Recycling EDITION

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Contamination in the Bin

Why Recycling Right Still Matters

Mount Prospect residents take pride in doing their part to protect the environment, and recycling plays a big role in that. But there's one ongoing challenge we continue to face in our community, and across the country: contamination in the recycling bin. Contamination happens when non-recyclable or dirty items are placed in the recycling bin. It might seem harmless to toss in a greasy pizza box or a plastic bag "just in case", but unfortunately, these items can cause big problems for the recycling process.

What Is Contamination?

Contamination is anything that doesn't belong in your recycling cart, including:

- Plastic bags and film wrap
- Food or liquid residue
- Styrofoam or #6 plastics
- Hoses, cords, or string lights
- Diapers, clothing, or shoes
- Shredded paper
- Batteries, electronics, or sharps

Even with good intentions, these items can jam sorting equipment or lower the quality of recyclables. In some cases, entire loads may be rejected if they're too contaminated to process.

What Happens After the Truck Picks Up?

Once your blue cart is emptied, its contents are taken to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), where machines sort paper, plastic, glass, and metal. These machines are fast and advanced—but not perfect.

Plastic bags and cords tangle in the equipment. Food and liquids ruin clean paper. Small items like shredded paper or bottle caps fall through the system. And non-recyclables like clothing, toys, or scrap metal don't belong in the curbside stream at all.

Your Role: Empty, Clean, Dry

To keep recycling working in Mount Prospect, follow this simple rule: only place items in your cart that are empty, clean, and dry.

Accepted items include:

- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars (no bags or foam)
- Glass bottles and jars (rinsed, labels OK)
- Metal, aluminum, and steel cans (empty)
- Mixed paper and flattened cardboard

Do NOT include:

- Plastic bags or wrap
- Styrofoam or packing peanuts
- Pizza boxes with grease or food residue
- Batteries, electronics, or light bulbs
- Clothing, shoes, hangers, or cords
- Diapers or paper towels

And never bag your recyclables. Items must go loose into the cart.

Wishcycling Isn't Helping

"Wishcycling" is putting questionable items in the recycling cart, hoping they'll be accepted. While well-meaning, it creates extra work and increases the risk of ruining good materials.

Not sure if something is recyclable curbside? Check the Village website or use the Recycle Coach app. When in doubt, leave it out.

Let's Keep Recycling Clean and Effective

Contamination doesn't always come with extra costs—but it reduces the environmental benefits of our recycling efforts. Clean, properly sorted materials are more likely to be reused and stay out of landfills.

Together, we can make a difference—one clean cart at a time.

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Recycling

What can you do to help prevent recycling contamination?

- Check what you can put in your cart.
- Only include acceptable items in your recycling cart.
- Clean, empty and dry all your recyclable containers.
- Keep your recyclables loose. **NO PLASTIC BAGS!**
- Call or email Public Works if you have any questions.

Recycling Facts

How much does the Single Family Refuse and Recycling program cost per household? $291.25/ annually. *(2025 rate)*

Where does our recycling go? Recycling is taken to Groot's Recycling material processing facility in Elk Grove Village.

Where does our garbage go? Waste generated from Mount Prospect residential properties is currently being processed at the Winnebago Landfill Company *(in Winnebago County, Illinois)*, which is privately owned by Rock River Environmental Services.

Recycle Coach

Residents can access Recycle Coach from the Village website, their desktop computers, mobile devices, or through digital assistants like Amazon Alexa and Google Home. By leveraging the power of voice technology, the platform makes it easy for people to get local disposal information for thousands of household items when they need it. And the best part, **it's absolutely free.**

With Recycle Coach, residents can:

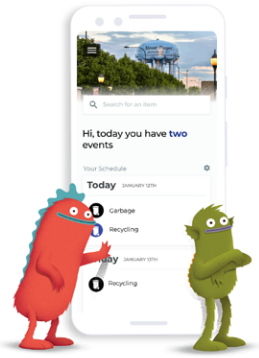
- Stay organized with custom curbside collection and events calendars
- Receive collection reminders, real-time updates on service disruptions and schedule changes due to holidays
- Become recycling experts with a comprehensive *What Goes Where?* search tool, including local disposal information and collection requirements for common and uncommon items
- Take the *What Type of Recycler Are You?* quiz for useful recycling tips and tricks

Become a better recycler today by downloading the Recycle Coach app for free at the iTunes Store and Google Play or you can access the Recycle Coach widget on the Village's website. Residents should call any facilities listed on the Recycle Coach App to make sure that they are still accepting the items.

