Madison County Recycling & Resource List

This is a listing of local resources and providers. Inclusion on this list is neither an endorsement nor promotion by the Madison County Government. Madison County staff recommends that residents contact and verify services of any vendor prior to use.

Madison County Community Recycling Centers
The Madison County Planning & Development Department funds seven (7) drop-off recycling stations throughout the county so residents without curbside recycling have a place to take their recyclable materials. An interactive map of the recycling drop-off locations can be found here – GIS Viewer

Accepted Materials: paper, cardboard, newspaper, #1-5 & #7 rigid plastic containers with lids and caps, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles & jars with lids and caps, magazines, junk mail, & chipboard.

Materials NOT ACCEPTED: #6 plastics or plastic film (bags, shrink wrap, etc).

- **Alton**: 1 Emma Kaus Lane, Past the Public Works building, behind the Maintenance Center and before Police Department Training Center
- **Edwardsville**: 2500 Troy Road, Home Depot parking lot
  **NOTE**: This container is not available on weekends
- **Granite City**: 25th Street at intersection with railroad tracks, Right next to railroad tracks
- **Hamel**: 403 Old US Route 66, Located at the Township maintenance shed and Hamel Community Fire Protection District Office
- **Marine**: 4303 Marine Road, Off Leopold, behind Marine Township Highway Garage, just past Vernon
- **Maryville**: 8 Schiber Court, Off Vadalabene, behind Boogie’s by Drost Park, Public Works Department and Community Library
- **New Douglas**: 8363 East Frontage Road, Across I-55 from the Pink Elephant Antique Mall, off Alhambra Road

Recycling other Materials
The Sustainability & Recycling staff often receive questions regarding where to recycle items that are not accepted in the curbside or drop-off bins. These include materials such as:

- Household Hazardous Waste – chemicals, cleaners, gasoline, oil, etc.
- Paint – Latex and Oil-based
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (including compact fluorescent lightbulbs – CFLs)
- Electronics & Appliances

Following is a summary of options for many of these items. If you still can’t find the items you wish to recycle listed on the Madison County Recycling Resource List, try Earth 911’s searchable database to find the nearest collection location.

**Do you have other recycling questions?** Contact the Planning & Development Department at 618.296.4468 or email sustainability@co.madison.il.us

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Automotive Batteries, Oil, & Gasoline

- Any place with “lube”, “mart,” “zone” in their name should accept oil & batteries, call local auto-parts stores for details & any fees associated
- Call beforehand to see if a business will take gasoline that needs recycled. If they can’t, then it is a household hazardous waste (see HHW section).
Batteries
- Car batteries, cell phone batteries and all rechargeable batteries can be recycled at the place where purchased.
- Most Radio Shacks will accept rechargeable batteries (the closest to Madison County is in Belleville: 5791 Belleville Crossing St, 618-235-4050)
- Batteries Plus in Glen Carbon – Non-alkaline batteries will be recycled for free, alkaline batteries will be charged 99 cents per pound. (3755 IL 159, Glen Carbon, 618-205-8395)

Books/Textbooks
- Many websites will buy new and used textbooks and books (textbookrecycling.com, buybackexpress.com, amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, chegg.com, bookscouter.com)
- Central Paper Stock – Accepts books & textbooks. They may come pick up a large number of books, but small numbers of books will need to be delivered to them. (located near Lambert Airport, 6665 Jonas Place, St. Louis, MO; 314-521-8686; Marty McKay – marty@paperrecycler.com, 800-451-6646 x105)
- Afterwords Books – Afterwords Books in Edwardsville is a used bookstore in Edwardsville that has a trade for credit program. Earn store credit for bringing in gently used books you no longer want. When applied, store credit gets you half-off the purchase price of any used book. They do not accept textbooks or encyclopedias. (618-655-0355)

CDs & DVDs
- CD Recycling Center of America – Labels & packing slips can be printed from their website. They accept CDs, DVDs, cell phones, small electronics, mp3 players, chargers, floppy disks, computer cables, printer cables, extension cords, & Christmas lights.

Clothes & Shoes
- Goodwill and other resale shops or clothing recycling bins
- USAgain – There are multiple clothing and shoe drop-off bins located in the Edwardsville area, including SIUE, South Roxana Elementary, Red Apple Restaurant in Maryville, and Chauteau Apartments in Bethalto. To find a complete list of locations in the Edwardsville area or drop-off bins in another area, enter your location on www.usagain.com. USAgain also does one-day collection drives you can set up.
- Shoe Crew Water Project – Madison County sets up a shoe collection each fall and spring and shoes can be brought to the County Administration Building.

