and many full service automotive stations may accept used motor oil. They typically will not accept gasoline or anti-freeze. Please check your local phone book and call ahead to find out if a facility located in your area will accept motor oil for recycling. Automotive fluids are accepted at any HCW collection. Auto-motive parts can be referred to your local scrap yard. Check your local phone book for locations.

## BATTERIES

- Household batteries (e.g alkaline) may be disposed of with your regular garbage, or brought to a HCW collection.

- Rechargeable Batteries can be brought to a HCW collection or recycled through the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's "Charge Up to Recycle!" program. Call 1-800-8 BATTERY for information (and to locate a collection site in your zip code).

- Lead-acid automotive batteries can be recycled through most scrap dealers or retail automotive service centers such as Sears, Auto Zone, NAPA Auto Parts, PEP Boys, and Trak Auto stores. Check your local phone book for locations.

## BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Please check in your local phone book under "Garbage Removal," or call:

- American Recycling Systems (847) 949-4705
- Patriot Services, Inc (847) 395-7777

## ELECTRONICS

Most electronic goods, such as televisions and computer equipment, contain potentially harmful chemicals and should therefore be taken to a SWALCO collection or given to a company that specializes in electronics disposal. Please see the reverse side of this publication for further information about SWALCO Electronics Collections. The following companies can help you dispose of, and in some cases recycle or refurbish, your discards if SWALCO is not currently offering a collection.

DAUER BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (847) 855-2743

OXFORD METAL (773) 483-9300

SYSTEM SERVICE INTERNATIONAL (630) 629-9344

UNITED RECYCLING INDUSTRIES (630) 231-6060

Some companies offer mail-back recycling programs for equipment, and some businesses accept donations of old equipment, like cell phones. Please see [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) for further information.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are under pressure and may explode when combined with other materials, therefore they cannot be discarded with household trash or dropped off at a SWALCO collection event. Used fire extinguishers can be dropped off at Atlas-Martin Fire Extinguisher Co. in Gurnee. Call (847) 360-1333 for more information.

## FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

Although commercially generated fluorescent lights (or "lamps") are required by law to be handled separately from general trash, residents are allowed to dispose of them with the rest of their household garbage. If you are concerned about mercury disposal, SWALCO will accept fluorescent bulbs from residents at our HCW collections.

## MEDICAL WASTE

There are no regulations for residents disposing of medical wastes at home. However, garbage haulers sometimes have their own guidelines -- call the customer service number for your company to find out more information. The Health Department recommends placing "sharps" (such as needles) in a medical sharps disposal container or in a hard plastic bottle marked "Do Not Recycle," that is capped when full and placed in the garbage for disposal.

## MERCURY

When mishandled, broken mercury-containing products (such as thermometers) can pose a serious health threat. In order to protect human health and the environment, safe and proper storage of mercury is vital. Mercury-containing products have no alternative disposal options and must be saved for, and brought to, a HCW collection event.

### PROPANE TANKS

The most common type of pressurized container that residents need to dispose of is a propane tank. Most retailers such as Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Menards offer "propane exchange" programs if you are purchasing a new tank. In addition, there are propane companies that offer disposal services for a fee. Two are listed below, but you could also check your local phone book for other sites.

- Amerigas in Gurnee (847) 623-1555
- Hicksgas in Lake Villa (847) 356-8225

## SCRAP METALS

These facilities accept metal materials such as car parts, appliances, sheet metal, etc. This is a partial list, so please check your local phone book for additional scrap yards in your area. Call ahead for hours, location and a complete list of accepted materials.

A-1 RECYCLING - Fox Lake

(847) 587-0788

C&M RECYCLING - North Chicago

(847) 578-1066

TOM'S AUTO -Hainesville

(847) 546-5422

LAKE COUNTY SCRAP METAL - Prairie View

(847) 634-4747

### SMOKE DETECTORS

Homeowners can mail smoke alarms and smoke detectors back to their manufacturer by surface or UPS ground mail. Contact the manufacturer by phone for instructions.

## TIRES

State law requires that all retailers of new automotive tires accept used tires for recycling from consumers. A small fee is usually assessed per used tire. Check your local phone book for the locations of retailers, as well as for other tire specialty and general auto parts retail stores in your area.

## WHITE GOODS

The term "White Goods" refers to large appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, etc. Since they contain potentially harmful chemicals, there are guidelines that require special disposal of these items. Some residential refuse haulers provide pick-up services if a resident calls ahead, but different municipalities have different contracts for service. Check first with your village/city hall staff to find out what company provides which services in your area. If this type of service is not available, the following companies provide this service in Lake County (for a fee). Call to determine pricing and arrange pick-up of unwanted appliances.

- Barb's Salvage (847) 973-0105
- Environmental Services (800) 480-4337
- Mike's Appliances (773) 276-0599
- Tom's Auto in Hainesville accepts appliances if you can drop them off (847) 546-5422

### CFC/FREON REMOVAL

Some companies will remove harmful chemicals from appliances before disposal. Contact the following businesses for more information, or check your local phone book for other appliance service centers.

- Ames Refrigeration (847) 336-4119
- North Shore Refrigeration (847) 677-7100
- A&M Appliance (847) 587-1208

## YARDWASTE

If you have questions about curbside service for yard waste, call your trash hauler or village/city hall to find out what services are available. Townships and homeowners' associations may be able to contract for yardwaste collection on behalf of their residents.

Residents can bring landscape materials directly to one of the following compost facilities serving Lake County. Call ahead for hours of operation.

LDK 30120 N. Skokie Hwy - Lake Bluff

(847) 234-5499

THELEN 28955 Route 173 - Antioch

(847) 395-3313

LAND & LAKES 21488 N. Milwaukee Ave - Deerfield

(847) 520-1857

If leaf burning is allowed in your community and you need to burn, please be courteous to your neighbors. Contact your local fire department or village hall for regulations and/or a permit.

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# GOOD RIDDANCE!

## LAKE COUNTY'S GUIDE TO DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SOLUTIONS



TAKE A LOOK INSIDE TO FIND **ANSWERS**  
TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...AND MORE!

Who do I call if my trash doesn't get picked up?

Where can I drop off my recyclables?

How can I get rid of the chemicals in my basement?

What do I do with an old stove?

Are there any programs for schools?

Can I throw away my old computer?

What is SWALCO?

soy ink logo

30% post-consumer  
recycled fiber content

**PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE THIS BROCHURE!**

Save it and keep it handy to answer all of your waste-related questions later.

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