



Recycling Program Updates – Kane County

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The Kane County Electronics Recycling Program is due to restart in September, after a temporary hiatus. The newly instated program will include three daily drop-offs throughout the county, as well as the reopening of the one-day collection events in St. Charles.

Cost for TVs and monitors

There will be a fee for TVs and computer monitors – both tube and flat screen - across the board for all drop-off locations and the event. You will find that there is a cost for these items pretty much everywhere these days.

The fee will be \$25 for screens 20 inches and under (measured diagonally) and \$35 for screens 21 inches and over. **The great news is that all other acceptable electronic items can be dropped off for free.** See below for the full list of items that can be recycled in the program. (<http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/pages/electronics.aspx>)

The fee may be paid online in advance or onsite by exact cash or card. It is recommended that you [pay online in advance](http://recycle.eworksesi.org/) (<http://recycle.eworksesi.org/>) if possible and bring your receipt to any drop-off or the collection event. You must have the receipt with you!

The fee that you pay for screened equipment goes directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler, eWorks, a non-profit whose main mission is to employ developmentally disabled individuals.

Drop Off Recycling Locations:

Northern location – West Dundee - Beginning 9/26/16:

The Village of West Dundee, one of the previous drop-off locations, will continue to participate at their Public Works Facility at 900 Angle Tarn in West Dundee. This drop-off will reopen on September 26th, 2016. Drop-off hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7am – 3pm. Note that these hours are slightly different from the other two drop-offs.

Central location – South Elgin – Beginning 9/19/16:

The Village of South Elgin is moving out of their old Public Works Facility at 735 Martin Drive in South Elgin in early-September, and the drop-off will open there on September 19th, 2016. Drop-off hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8am – 4pm.

Southern location – Batavia – Beginning 9/12/16:

The Old Jail site at 517 Fabyan Parkway in Batavia will open on September 12th, 2016. Drop-off hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8am – 4pm.

ONE DAY COLLECTION EVENT 9/24/16:

The next event is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th from 8am-12noon at 540 S. Randall Road. We will be accepting electronics and books at this event.

Upcoming Events:

We will then return to our regularly scheduled "second Saturday of the month" event schedule. So the following event will be on **October 8th**, same place, same time as above. In October we will be recycling electronics and books. The Saturday, **November 12th** event, in addition to electronics and books, will include confidential document shredding and liquid latex paint recycling as previously planned.

Save time:

Utilizing the convenient daily drop-off locations is recommended if you wish to avoid waiting in line at the collection event. Not only is it more ecologically responsible to avoid idling for long periods but also spreading the volume of electronics between sites will help the County to maintain a professional level of service at the one-day collection events.

Security:

The new drop-off locations will be staffed full time to avoid the dumping issues we had previously, such as businesses taking advantage of the residential program and dumping large quantities of TVs, or residents dumping unacceptable and/or hazardous materials at the sites.

Security cameras, that detect motion, will monitor the sites after hours and offenders will be fined. Illegally dumping a TV or any other material at the drop-off sites after hours is a Class A misdemeanor which has a maximum fine of \$2500, a jail sentence of up to 364 days, or both.

Funding:

The County will be reaching out to each municipality concerning a sustainable funding mechanism for supporting this program into the future. It will entail a nominal per capita contribution that will ensure that residents will continue receive this fundamental and necessary service for the disposal of unwanted electronic waste.

Please visit the [Kane County Recycles webpage](#) frequently to find the most current updates on the program.

Electronics Recycling

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR FREE

Cable & Satellite Receivers

Cables & Cords

Cell Phones / PDAs

Circuit Boards

Computers (CPUs, Laptops, Tablet PCs, computer batteries)

Digital Converter Boxes

Digital Recorders
DVD Players
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards
Mice
Phones
Portable Digital Music Players
Printers
Scanners
Small Scale Servers
VCRs
Video Game Consoles

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR A COST

Monitors (all types, flat screen or glass tube)

TVs/Televisions (all types, all ages, flat screen or glass tube)

- \$25 fee for screens 20 inches (measured diagonally) and under
- \$35 fee for screens 21 inches (measured diagonally) and over

[Pay online in advance HERE](#) or pay at site with cash or card only.

This fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler - eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities.

See list of items **NOT ACCEPTED** - scroll to bottom of page.

COLLECTION EVENTS

September 24, 2016; 8am-12noon

Where: 540 S Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

What: Electronics and Book Recycling.

Cost: TVs and Monitors cost \$25 or \$35. [Pay online in advance HERE](#) or pay at event with cash or card only.

November 12, 2016; 8am-12noon

Where: 540 S Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

What: Electronics and Book Recycling, [Latex Paint \(fee applies\)](#), and [Confidential Document Shredding](#).

Cost: TVs and Monitors cost \$25 or \$35. [Pay online in advance HERE](#) or pay at event with cash or card only.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Small household appliances, microwaves, toner cartridges, DVDs, Video and audio cassettes, and other items that are not on the list of [equipment banned from the landfill](#), are no longer acceptable in this program, due to the limitations we are now experiencing in electronics recycling in Illinois. This may change again in the future. Please check again later. For now [contact your waste hauler](#) for pick up of larger items, and take smaller working items to thrift stores or if broken place directly in the trash.

Large home appliances/white goods (stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, freezers, etc.): Please contact your city, village, or [waste hauler](#) to arrange for the disposal of these items. Many of these items can be taken to The Crusher in West Chicago, 630-231-6888.

Large stereo speakers (extra-large wooden-box speakers): We will take the speakers themselves, but not the box. Please remove the speakers from the wooden box, dispose of the wood and bring the speaker mechanism to our recycling event.

Batteries (not contained in equipment): If the batteries are in the equipment, we will take them. See the [Battery Recycling](#) page for information on recycling loose batteries.

Hazardous waste (Mercury-containing devices, thermostats, thermometers, smoke detectors, liquids and gases, fluorescent tubes, etc): See the [Household Hazardous Waste](#) page for information on disposal of these items.

Fluorescent Lights (tubes and compact fluorescent lights [CFLs]): CFLs can be disposed of at most hardware stores (just check with your local one), and all Home Depot stores. Please place old CFLs in a plastic zip-lock bag and place in the designated drop-boxes at participating stores. For full information see the [Fluorescent Lights](#) page.

For complete details on recycling go to:

<http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/pages/electronics.aspx>

The next Village of Huntley resident recycling event is scheduled to take place on April 22, 2017.