About Recycle Coach

Recycle Coach is a technology company with deep roots in public and private waste management services. The company develops a comprehensive digital solution that optimizes collection, waste, and recycling programs. It connects residents with local disposal information on desktop, mobile, or through digital assistants.

Serving over 3,000 communities across the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, Recycle Coach strives to make the world a greener place by making it easier for people to practice waste mindfulness.



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Plastic Bag and Film Packaging Recycling

The Village of Mount Prospect is partnering with Trex Company to offer residents two locations for plastic bag collection drop-off. When residents bring their unwanted plastic materials to Trex drop-off locations, not only are they helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills, they are also helping Trex create beautiful and environmentally responsible outdoor products.

This recycling option is especially important since these materials ARE NOT ACCEPTED in the Village's curbside recycling program. The materials contaminate other recycling, which means **if you place these items in your recycling bin, it will cause the entire contents to go to the landfill and not be recycled.**

Material brought to the drop-off locations must be **clean and dry.**

The Village also encourages residents to continue dropping-off plastic bags and film packaging at participating Trex recycling partner locations including: Jewel Osco, Mariano's Fresh Market, Meijer and Target.

The following materials will be accepted at both drop-off locations:

- Newspaper sleeves
- Bread bags
- Product wrap
- Cereal liners
- Food storage bags
- Ice bags
- Produce bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- Case overwrap
- Air pillows used in packaging
- Salt bags

Collection Sites

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1700 W. Central Rd.
Available 24/7 at the west end of the parking lot

VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
M-F | 8:30am – 5:00pm

For more information, please visit the village website or contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.

Textile Recycling | CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING

Mount Prospect, in partnership with Simple Recycling, now offers a convenient collection program that will help reduce the harmful environmental impact of textile waste. The free textile collection service aims to forge long-lasting benefits for the environment, people and communities alike.

As of April 1, 2022, pick-ups must be scheduled online at simplerecycling.com or by calling 866.835.5068. Orange bags are no longer required. Textiles can be in any clean paper or plastic bag or box. Place bags or boxes by your front door on your pickup day.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 85% of all clothing ends up in the landfill with only 15% being donated. Proactive efforts to recycle clothing, shoes, and accessories today can have the same impact as removing millions of cars from the nation's roads. In addition, when recycled or reused, these items help reduce greenhouse gases more than recycling glass, plastics, and yard trimmings.

For residents who traditionally donate clothing to charities, the Village and Simple Recycling encourage them to continue to do so.

What Items Can be Collected

- Men's Clothing
- Women's Clothing
- Children's Clothing
- Coats and Jackets
- Jewelry
- Shoes
- Purses
- Hats
- Toys
- Pillows/Blankets
- Drapes/Curtains
- Sleeping Bags
- Tools
- Silverware
- Dishes

For more information regarding textile recycling, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.

Recycling

Electronics Recycling Drop-off

In September 2009, Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313). This legislation bans certain electronic items, mainly computers and televisions, from Illinois landfills.

To assist residents with collecting old electronics and to ensure environmentally safe recycling of these materials, the Village, in partnership with SWANCC and Com2 Recycling Solutions, has established an Electronics Recycling Drop-off site at the Mount Prospect Public Works Facility.

Not all electronic items will be accepted. Please review the *Electronics Recycling Acceptable Items* list to see if your electronics item will be accepted. If you do not find your electronic listed as an acceptable item please consult the SWANCC Reuse/Recycle Directory *(swancc.org)* for alternative recycling options.

Drop-Off DETAILS

Location	**Mount Prospect Public Works Department** 1700 W. Central Rd.
Dates	Wednesdays | April – October | 10 am – 12 pm Items brought to the Public Works facility outside of designated hours will not be accepted.

In addition to the Mount Prospect location, SWANCC sponsors several other weekly drop-off locations. The locations listed below are open to all Mount Prospect residents. Collection locations will be closed on national holidays; closed Saturday after holidays.

Glenview Transfer Station
3 Providence Way | Des Plaines
Just north of River Rd. & Central Rd.
Open Year Round
Saturdays 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Hoffman Estates Village Hall
1900 Hassell Rd.
April-November
Mondays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Winnetka Public Works
1390 Willow Rd. | April – November
Thursdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Only the following electronic items will be accepted for recycling at SWANCC sponsored drop-off locations. If you have an item that is not listed, check Recycle Coach or SWANCC (847.724.9205) for disposal options.