Construction Materials/Wood/Vinyl Siding
- LEDR Recycling – Accepts aggregate (rock, stone, concrete, bricks, mortar), metals, wood (clean, untreated, unpainted lumber/pallets), rigid plastics (empty drywall mud buckets), OCC (old corrugated containers & cardboard), dirt, vinyl siding. (St. Charles, MO; 636-925-0304)
- Habitat for Humanity St. Louis ReStore – Resells donated building materials and home supplies, raising money to build more homes while keeping reusable items out of landfills. For a list of what can be donated or bought, go to https://www.habitatstl.org/support/restore/. (St. Louis, MO; 314-531-4155; Des Peres, MO; 314-678-4596)
- Refab – Nonprofit organization that promotes creative re-use, deconstructs buildings, & resells reclaimed materials in an effort to train & reemploy recently homeless veterans. Sells doors, windows, reclaimed lumber, trim, hardwood flooring, barn wood, plumbing, lightning, hardware, & more. ( http://www.refabstl.org/; 3130 Gravois Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118, 314.357.1392)

Crayons & Markers
- Hospitals, orphanages, homeless/women shelters, art programs all could use them
- Crazy Crayon’s recycling program – Takes broken or unwanted crayons and recycles them into new crayons. Please leave the wrappers on the crayons.
- Crayola ColorCycle – Set-up a collection at your site for used markers. Pack markers in a cardboard box, print a shipping label, & FedEx will deliver the markers to Crayola (http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx)
Electronics (including TVs)
Illinois banned electronic waste (“e-waste”) from landfills in 2012. Appliances, often referred to as “white goods”, are also not accepted at landfills. These items contain hazardous chemicals such as cadmium, lead and mercury. If not properly recycled, these chemicals can make their way from landfills into our soil, water and air. As a result, electronics and other appliances must be taken to a reuse center or recycling facility. Please call your electronic recycler prior to visiting to get a list of their accepted items & drop-off procedures.

- The following are banned from landfills: TVs, monitors, printers, computers (including tablets & laptops), keyboards, fax machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players, DVD players, video game consoles, small-scale servers, scanners, mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, & DVD recorders.
- Computers, monitors, TVs, printers, mobile phones, computer cables, mice, keyboards, fax machines, MP3 players, PDAs, & video game consoles are all recyclable.

Electronics Reuse and Recycling Options in Madison County
- **CJD E-Cycling**, Will accept most electronics, including TVs 5257 IL State Route 157, Edwardsville, IL; Phone: 618-659-9006
- **CJD E-Store**, 513 E. St. Louis Ave., East Alton, IL; Phone: 618-251-8086 info@cjdecycling.com.
- **Empowering Technologies** – 200 2nd Ave., Edwardsville
- **Goodwill** will accept some electronics, but NOT TVs or large electronics. Please call ahead to your local Goodwill to verify that they will accept an item before taking it for dropoff.
- **Metro East Recycling** – 9200 Collinsville Rd., Collinsville; 116 State St., Madison
- **Somtech E-Cycling** – 415 Ridge St., Alton
- **Total Metal Recycling** – 2700 Missouri Ave., Granite City; www.tmrusa.com

Other Electronics Recycling Options
- **Cartridges for Kids** – Accepts cell phones, laser & inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, & tablets in exchange for cash. Free shipping labels can be printed from their website. [http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/index.html](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/index.html)
- **CD Recycling Centers of America** – Accepts CDs, DVDs, cell phones, small electronics, mp3 players, chargers, floppy disks, computer cables, printer cables, extension cords, & Christmas lights. Labels & packaging slips can be printed from their website.
- **Cell Phones for Soldiers** – Collected cell phones are taken to a recycler who in turn pays the nonprofit company Cell Phones for Soldiers, which then uses the funds to purchase calling cards for American soldiers to call home. Phones can be dropped off at local AT&T stores and a variety of other businesses. Search for drop-off locations on their website. [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

Eyeglasses
- Madison County Government will accept eyeglasses for the Lions of Illinois. A drop off box can be found in the lobby of the Madison County Administration Building (157 North Main St., Edwardsville)
- The Lions of Illinois & Madison County Green Schools partner up to do used eyeglass collections. Interested schools should contact Green Schools Coordinator Eve Drueke for more information. (ehdrueke@co.madison.il.us; 618-296-4606)

