Grundy County Green Guide

The Grundy County Green Guide was developed by the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office to provide Grundy County residents with solutions to recycling and solid waste obstacles. The solutions provided in this guide focus on ways to reuse/recycle or dispose of items that should not be land filled due to their hazardous nature and IEPA laws.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact either Heidi Miller or Cheryl Wardell at the Grundy County Land Use Department at (815) 941-3229; hmiller@grundyco.org or (815) 941-3228; cwardell@grundyco.org

LOOK INSIDE TO FIND:

- Waste & Recycling Web Sites pg. 3
- Household Hazardous Waste - HHW pg. 18
- Materials banned from Landfills pg. 7
- Household Medical Waste pg. 19
- Municipal/Village Hall Information pg. 8
- Latex Paint Disposal pg. 19
- County Licensed Hauler Information pg. 8
- Oil Recycling pg. 20
- Appliance/White Goods Recycling pg. 9
- Landfills and Transfer Stations pg. 20
- Automobiles & Boats Donations pg. 9
- Packing Peanuts/Bubble Wrap Recycling pg. 20
- Automotive Recycling Opportunities pg. 9
- Pallet Recycling pg. 20
- Batteries - Lead-Acid & Household pg. 11
- Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling pg. 21
- Bikes pg. 11
- Polystyrene Recycling Reuse pg. 21
- Books pg. 11
- Propane Tanks pg. 22
- Cellular Phone Recycling/Reuse pg. 12
- Rain Barrels pg. 22
- Clothing & Textiles Reuse/Recycling pg. 13
- Refrigerators/Freezers/washer/dryers pg. 22
- Compost Bins/Facilities pg. 13
- Reuse and Resale Shops pg. 22
- CFL Disposal/Recycling pg. 14
- Tire Recycling and Disposal pg. 23
- Construction & Demolition Material Recyclers pg. 14
- Toner/Inkjet Cartridge Recycling pg. 23
- Electronic Recycling pg. 15
- Unwanted Advertising (Junk) Mail pg. 23
- Eye Glasses and Hearing Aid Reuse Programs pg. 16
- Recyclers of Grease pg. 24
- Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Detectors pg. 16
- Recyclers of Scrap Metal pg. 24
- Flags pg. 17
- Recyclers of Paper pg. 25
- Fluorescent Bulb Recycling pg. 17
- Regulations for Open Burning pg. 26
- Freecycling pg. 17
- Recycling and Open Dumping pg. 27
- Furniture pg. 17
- 2022 ERCO Events Pg. 28
NOTE: The County’s publication of this document is provided as a service to the residents of Grundy County. Inclusion is not intended as an endorsement of any of these companies, nor has the County purposely excluded any additional parties that may provide waste reduction, reuse or recycling services.

While the County has tried to obtain the most current information available, the contents of this Guide are subject to change without notice.

The Grundy County Green Guide is a non-copyrighted publication. Anyone is welcome to copy and distribute it.
Environmental & Recycling Websites

Illinois Recycling Association: www.illinoisrecycles.org
US Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov
IL Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov
Pollution Control Board: https://pcb.illinois.gov/
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity: www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx
Earth’s 911: www.earth911.com
National Recycling Coalition: https://nrcrecycles.org/
Environmental Industry Association: www.wasterecycling.org
Solid Waste Association of North America: www.swana.org
Vermicomposting: www.redwormcomposting.com
Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation: www.prba.org
Glass Packaging Institute: www.gpi.org
American Plastics Council: www.americanchemistry.com/plastics
Recycling sites www.world.org/weo/recycling
Environmental Tech Schools https://www.trade-schools.net/environmental/
Six pack plastic ring recycling www.ringleader.com
Crayon Recycling www.crazycrayons.com
World Wildlife Global Network www.worldwildlife.org
Sierra Club www.sierraclub.org
Use Less Stuff www.use-less-stuff.com
Free Cycle www.freecycle.org
Earth Day Network for April 22 www.earthday.org
Your Guide to Composting www.howtocompost.org
Environlink provides environmental information https://www.environmentalscience.org/
For businesses and citizens www.envirolink.org
Mother Nature Network www.mnn.com
Kids Webpages