- Cable Receivers
- Cell Phones
- Computer Monitors
- Computers (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Converter Boxes
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Mice
- MP3 Players
- Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Printers (Multi-function Printers)
- Satellite Receivers
- Scanners
- Televisions (All Types)
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Recorders/Players
- Zip Drives

Battery Recycling

The Village (with the sponsorship of SWANCC) offers a battery recycling program. The purpose of the program is to provide a convenient method for recycling of household alkaline and rechargeable batteries and prevent disposal in landfills.

Who is allowed to participate? The program is open to all Mount Prospect residents and SWANCC community residents.

What type of batteries will be accepted? The program is only designed to accept household alkaline batteries *(AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and button cells)*, rechargeable batteries *(NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, and lithium polymer)* and computer batteries. We will not accept Nickel Iron, Mercury, Silver Oxide, or Lead Acid batteries. These battery types would include car, marine and sump pump.

What type of preparation is needed? For all rechargeable batteries (Lithium, NiMh, and NiCad), residents must cover the contact points of each rechargeable battery with masking tape or place each rechargeable battery in an individual self-locking plastic bag so that the contact points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation, which can cause a fire hazard. Batteries that are not prepared properly will not be accepted. This is not necessary with household or alkaline batteries.

Where do I drop off my batteries? Batteries can be brought to the Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Rd., at the west end of the parking lot *(available 24/7)*.

Contact the Public Works Department with questions at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Compact Fluorescent Recycling

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury vapor, which makes disposing of the bulbs a concern.

In response, the Village, in cooperation with SWANCC, offers a free recycling program to Mount Prospect and SWANCC residents. Residents can bring their CFLs and up to four foot fluorescent *(maximum of 12 total)* to the Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Rd., at the west end of the parking lot *(available 24/7)* for recycling. CFLs/tubes should be unbroken and CFLs should be in a zip lock bag for proper recycling.

This program is for residentially generated CFLs/tubes. Incandescent bulbs are not hazardous and can be disposed of with your regular solid waste.

For more information on the program, please visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.

Styrofoam Recycling

Public Works is accepting Styrofoam materials for recycling *(residential waste only)* at the Public Works Facility, located at 1700 W. Central Rd. This allows us all to contribute to a cleaner environment while reducing waste in our landfills.

Drop-Off Schedule

Tuesdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Thursdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Please note that Styrofoam drop-off is only available during these designated collection hours.

Accepted Items

- Foam packaging materials from televisions, appliances, computers, furniture and foam coolers.
- Food service foam items like egg cartons, trays, takeout clamshells, cups and plates.

Guidelines for Accepted Materials

- Foam must be clean (without any food particles attached).
- Foam must be dry.
- All tape and labels must be removed.

Items Not Accepted

- Blue or pink foam insulation
- Squishy or flexible foam *(such as pool noodles)*
- Foam with excessive food residue, dirt, or paint
- Foam packing sheets, peanuts, pieces or noodles
- Furniture cushions
- Construction foam insulation
- Liquid-absorbing pads used in fish or meat trays
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic strapping
- Shrink wrap
- Cardboard

The Recycling Process

Ever wondered how Styrofoam gets recycled? Our Styrofoam recycling process is both efficient and environmentally friendly.

- We employ Styrofoam recycling machines, also known as foam densifiers. These machines utilize high-volume extrusion technology to transform plastic foam, or expanded polystyrene (EPS) waste, into something valuable. Here's a quick overview of the process:
- The Styrofoam waste is placed into the machine's hopper, where it is crushed and shredded into small bits.
- The foam bits are then directed into an auger or screw, where the material undergoes a thermochemical reaction, heating it.
- Afterward, the melted waste is extruded and made ready for collection.

The result of this process is a material called an ingot, which occupies only up to 1/90th of the original volume of its EPS form. These plastic ingots can then be recycled into other products.

It's important to note that this heat-induced densification process is not only quick but also safe and environmentally friendly, emitting no harmful substances into the air.

We're excited to introduce Styrofoam recycling to our community and encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to reduce waste and protect our environment. If you have any questions or need further information contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640

Medication/Sharps Recycling

The Medication/Sharps Recycling Program is for residents of SWANCC's member communities.

- Medication drop-off is available 24/7 next to the Recycling Center at the west end of the Public Works parking lot.
- Sharps can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Please do not leave sharps during non-business hours.