Furniture/Home Décor
- **Restore Décor** Accepts gently used furniture and home décor for resale. 100% of their proceeds support the ministries for their parent organization, Faith Coalition. (618-980-2018; 117 N 2nd St, Edwardsville)
- **Habitat for Humanity St. Louis ReStore** Resells donated building materials and home supplies, raising money to build more homes while keeping reusable items out of landfills. For a list of what can be donated or bought, go to [https://www.habitatstl.org/support/restore/](https://www.habitatstl.org/support/restore/). (St. Louis, MO; 314-531-4155; Des Peres, MO; 314-678-4596)
- **Goodwill**, other resale shops
**Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)**

- Without state funding, there is currently no place in the county to take most HHW items.
- You may wish to call the IEPA Regional Office in Collinsville 618-346-5120 to inquire about any upcoming opportunities.
- **Earthbound Recycling** (25 Truitt Dr, Eureka, MO) – If you do not wish to store your HHW until a local collection is scheduled, Earthbound Recycling will accept most items. Cost is typically $0.30/pound including the original container.
  - www.Earthboundrecycling.com
  - 636-938-1188
- Heritage Environmental (251 N. Old St. Louis Road, 618-216-8600) does not accept HHW from homeowners except when the County sponsors a recycling day. Any upcoming collection dates will be announced on this website, however there are currently no collections scheduled.

**Keys**

- **Unlock Your Heart program** – **Lions of Illinois** will accept keys to be recycled. All funding raised is used to operate low vision programs and services for youth with moderate to severe visual impairments. Madison County Government will accept keys for the Lions of Illinois. A drop off box can be found in the lobby of the Madison County Administration Building (157 North Main St., Edwardsville)
- **Local Schools** – Many local schools collect keys for donation to the Lions of Illinois. Schools interested in participating should contact Green Schools Coordinator Eve Drueke for more information. (ehdrueke@co.madison.il.us; 618-296-4606)

**Lightbulbs** (notably the Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) and Fluorescent Tubes):

- **Lowe’s and Home Depot** Will accept CFLs only (take them to the Service Desk and will only be accepted if they’re not broken; they also prefer to have the bulbs in their packaging)
- **Batteries Plus Glen Carbon** Will accept both the CFLs (free) and Tubes (for a small fee) (3755 IL 159, Glen Carbon, 618-205-8395)

**Medications**

Collection and recycling of old and unused medications to protect water quality and for public safety. With the assistance of the Madison County Sheriff’s Department, the Planning & Development Department funds collection and recycling of medications at local police departments. Click [here](#) for a list of locations.

- Drop-off bins CAN accept any over-the-counter medications, vitamins, liquids, narcotics, cough syrup, prescriptions, hormones, painkillers, antibiotics, ointments, oils, & any unidentified pills
- CANNOT accept oxygen tanks, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, hearing aids, household waste, & sharps & needles

**Metal/Aluminum**

- **CKS Metal Corporation**
  - 5579 Old Alton Edwardsville Rd., Edwardsville; 618.656.5306; [www.cksmetalcorp.com](http://www.cksmetalcorp.com)
- **GM Scrap Metal**
  - 220 Franklin Ave., Cottage Hills; 618.259.8570
- **Totall Metal Recycling**
  - 2700 Missouri Ave, Granite City; 618.877.0585; [www.tmrusa.com](http://www.tmrusa.com)
  - Accepts various grades & compositions of copper, brass, aluminum, nickel, tin, lead, titanium, precious metals, & specialty alloys. Accepts various grades of ferrous metals like steel and iron. Accepts automobiles after certain steps have been taken (see their website for more info). Also takes a variety of electronics (see Electronics section above)
Paint

- **Latex paint cans** can be thrown away in the regular trash as long as they’re emptied or the paint is dried out. Paint can be dried faster by using clay kitty litter or shredded newspaper. For helpful tips on proper disposal of latex paint, check out this video from SCARCE.
  - **Restore Décor** will also take indoor latex paint that can still be used. They will not accept outdoor or oil-based paints. (618-980-2018; 117 N 2nd St, Edwardsville)
- **Empty spray paint cans** can be recycled in regular recycling bins. Empty spray paint cans by spraying remaining paint on scrap wood or cardboard.
- **Oil-based paints** and paint thinner are a HHW, and must be taken to a HHW collection site.