Green Crafts
- www.greenkidcrafts.com
- www.favecrafts.com
- www.freekidsrecipes.com/recycled-crafts/
- www.planetpals.com
- www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/04/recycled-art-project-for-kids-2.html
- www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/
- www.education.com/activity/kindergarten/recycled-crafts/
- www.favecrafts.com/Earth-Day-Crafts/16-Recycle-Crafts-for-Kids
- www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-learn-recycling/
- www.kinderart.com/recycle
- www.happyscribbles.net/recycled-art.php
- https://www.weareteachers.com/

Environmental Issues
- www.kids.niehs.nih.gov
- www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/5-environmental-activities-for-kids
- https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/
- http://www.nea.org/tools/environmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html

Wind Energy for Kids
- www.cecsb.org
- www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=wind_home-basics

Recycling Games
- www.kidsrecyclingzone.com
- www.pbskids.org
- www.kid-at-art.com
- www.planetpals.com

Composting for Kids
- www.mykindsadventures.com/five-fun-composting-projects-for-kids/
Family Webpages

Outdoor Activities
- www.nwf.org
- www.Familyfitness.about.com
- www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/

Composting
- www.epa.gov/compost/
- www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/
- www.howtocompost.org
- www.compostinstructions.com

Crafts
- www.familycrafts.about.com
- www.funfamilycrafts.com
- www.aboutfamilycrafts.com

Teacher/Homeschool/Webpages

- www.neefusa.org
- www.earthforce.org
- www.discoveryeducation.com
- www.epa.gov
- www.treepeople.org
- www.edutopia.org
- https://teachheart.org/
- https://www.epa.gov/students
- https://www.teachervision.com/
- http://www.nea.org/tools/EnvironmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html
Gardening/Composting Webpages

Vermicomposting
www.compostguide.com/vermicomposting
www.compostguy.com
www.allthingsorganic.com
www.planetnatural.com
www.redwormcomposting.com
https://rodaleinstitute.org/science/articles/vermicomposting-for-beginners/
https://www.thespruce.com/vermicomposting-setting-up-a-worm-bin-2539503

Organic Gardening
www.bhg.com
www.motherearthnews.com
https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2015/03/17/tips-starting-organic-garden
https://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/teacher_resources/project_ideas/organic_garden/
https://www.thespruce.com/basics-for-gardening-organically-1402445
https://www.joyusgarden.com/tips-on-organic-vegetable-gardening/
https://joegardener.com/podcast/raised-bed-gardening-pt-1/

Teen Webpages

Eco Challenge
www.scholastic.com/lexus/

Environmental Issues
www.epa.gov/epawaste/education/teens/index.htm
www.nea.org

Improving communities
www.earthforce.org/

Environmental Literacy Council
Teen issues for air, food, energy and water
www.enviroliteracy.org

Environmental Activities
https://www.weareteachers.com/10-cool-ways-for-teens-to-celebrate-earth-day/

Environmental Fun for Summer
https://frogmom.com/earth-day-activities-for-teens/
## Materials banned from Landfills

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Ban Date</th>
<th>Recycling/Disposal Choices</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Waste</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>see page 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mercury Thermostats</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>see page 18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lead Acid Batteries</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>see page 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Household Fluorescent Bulbs/High Intensity Light Bulbs</td>
<td>1997</td>
<td>see page 18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor Oil</td>
<td>1996</td>
<td>see page 21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tires</td>
<td>1994</td>
<td>see page 24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Household Medical Waste</td>
<td>1993</td>
<td>see page 20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>White Goods (Large appliances, etc.)</td>
<td>1994</td>
<td>see page 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High Hazardous Waste</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape Waste</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>see page 13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Residents

If you live in an unincorporated area, it is your responsibility to obtain the services of a licensed waste hauler through subscription service. All municipalities have contracts with individual haulers to collect waste within their boundaries. To check on specifics within your municipal curbside waste/recycling program, call your village hall and/or hauler.