No prescription drugs or sharps from businesses, schools or hospitals will be accepted. IDs will be checked for verification of residency.

General tips

- Prescription drugs that are more than a year old should be disposed of properly.
- Turn in non-prescription medicines without an expiration date that are more than six months old.
- Keep pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify contents.
- Blackout or cross off patient's name on pharmaceutical labels.
- Sharps need to be placed in a rigid container with a sealed lid. A new sharps container will be provided.

Acceptable Items

- Unused/expired prescription medications including narcotics
- Prescription cough syrup
- Prescription ear drops and eye drops
- Expired over the counter medications
- Residential sharps

Unacceptable Items

- Institutional or business waste
- Non-prescription liquids

Holiday Lights Recycling Program

Did you purchase new holiday lights and don't know what to do with the old ones? Do you have a set of lights or extension cords that you can't get to work? Don't throw them in the garbage. You can recycle them free of charge.

The Village accepts unused and non-working holiday string lights and extension cords year round. The materials in the string lights and extension cords will be reclaimed and reprocessed into new products. Most importantly they will be kept out of the landfill.

Residents can drop off their unwanted holiday string lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Rd., at the west end of the parking lot *(available 24/7)*.

Organics Recycling

Unlimited Organics Collection Program

The Village has rebranded the existing yard waste program as the Organics Program. In addition to the collection of yard waste, the Village will now accept organic material including fruits, vegetables, meat, etc. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge, but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program for collection. Organics Service will be provided from April through mid-December.

ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS

- Grass clippings
- Brush
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Fruits & vegetables
- Pastas
- Meat (no bone)
- Breads
- Crackers
- Cereals
- Cheese, yogurt (no liquids)
- Coffee grounds

NON-ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS

- Plastic bags *(including compostable bags)*
- Styrofoam
- Bones, seafood
- Shrink wrap
- Chip and candy wrappers
- Plastic forks, knives or spoons
- Plastic containers or wrap from food packaging
- Plastic of any kind
- Glass of any kind
- No beverages

Organics/Yard Waste Collection Details

CONTAINER SPECIFICATIONS

Any size container up to 95 gal is acceptable with this program. Residents are responsible for maintaining personally owned yard waste containers.

- Rigid containers up to 32 gal cannot exceed more than 50lbs as they are manually tipped by the driver.
- Rigid containers 32 gal and larger must be wheeled carts as they are picked up with a hydraulic arm.

BAG SPECIFICATIONS

If you choose to use kraft paper bags, you will only be able to dispose of yard waste material. Material identified as organic food items must be disposed of in a rigid container.

- Bags must be made of biodegradable kraft paper. Biodegradable bags made out of corn starch or similar products are not acceptable.
- Bags cannot exceed 32 gallon capacity. The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 32 gallons.
- Bags cannot exceed 50 pounds. The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 50 pounds.
- Plastic bags cannot be used to dispose of yard waste. Plastic bags containing yard waste will not be collected.

Organics/yard waste generated from Mount Prospect residential properties will be taken to Thelen Materials in Antioch.

COLLECTION SET-OUT TIMES

Yard waste can be placed at the curb as early as 4:30 pm the day before collection and no later than 6:30 am of collection day. Late set-outs will not be collected until the following week.

Brush Collection

BRUSH LESS THAN 3.5 INCHES IN DIAMETER

- Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush.
- Brush bundles are collected on your regular collection day.
- Tree limbs must not exceed 3.5 inches diameter.
- Brush must be bundled – bundles not to exceed 50 pounds, 5 feet in length and must be secured with a biodegradable material (cloth or twine); no wire or plastic.

BRUSH GREATER THAN 3.5 INCHES IN DIAMETER

- Brush or logs greater than 3.5 inches in diameter are taken as garbage and not collected as yard waste.
- Logs can be placed in your garbage cart for collection or placed outside the cart. If logs are placed outside the cart the logs must be prepared according to the following specifications:
  - Bundles or individual logs will be collected on your regular scheduled collection day, not to exceed 50 pounds and five (5) feet in length.
  - One (1) cubic yard limit (approximately six (6) bundles or large logs equal one (1) cubic yard).
  - Bundles must be secured with cloth or twine; no wire or plastic.

Curbside Organics Collection Guidelines

YES!