Plastic Film & Bags

- **Trex Company, Inc.** – Accepts various plastic films (grocery/retail bags, cereal bags, bread bags, shrink wrap, dry-cleaning bags, etc). Collections can be set up at schools. Contact Green Schools Coordinator Eve Drueke for more information. (ehdrueke@co.madison.il.us; 618-296-4606)
- **Many grocery and retail stores** (Target, Kohl’s, etc) have bins for plastic bag and film recycling
- **6-Pack Rings** – The Ring Leader Recycling Program ([http://www.ringleader.com/](http://www.ringleader.com/)) will send you everything you need for collecting and shipping the rings back. Otherwise, they can be cut open and go directly into single-stream recycling.

Printer/Ink Cartridges

- If your office has a contract with an office supply company, check with them. They often offer ink cartridge recycling as part of their services.
- **Office Depot and Best Buy** accept small inkjet cartridges and often only take a certain amount per month. Both give certain rewards for recycling ink cartridges there, check their websites for more information.
- **Recycle 4 Fundraising** – 100% free recycling program that offers cash rewards in exchange for used cartridges. Free shipping labels can be printed from their website. [http://recycle4fundraising.clientrecycling.com/](http://recycle4fundraising.clientrecycling.com/)
- **Cartridges for Kids** – Accepts cell phones, laser & inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, & tablets in exchange for cash. Free shipping labels can be printed from their website. [http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/index.html](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/index.html)

Propane Tanks

- Propane tanks can typically be taken back to the dealer they were purchased from or another local dealer.
- **AmeriGas** – contact your local AmeriGas office (2612 Vandalia St, Collinsville, 800-241-8448) to safely dispose of your propane tanks for free
- **Blue Rhino’s Rhino Recycle program** – Collects unwanted & discarded gas grill propane tanks from disposal & recycling facilities. Must meet the Rhino Recycle Acceptance Guidelines & must have a minimum of 36 tanks to schedule a pick-up.

Tires

- IL currently has no program funding for a tire event. For more information, call the IL EPA 618-346-5120.
- Call your **local tire dealer** or Autotire in Edwardsville to take back your tires for a fee.
- **Bworks** in St. Louis takes bicycle tires. They will take the inner tubes for free, but charge 50 cents per tire to recycle them to cover costs of taking them to a shredder. (2414 Menard St, St. Louis, 314-827-6640).

Trophies

- **Lamb Awards** – Either donate matching sets to charities or break trophies down for the parts. Please email before sending trophies, plaques, or medals. You are responsible for shipping costs.
- **TC reTrophy** – arrange for trophies/plaques to be picked up or ship them to TC reTrophy. Trophies/plaques are disassembled, replace & change pieces, & reassembled to be sold separately or in sets. Unusable parts are recycled. You are responsible for shipping costs.
Metro East Recycling Providers/Haulers

**Always Green Recycling, Inc.** – collects paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastics #1-5 and #7 in 90 gallon toters (up to 4 per site).
- Contact: Cliff Roberts
- Email: alwaysgreen1@live.com
- Phone: 314-229-2827

**Highland Recycling** – collects paper; options for cardboard & aluminum cans.
- Email: blake@highlandrecycling.org
- Phone: 318-654-3293

**Republic** – collects paper, plastic bottles, milk cartons, steel cans, & cardboard all comingled.
- Contact: Stephen Herring
- Email: sherring@republicservices.com
- Phone: 314-363-2689

**St. Louis Composting, Inc.** – the region’s largest producer of STA-Certified compost, mulch products, & soil blends; accepts yard waste & food waste.
- Contact: Sara Ryan
- Email: sryan@stlcompost.com
- Phone: 636-861-3344

**Paper Retriever Recycling** – now offering comingled recycling for plastic bottles, steel food cans, aluminum cans, phonebooks, & flattened corrugated cardboard.
- Contact: Larry Hahne
- Email: larry@rorecycling.com
- Phone: 314-381-3700

**Progressive Waste Solutions** – single-stream recycling for schools program; cardboard, paper, & beverage containers comingled.
- Contact: Michael Werk
- Email: michael.werk@progressivewaste.com
- Phone: 636-321-2141

**Sanders Waste Systems**
- Contact: Glenn Sanders
- Email: g.sanders527@gmail.com
- Phone: 618-779-6576

**Waste Management**
- Website: https://www.wm.com/enterprise/k-12-education/k-12-solutions/index.jsp