Braceville Village Hall
300 N. Mitchell Street
Braceville, IL 60407
815-237-8655

Carbon Hill Village Hall
695 N. Holcomb Street
Carbon Hill, IL 60416
815-634-4968

Channahon Village Hall
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-6644

Coal City Village Hall
515 S. Broadway Street
Coal City, IL 60416
815-634-8608

Diamond Village Hall
1750 E. Division Street
Diamond, IL 60416
815-634-8149

Dwight Village Hall
209 S. Prairie Avenue
Dwight, IL 60420
(815) 584-3077

East Brooklyn Village Hall
Box 338
South Wilmington, IL 60474
815-237-8360

Gardner Village Hall
302 N. Center Street
Gardner, IL 60424
815-237-2592

Godley Village Hall
150 S. Kankakee Street
Braceville, IL 60407
815-458-2222

Kinsman Village Hall
Box 836
Kinsman, IL 60437
815-970-2554

Mazon Village Hall
520 Depot Street/P.O. Box 33
Mazon, IL 60444
815-448-2206

Minooka Village Hall
121 E. McEvilly Road
Minooka, IL 60447
815-467-2151

Morris City Hall
700 N. Division Street
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-0103

S. Wilmington Village Hall
380 Lake Street
South Wilmington, IL 60474
815-287-2241

Verona Village Hall
429 Division Street
Verona, IL 60479
815-287-2320

County—Licensed Waste Haulers

Residential waste haulers are required to collect, waste, and recyclables produced by the customers of either residents or commercial/industrial users. Haulers have the right to refuse collection of recyclables which are prepared incorrectly or contain garbage. Haulers are required to provide trash and recyclables collection. Any other specific questions in regard to the type of waste that is picked up, dates and times of that pick up, and general complaints should be directed to the city hall or the waste hauler directly.

Republic Services
808 S. Joliet St.
Joliet, IL 60436
815-774-3910

Waste Management
2100 Moen Avenue
Rockdale, IL 60430
815-725-4200

NuWay Disposal Service, Inc.
P.O. 588
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-5851

Three Rivers Waste & Recycling
P.O. Box 2127
Joliet IL 60450
815-693-5496

Environmental Recycling & Disposal
P.O. Box 675
Orland Park, IL 60462
815-725-4555

Homewood Disposal
1501 West 174th Street
Homewood, IL 60430
(708) 798-1004

County Line Hauling
P.O. Box 225
Newark, IL 60451
(888) 426-6767
Appliance/White Goods Recycling

Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, and large appliances are considered White Goods and are banned from our landfills. The hazardous components, which include mercury, CFC gases, and PCB’s are dangerous for our environment and need to be disposed of properly. Here are some options:

Contact your waste hauler for pickup options or the following local companies for hours for drop off:

Fairway Recycling  
1124 E. Washington St.  
Morris, IL  
815-941-4550  
Mon-Fri 7-4:00 PM  
Saturday 7-1:00 PM

Hierz Scrap  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
815-287-2445  
Mon-Fri 8-4:00 PM

Automobiles, RVs, Boats, and Motorcycles Donations

The following websites provide options on the donations of automobiles, RVs and motorcycles:

- www.carsforveterans.org
- www.Kars4kids.org
- www.800charitycars.org

Motor Oil

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Auto Zone</th>
<th>Walmart Tire and Lube</th>
<th>Auto Zone</th>
<th>Advanced Auto Parts</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 1220 Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 416-1081 | 333 U.S. Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815)942-5981 | 525 US Route 6  
Minooka, IL 60447  
(815) 467-1263 | 1135 E. Division  
Coal City, IL 60416  
(815) 634-8852 |

Motor Oil Filters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hierz Scrap</th>
<th>Walmart Tire and Lube Express</th>
<th>O’Reilly Auto Parts</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
(815) 287-2445 | 333 U.S. Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-6306 | 312 Collins Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 740-0600 |
# AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