ACCEPTABLE

- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- BRUSH
- EGGSHELLS
- FLOWERS
- LEAVES
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- PASTAS
- MEAT (NO BONE)
- BREADS
- CRACKERS
- CEREALS
- CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
- COFFEE GROUNDS

Is this OK for Organics collection?

NON-ACCEPTABLE

- PLASTIC BAGS
- STYROFOAM
- BONES, SEAFOOD
- SHRINK WRAP
- CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WRAP FROM FOOD PACKAGING
- PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
- GLASS OF ANY KIND
- BEVERAGES

NO!

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Organics/Yard Waste Cart Rental

Households producing a large amount of organics/yard waste may be interested in the Village's optional yard waste cart rental program. The program has a monthly fee of $4.18 *(2025 rate)* for cart rental paid directly to the Village through resident refuse bill. This cost includes the use of a wheeled cart (cart size of your choice – 35, 65 or 95 gallon).

Service is provided once a week on your scheduled collection day between April and mid-December.

To participate in the cart rental, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

Solid Waste Notes

Solid Waste Management Contract

The Village of Mount Prospect has a comprehensive Solid Waste Management program that promotes waste reduction and resource recovery. The Village's residential solid waste services are paid through an annual direct charge on your water bill or quarterly if you do not receive Village provided water service.

The Village's exclusive residential solid waste contract provides services to single- family residences *(curbside collection)*, multi-family *(centralized refuse containers)*, and commercial properties. The Public Works Department administers the solid waste contract and serves as the liaison between the resident and the refuse hauler.

Standard Refuse and Recycling

As part of the solid waste collection program, all residential properties receiving curbside collection are issued two wheeled carts, one for refuse and the second cart for recycling.

Refuse Container

One 35, 65, or 95 gallon wheeled cart for Refuse service. The green cart or blue with black lid is for trash only. All trash must be placed in the cart. Any trash outside of the cart that is not on the approved bulk item list *(see page 10)* will not be collected. Your options are to hold onto the trash until the next scheduled collection day or call Republic Services for a special pickup *(charges do apply)*.

Recycling Container

One 35, 65 or 95 gallon wheeled cart for Recycling service. The blue cart is for commingled recyclables such as: newspaper, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard; glass food and beverage containers; steel, tin and bimetal containers; empty aerosol and aluminum cans; aluminum foil, formed-foil; wax and polycoated *gable topped* beverage containers such as milk cartons, juice drink boxes, whipping cream cartons, and fabric softener refills *(see page 2 for details)*. **Do not put recyclables into plastic garbage bags.**

Refuse & Recycling Carts

The durable, plastic wheeled carts that are used for the solid waste program are designed specifically for residential properties and feature a permanently attached lid and a handle that allows for easy maneuvering.

- 35 GALLON WHEELED CART (38"Hx23"Wx21"D) | Holds three standard kitchen bags
- 65 GALLON WHEELED CART (41.5"Hx25"Wx25"D) | Holds six standard kitchen bags
- 95 GALLON WHEELED CART (47"Hx30"Wx30"D) | Holds twelve standard kitchen bags

The Village understands that a household's solid waste needs may change over time creating a need for greater or reduced solid waste capacity. To address this issue, households are allowed to exchange their current refuse and/or recycling cart for a different size cart at no cost to the resident.

The Village also offers additional carts for households needing additional refuse and recycling capacity. Additional refuse carts can be purchased for a one time non-refundable rental fee of $25 for each additional refuse cart regardless of size. Households are allowed one free recycling cart in addition to the recycling cart originally provided by the Village. Cart exchanges can be made by calling the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640. Once an exchange request has been made, the cart(s) will be exchanged by Republic Services on the resident's first scheduled collection day after the request. A representative from Republic Services will make the exchange after refuse trucks have finished collection. A resident that has scheduled an exchange must leave their cart(s) at the curb after collection. The new cart(s) will not be delivered if the old cart(s) are not at the curb. **Please DO NOT bring carts to Public Works for exchange.**

If you have a damaged cart the Village will repair or replace the cart(s) at no cost to you. Contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 to report the damaged cart. A representative from Republic Services will be dispatched to repair or replace the cart on the next scheduled garbage collection day. Refuse and/or recycling carts will not be exchanged for aesthetic or odor issues. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own containers.

Refuse & Recycling Cart Placement

Refuse and recycling wheeled carts must be placed at the curb on your scheduled collection day to be collected.

