

SPRING CLEANING

- Western Springs “Household Clean-up Day” coming in June

According to the Western Springs website: The \$5 charge on your water bill - applied 6 times a year - helps offset costs for fall leaf collection and for household spring clean-up day: **Saturday, June 24, 2023.**

Residents of Western Springs can dispose of household items including clothing, draperies, books, furniture, scrap metal, and appliances. No registration is required for this service. All items for disposal must be on the curb by 7AM the morning of collection day.

Household garbage, landscape waste, electronics, liquids, tires, batteries, medical waste, and construction and demolition debris are NOT eligible.

What are you going to do with all that stuff? Some could be

- ☀ Reused
- ☀ Recycled
- ☀ Disposed of — but NOT to a landfill

This is a resource prepared for you combining options in our area for recycling and disposal with a list from The Woman’s Society / Rummage Sale committee.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -

- **AMVETS** (708) 388-7800 (donatestuff.org):
Will pick up gently used clothing and household items.
- **BEDS Plus** (708) 354-0858 – 9601 East Ogden Avenue, La Grange (beds-plus.org/ways-you-can-help/):
Each client who comes to BEDS is either homeless or their housing is threatened.
- **Family Store & Donation Center** 7511 Lemont Road, Darien:
Store Hours: 10am–8pm, Monday – Saturday
- **GOOD WILL** (708) 562-6166 - 305 South Wolf Road, Westchester

- ***The Hope Chest*** (708) 482-0359, 305 W. Hillgrove in La Grange:
A nonprofit retail shop that donates 100% of proceeds from sales to their domestic violence shelter. They accept gently used women's clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry.
- ***Salvation Army*** 1-800-SA-TRUCK - 1S337 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace:
Corps Manned Donation Drop Off, available 7 days a week from 10am – 6pm.

FOR CHILDREN -

- ***Big Rig Books*** (708) 205-1516 (bigrigbooks@gmail.com):
A mobile literacy outreach initiative provides books for children and families in economically challenged, underserved communities and underperforming schools. They accept new & gently used children's books.
- ***Cradles to Crayons*** (cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/):
Provides essential items for at home, at school and at play for children from birth - 12 living in homeless or low-income situations.
- ***Off The Street Club*** (773) 533-3253 (<http://www.otsc.org/>):
Chicago's oldest boys and girls club, serving kids in the dangerous neighborhood of West Garfield Park.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -

- ***Chicago Furniture Bank*** (312) 752-0211, 4800 W Roosevelt Rd, Chicago (chicagofurniturebank.org/donate):
Provides a place for someone to hand-pick home furnishings when moving into supportive housing. Contact them for info on what they accept and to schedule a pick up (there is a fee).
- ***Sharing Connections*** (630) 971-0565, 5111 Chase Ave, Downers Grove (sharingconnections.org/):
Gently used furniture, household items and clothing for families needing assistance. Call or visit the website for the list of items they will accept.

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** (630) 517-2080, 869 S. Rohlwing Rd. (Rte. 53), Addison (gohabitatrestore.com):
Items (including construction items like cabinets) must be approved prior to donating.

ELECTRONICS -

Village of Burr Ridge Public Works Building, 451 Commerce Street, Burr Ridge. Staffed daily from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- collection center sponsored by eWorks ESI through a partnership with DuPage County.
- There is a fee for all televisions and monitors based on size, which can be paid in advance at <<https://eworksesi.org>> or you may pay the fee onsite.
- Source: <<https://www.burr-ridge.gov/residents/garbage-and-recycling/>>\

ELECTRONICS, TOOLS, ETC -

Bob's TV and Metal Pick up Service (630) 235-0387: CRT TV's, computer monitors, flat screen TV's, plasma TV's, large appliances, copy machines, hot water tank, lawn mowers, tools, bicycles, and many more items. Call Bob to set up a FREE pickup time.

CELL PHONES ETC -

Brookfield Zoo, in partnership with Eco-Cell, accepts cell phones, smartphones, iPods, iPads and tablets at either entrance by the **North and South Gates**, or give to any zoo staff member.

Cell phones contain the mineral coltan. Mining of coltan in Congolese Africa endangers gorillas and their rain-forest habitat. Your phone will be recycled into a new one, saving the need for additional coltan mining.

Eco-Cell recommends that individuals donating cellphones discontinue service and factory reset their phones before turning them in for recycling.

HAZARDOUS WASTE -

Hazardous Waste Collection, 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville

- Available to all residents of Illinois every Sat. & Sun., 9AM - 2PM
- For 'Procedures', list of 'Acceptable Household Items', list of 'Items not accepted' etc go to <<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/>>

TIRES -

Naper Auto Works at 320 N Mill St, Naperville (630) 420-2886

- According to Earth911.com, they take Antifreeze, Car Batteries, non-automotive Lead-acid Batteries, Motor Oil, Scrap Metal, Transmission Fluid

MEDICAL WASTE - Unwanted / Expired Medications -

- **LaGrange Police Dept lobby**. For Instructions, see <<https://www.villageoflagrange.com/135/Disposal-of-Unwanted-Expired-Medications>>
- **Burr Ridge Police Dept lobby**, 7700 S. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL. <<https://www.burr-ridge.gov/residents/garbage-and-recycling/>>

MEDICAL WASTE - Needles / Sharps -

Guidelines, Instructions and drop-off locations can be found at <<https://safeneedledisposal.org/state-search/?state=IL#showTable>>

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES -

For a thorough list of “**Local Organizations for Donation of Goods**”, go to <<https://www.scarce.org/recycling-faq-medical-equipment-supplies/>>

PLASTIC BAGS -

Outdoor bins are available at Mariano's, Jewel or Target stores.

BREAD TAGS -

Container at Congo - south entrance to Education Building for [Danielle Cares for Chairs](https://daniellecaresforch.wixsite.com/daniellecareforchair), a non-profit started by a high school student in Indiana that collects and recycles plastic bread tags for funds to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. <<https://daniellecaresforch.wixsite.com/daniellecareforchair>>

COSMETIC CONTAINERS -

Nordstrom's BEAUTYCYCLE.

<<https://www.nordstrom.com/browse/nordstrom-cares/get-involved/nordstrom-beauty-cycle>>

OTHER (e.g. latex paint, smoke detectors, cooking oil, etc)

The **Village of Westmont** has comprehensive information on their "Recycling and Garbage Collection" page....scroll down to "Additional Local Recycling and Waste Disposal Programs" <<https://westmont.illinois.gov/221/5394/Recycling-Waste-Hauling>>

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT SCARCE -

A variety of items for reuse and recycling such as new and gently used books and supplies can be donated by local community members, schools, and organizations looking to reduce waste and give back to students everywhere. <<https://www.scarce.org/accepted-items/>>

RECYCLING EVENTS -

SCARCE maintains a calendar of recycling events at < <https://www.scarce.org/recycling-events/>>