## Batteries—Lead Acid Battery Recycling

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fairway Recycling</td>
<td>1124 E. Washington</td>
<td>Morris, IL</td>
<td>(815) 730-7428</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ace Iron &amp; Metals Inc.</td>
<td>11 3rd Avenue</td>
<td>Joliet, IL</td>
<td>(815) 723-2612</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoZone</td>
<td>1220 Division Street</td>
<td>Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>(815) 416-1081</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto Zone</td>
<td>525 W. U.S. Route 6</td>
<td>Minooka, IL 60447</td>
<td>(815) 467-1263</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Depot</td>
<td>621 Brook Forest Ave</td>
<td>Shorewood, IL 60404</td>
<td>(815) 725-6301</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Belson Scrap &amp; Steel, Inc.</td>
<td>1685 N. State Route 50</td>
<td>Bourbonnais, IL</td>
<td>(815) 932-7416</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hierz Scrap</td>
<td>4345 S. Verona Road</td>
<td>Verona, IL</td>
<td>(815) 287-2445</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walmart Supercenter</td>
<td>333 US Route 6</td>
<td>Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>(815) 942-6306</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advance Auto Parts</td>
<td>1135 E. Division</td>
<td>Coal City, IL 60416</td>
<td>(815) 634-8552</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First America Metal</td>
<td>1000 Armstrong Street</td>
<td>Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>(815) 941-9888</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Olson’s Auto/Scrap Metal</td>
<td>354 West Jackson Street</td>
<td>Seneca, IL 61360</td>
<td>(815) 357-8625</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Antifreeze/Transmission Fluids

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Advance Auto Parts</td>
<td>2510 W. Jefferson Street</td>
<td>Joliet, IL 60435</td>
<td>(815) 730-7428</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto Zone</td>
<td>525 U.S. Route 6</td>
<td>Minooka, IL</td>
<td>(815) 467-1263</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Firestone Complete Auto Care</td>
<td>601 Brookforest Avenue</td>
<td>Shorewood, IL 60435</td>
<td>(815) 768-3926</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Automobile Tires

**See page 26**
Household Battery Recycling—Rechargeable/Nickel Cadmium

**Grundy County:** through Battery Solution Buckets:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grundy County Admin Bldg.</td>
<td>1320 Union St. Morris, IL</td>
<td>(815) 942-6240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coal City Public Library</td>
<td>85 N. Garfield St. Coal City, IL</td>
<td>(815) 357-6144</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morris Public Library</td>
<td>604 Liberty St. Morris, IL</td>
<td>(815) 725-6301</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morris City Hall</td>
<td>700 N. Division St. Morris, IL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Other Drop off Locations:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Matteson Hardware (rechargeable only)</td>
<td>221 Bedford Road Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>(815) 942-6240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seneca—Ellis Ace Hardware</td>
<td>255 South Main Street Seneca, IL 61360</td>
<td>(815) 357-6144</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Depot</td>
<td>621 Brookforest Ave. Shorewood, IL 60404</td>
<td>(815) 725-6301</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Verizon</td>
<td>657 Brookforest Ave. Shorewood, IL 60404</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Bike Recycling**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aurora –All Spoked Up</td>
<td>14 W. Downer Place Suite 12 Aurora, IL 60506</td>
<td>(630) 801-9005</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plank Road Cyclery</td>
<td>20 W. Elwood Street Frankfort, IL (815)469-3594</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All American Recycling</td>
<td>2285 New Lennox Road Joliet, IL (815)722-0200</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Vincent DePaul</td>
<td>1427 N. Division Street Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>(815) 942-9288</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Naperville Performing Bicycle</td>
<td>428 South State Route 59 Suite 106 Naperville, IL 60195</td>
<td>(630)983-3010</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Book Reuse**

**SCARCE—Books and School Supplies**

Drop off location and pick up
799 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 2 Suite 108
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
(630) 545-9710

**Book Drives for Children**

Bernie’s Book Bank
917 North Shore Drive
Lake Bluff, IL
(847)780-7323

**Community libraries:**

**November/December of Each Year**

Grundy County Toy Drive
Grundy County Land Use Department/other locations
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-3229
Cellular Phone Recycling and Reuse