Wheeled Cart Placement Do's

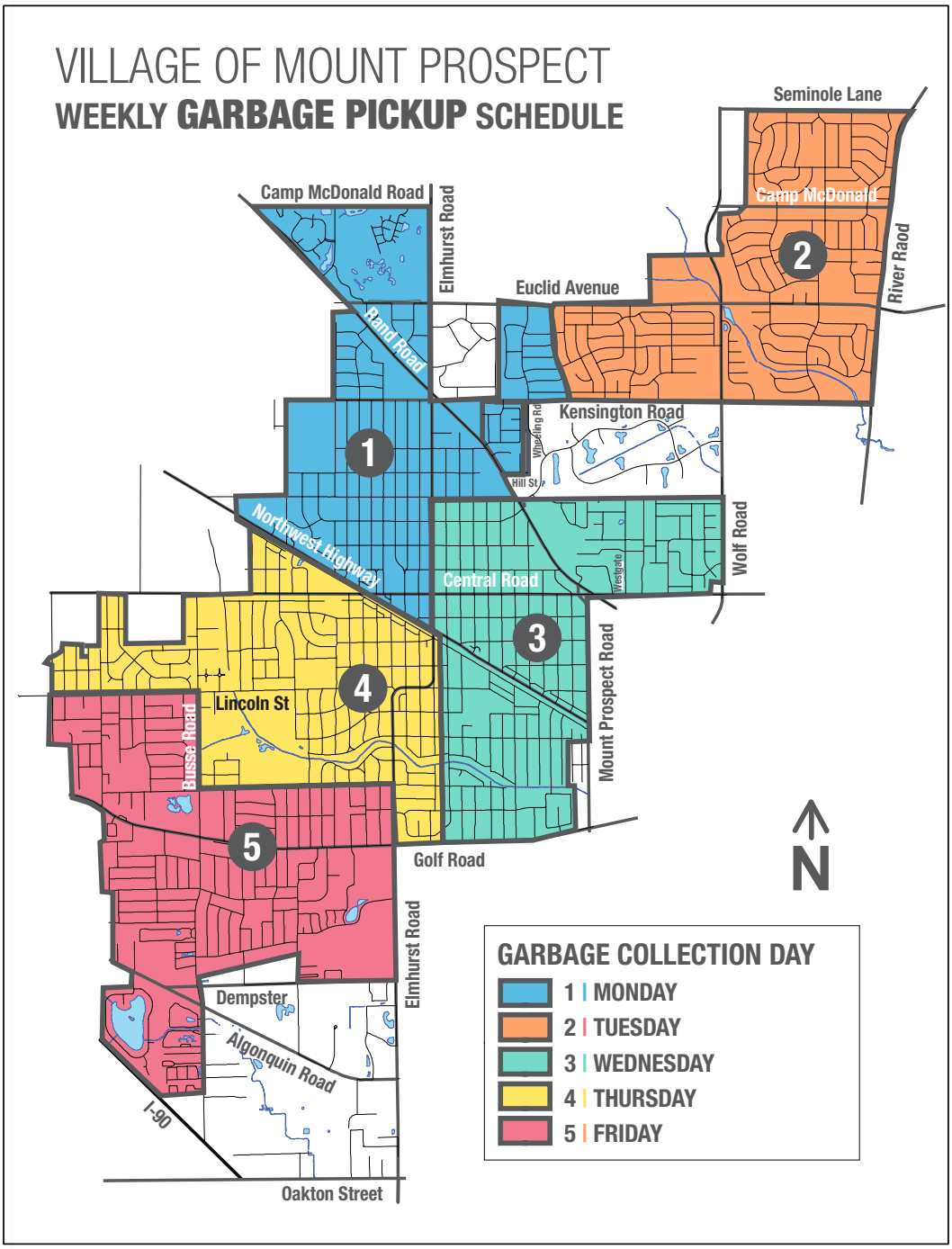
- Carts should be placed on the driveway apron at the curb line or on the parkway.
- Carts should be placed for collection with the handle facing away from the street.
- Carts should be placed at the curb with a two (2) foot separation between the carts, mailbox or sign posts.
- Cart lids must be closed.

Wheeled Cart Placement Don'ts

- Carts should not be placed in the street.
- Cart lids should not be open.
- Items should not be placed on top of the closed lid.
- Do not place items (white goods, bulk items, yard waste) in front of the carts.