Air Corps
273 E. US Route 6
Morris, IL
(815) 416-1071

Home Depot
621 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 725-6301

Cell Phones for Soldiers
Grundy County Land Use
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-3229

And Seldel & Mueller
Country Financial
1509 Creek Drive
Morris, IL 60450

Green Hippo
Sell used phones on web
www.greenhippo.com
(855)304-4776

Walmart
Send in a postage paid mailer
printable from www.Walmart.com

Staples
992 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 609-2387

First America Metal Corp.
1000 Armstrong
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-9888

Target
1111 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60404
(815) 609-6800

Best Buy
3351 Mall Loop Drive
Joliet, IL 60431
(815) 609-0771

Many big box stores will accept cell phones such as:
Office Depot, Lowes, Apple etc.
CFL Bulbs
For more information on CFL/mercury disposal, visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling

Home Depot
621 Brookforest Avenue
Shorewood, IL 60431
(815) 725-6301

Lowe's
2480 East Lincoln Hghwy
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815)215-6000

Southwind RAS, LLC
2252 Southwind Blvd
Bartlett, IL 60103
(630)233-5700 (shingles)

GreenWay Resource Recovery, LLC
2100 S. Kilbourn Avenue
Chicago, IL 60623
(773) 522-0025 (landscaping/roof/concrete/brick/metals)

American Recycling and Disposal
2100 Madison Street
Maywood, IL 60153
(630)506-9977 (Dirt/concrete/ferrous metals/plastic)

C & D Recycling
2300 Carlson Drive
Northbrook, IL 60602
(847) 291-1222 (dumpsters for CCDD)

All American Recycling
2285 New Lenox Rd., Joliet, IL
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 722-0200 (scrap metals)

Henson Disposal
2148 TriLakes Road
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 829-5022 (All CCDD)

JKS Ventures, Inc.
3800 W. Lake Street
Melrose Park, IL 60160
(708) 338-3408 (mixed demo/wood/brush/brick/metals)

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc.
3152 S. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608
(773) 579-0100 (roll off dumpsters for mixed)

Sexton Clean Construction and Demolition Debris
22100 S. Central Avenue
Richton Park, IL 60471
(224) 212-1251 (Clean Construction Demolition Debris)

FJV Development LLC
2951 Mound Road
Joliet, IL 60445
(708) 774-9300 (clean fill/concrete/sand/brick/rock)

Will County Habitat for Humanity Restore
2112 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 714-7011 (Deconstruction Services to salvage items)

Narvick Brothers
1037 Armstrong Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-1173 (concrete)
The Grundy County Environmental & Resource Conservation Office does have EARTHMACHINE compost bins available for sale for $50.00 each. Please call ahead to place order 815-941-3214, (815) 941-3229.

For more information on composting please see pages 4, 5 and 6 of this guide.

Compost Bins

The Grundy County Environmental & Resource Conservation Office does have EARTHMACHINE compost bins available for sale for $50.00 each. Please call ahead to place order 815-941-3214, (815) 941-3229.

For more information on composting please see pages 4, 5 and 6 of this guide.

Compost Bins

The Grundy County Environmental & Resource Conservation Office does have EARTHMACHINE compost bins available for sale for $50.00 each. Please call ahead to place order 815-941-3214, (815) 941-3229.

For more information on composting please see pages 4, 5 and 6 of this guide.

Compost Facilities/Landscape Waste Transfer Stations

On Farm Compost Facility
Joyce Farms Recycling
13253 W. 3000 N. Road
Essex, IL
815-426-2133

Land and Lakes Company
1371 N. Joliet Road
Romeoville, IL

Compost Supply Inc.
2970 Route 52
Newark, IL 60541

Christiansen Farms
12151 Wilmington Road
Peeotone, IL
(708) 259-7355
Accepts grass clippings, branches and leaves
Must be free of glass, plastic and rocks
Landscape Companies and residents welcome

Organix Composting
19065 Hickory Creek Drive, Suite 240
Mokena, IL 60448


Locations for the UsAgain Drop off Boxes:
We Care 530 Bedford Road, Morris
Mystery Crate, 315 Bedford Road, Morris
Park St. UCC 806 Park Street, Mazon
Three Rivers School 24150 W. Ford Road, Channahon

Purple Heart Veterans, Crestwood, IL (877) 337-3873
Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA.org for drop off boxes in Grundy County
Electronics Recycling

**Grundy County Events:** The Land Use Department periodically will hold Electronic Collection events. See our webpage at [www.grundcyo.org](http://www.grundcyo.org) or page 28 of this guide for more details.