Cart Storage

- Village Code regulates where refuse, recycling and yard waste containers may be stored on your property.
- Carts or yard waste containers can be stored along the side, rear or in the garage of a property.
- Cart or containers cannot be stored in front of the property. Carts stored on the driveway in front of an attached garage or in the front yard are in violation of Village Code.
- Corner houses may not place receptacles in a corner or exterior side yard unless receptacles are completely screened from adjacent streets by permanent fence or dense planting.



Collection Set-Out Times

Refuse and recycling can be placed at the curb as early as 4:30 pm the day before collection but no later than 6:30 am of the collection day. Late set-outs will not be collected until the following week. Empty carts are to be removed the same day as collection.

Missed Collection

If the refuse hauler misses your collection, it will be picked up the next working day. Please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 within 24 hours to report the missed pick-up.

Improperly prepared refuse, recyclables, yard material, etc. will not be collected. Materials that are not collected due to non-compliance must be removed from the parkway and stored on the resident's property. Material must be prepared properly and set at the curb the next week for collection.

Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be NO collection on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
4th of July	Christmas Day

If a holiday falls on a weekday or is observed on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday. The following week will return to the regular collection schedule.

If New Year's, Independence, or Christmas Day fall on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on Monday. Garbage collection will be delayed one day with Monday's collection occurring on Tuesday, etc. The following week will return to the regular collection schedule.

MPDelivers/SeeClickFix

Need to replace or exchange your refuse or recycling cart? Contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or submit an online service request on our Customer Response Module (CRM) which is the first action button on the homepage at mountprospect.org. It provides access to Village services from initial request to completion. MPDelivers/SeeClickFix is available free for download on your smartphone and can be used to submit issues like refuse/recycling cart replacement or exchange or other Public Works requests.

Solid Waste Notes

Bulk Items

Bulk items are collected weekly on your regular scheduled collection day. Collection is provided at no additional charge and there is no limit on the number of items that can be placed at the curb. The following is a list of approved bulk items:

Lawn Care Equipment *(no gasoline)*
Countertop Microwave Ovens
Mattresses/Box Springs
Carpet Rolls *(no longer than 5 feet)*
Snowblowers/Shovels
Plumbing Fixtures
Glass Doors & Mirrors *(tape across the glass with duct tape)*
Furniture
Bicycles
Swing Sets *(5 foot lengths)*
Barbecue Grills *(no propane tanks unless empty)*
Toilets *(tank & bowl separated)*

This is not an exhaustive list of bulk items. If you do not see your item on the list please contact the Public Works Department to see if it will be collected as a bulk item.

White Goods (Appliances)

Appliances will be collected for an additional fee that must be paid the day of pick up. Arrangements for white good collection must be made directly with Republic Services at 847.981.0091.

Cleaning?

Residents may bring refuse and debris to the Glenview Transfer Station. You will be required to unload your own vehicle. There is a minimum charge of $22.50 for 500 lbs or less *(2024 rate)*; $90 per ton. White goods such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers may be disposed of on a fee per item basis. Only major credit cards are acceptable for payment. For more information, call the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) at 847.724.9205 or email info@swancc.org.

Glenview Transfer Station

Hours	Monday | 6 am – 10 am and 2 pm – 4 pm Tuesday-Friday | 6 am – 4 pm Saturday | 6 am – 12 pm Sunday | Closed
Rates	Residential Waste | $22.50 min. for 500 lbs. or less $90 per ton *(2024 rate)*
White Goods	$25 per item *(refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.)*
Location	3 Providence Way, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 *(North of River Rd. & Central Rd.)*

NOTE: Household hazardous waste (paint, cleaning products, motor oil or automotive batteries), any type of landscape waste, concrete, asbestos roofing shingles and materials or medical/liquid wastes are NOT accepted at the drop-off.

Special Collections

Excess trash, non-bulk items, construction debris in excess of one cubic yard, large tree limbs and stumps will be collected for an additional fee. Arrangements must be made directly with Republic Services at 847.981.0091. Material must be properly prepared.

Construction Debris

Construction debris must be placed in the wheeled cart. Debris placed in the cart must be prepared in a manner that allows the lid of the cart to close *(ex. boards placed in the cart must be cut to a size allowing the lid to close).*

Materials that cannot be containerized must be prepared in the following manner: Bundles are not to exceed five (5') feet in length nor 50 pounds in weight; one (1) cubic yard limit. (Approximately six (6) bundles equal one (1) cubic yard). Doors count as one bundle of construction debris. Doors do not need to be cut to size.

Move-in Debris

Residents moving into a home in the Village are entitled to a one (1) time only unlimited move-in collection at no charge. Residents must call Public Works at 847.870.5640 within one (1) month of the move in to arrange for collection. All restrictions and guidelines regarding the preparation of materials and limitations on construction debris apply to move-in collections.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be collected for composting by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day for the first two weeks of January *(see website for exact dates)*. After two weeks, trees will be collected as garbage.

Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris. Please remove all decorative items from the tree including:

Lights • Ornaments • Strings • Tinsel • Wires

Please do not cut or trim trees for collection; place trees at the curb whole.

Natural wreaths are considered refuse due to the metal frame and will be collected as refuse. Artificial wreaths are not recyclable.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Permanent Collection Facilities

Three long-term household chemical waste collection facilities in Illinois:

Goose Island Facility | 312.744.7672 | 1150 N. Branch Street | Chicago
Tuesdays 7 am – 12 pm | Thursdays 2 pm – 7 pm
1st Saturday of month 8 am – 3 pm
Operated by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Accepts household chemical waste, computer materials, small fire extinguishers and propane tanks.

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) | 847.336.9340
1311 N. Estes Street | Gurnee
By appointment only on second Saturday or fourth Monday of each month.

Naperville | 630.420.6095
156 Fort Hill Drive | Naperville | Saturdays & Sundays 9 am – 2 pm

Rock River Reclamation District | 815.987.5570
3333 Kishwaukee | Rockford | Saturdays 8 am – 4 pm
Sundays Noon – 4 pm | knib.org/recycling

One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The village hosts up to two one-day, by appointment only, household hazardous waste collection events throughout the year. Please check the Village website, mountprospect.org, for information and availability.
Mount Prospect residents only.

Materials collected will be disposed of in the most environmentally friendly method possible. Some of the eligible items include aerosol paints and solvents, pool chemicals, insecticides, used motor oil and cleaning products.

A full list of eligible and prohibited items can be found at mountprospect.org. No business or commercial waste will be accepted.

Acceptable Items

Oil-based paints
Used motor oil
Paint thinners
Drain cleaners
Herbicides
Lawn chemicals
Insecticides
Solvents
Pesticides
Antifreeze
Old gasoline
Hobby chemicals
Pool chemicals
Aerosol paints & pesticides
Cleaning products
Fluorescent lamp bulbs
Mercury

Unacceptable Wastes

Agricultural chemicals
Propane tanks*
Business/commercial sector wastes
Smoke detectors
Explosives
Farm machinery oil
Fireworks
Fire extinguishers*
Lead acid batteries*
Institutional wastes
Controlled substances
Sharps, needles & potentially infectious medical wastes
Latex Paint

Unable to attend a collection?

Dispose of your household chemical waste for a fee. Contact R3 Environmental Management at 847.488.1492 x 202.

** Although the Illinois EPA's contractors do not accept automotive batteries, propane tanks, or fire extinguishers, cosponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call the Illinois EPA to verify materials being accepted.*

Mercury Thermometer Disposal

NEVER use a vacuum to clean up mercury. If you have a mercury spill, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217.782.5830, or go to idph.state.il.us/mercury for cleanup procedures.

Chicago Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling
1150 N. North Branch St. | Chicago
cityofchicago.org
See website for hours | Residential waste only *(no business or commercial sector waste)*. Accepts thermometers, switches and thermostats.

R3 Environmental Management | 847.488.1492
1050 E. Chicago Ave. | Elgin | r3environmental.net

Mercury may also be taken to Household Chemical Waste events. Check iepa.org for other locations.

Recycle your eyeglasses and hearing aids!

You may recycle your eyeglasses and hearing aids at the Public Works Facility, Monday-Friday from 7:30 am – 4 pm. The donated eyeglasses will be taken to the Lions of Illinois Foundation in Dekalb. Metal frames will be melted down and sold for scrap to help defray shipping costs. Plastic frames and all lenses are shipped to Indiana for refurbishing. Upon completion, the glasses will be shipped to eye doctors outside of the U.S., where people in need will get these glasses for free. Unfortunately there is no recycling program for eyeglass cases at this time, and those that are donated to the Lions get disposed of.

Hearing aids, also collected by the Lions, are also sent to Lions of Illinois Foundation in DeKalb. From there, they get refurbished by a hearing aid company, and are then made available through the Foundation to anyone in need of hearing aids.

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