**IEPA WEBPAGE:** [www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/](http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/)

**Best Buy Stores will accept the following electronics:**

Best Buy will Accept these Electronics for Free/Potential discount on future purchase—All in one computers, battery back ups (UPS), cables, cd/dvd drive, computer speakers/controllers, memory, mice and keyboards, modems/routers/hubs, web cams, netbooks, desktops, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, laptops, printers/scanners/fax, sound/video cards, tablets and e-readers.

Best Buy will take for a Fee:
- $25/each: CRT Monitors limited to 2/household/day
- $25/each: CRT/Tube TVs limited to 2/household/day LESS THAN 32”, and Flat panel TVs, LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50”

Best Buy Will Haul a TV from Your Home for a Fee:
- $19.99 when a TV is delivered by Geek Squad or Best Buy Home Delivery (CRT/Tube and Projection will cost more—call your local store)
- $99.99 to haul and properly recycle
Eye Glass & Hearing Aids Reuse Programs

Check with your Municipality, Township Hall or Library for the Lions Club sponsored programs. In addition, the following commercial businesses also collect these items:

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center  
880 W. Bedford Road  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5500

Hearing Solutions  
3223 North Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-4403

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center  
880 W. Bedford Road  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5500

Hearing Solutions  
3223 North Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-4403

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center  
880 W. Bedford Road  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5500

Hearing Solutions  
3223 North Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-4403

Pearl Vision  
Hillcrest shopping center  
1701 N. Larkin Avenue  
Crest Hill, IL 60403  
(815) 741-1140

Walmart Vision Centers  
333 East US Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5918

Lens Crafters  
153236 Louis Joliet Mall  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 436-1770

Eye Glass & Hearing Aids Reuse Programs

Fire Extinguishers/Smoke Detectors

Fire Extinguishers:

EFR Fire Equipment  
19711 Mokena St. (behind bldg. by garage door)  
Mokena, IL  
708-479-1889  
*Also accepts Lead Acid Batteries—No fee

Cintas Fire Protection  
1627 Rock Creek Boulevard  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 744-4075

Illinois Fire & Safety  
702 Rowling Road  
Addison, IL  
(888) 455-3473

FEMA’s US Fire Administration recommends that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years, but what do you do with the smoke detector?

There are two types of smoke detectors—Ionization and photoelectric.

Photoelectric types may be disposed of in your regular trash as long as the battery is taken out.

Ionization types must be properly disposed of as there is a small amount of radioactive substance in the detector. Check with the manufacturer for a mail in program to properly dispose of them or the USPS website for phone numbers and address for return.
Flags

Flags are accepted for proper disposal at the following locations:

Matteson’s Ace Hardware stores:

- **Morris**
  - 221 W. Bedford Rd.
  - 815-942-6240
- **Coal City**
  - 1025 E. Division St.
  - 815-634-8898
- **Minooka**
  - 855 S. Ridge Rd.
  - 815-467-7300

Other locations:

- **Municipal libraries**
  - (call first)
- **VFW**
  - 309 McKinley Street
  - Morris, IL 60450
  - (815) 942-0605
- **American Legion**
  - 212 West Washington Street
  - Morris, IL
  - (815) 942-0183

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

Kits:

- **Everlights**
  - 8027 N. Lawndale Ave.
  - Skokie, IL
  - 877-934-9873
  - Call for details/charges
- **Air Cycle Corporation**
  - Recycling Services and Equipment
  - 2200 Ogden Avenue, Suite 100
  - Lisle, IL 60532
  - 800-909-9709
  - www.aircycle.com
  - Commercial and Business Recycling
  - Also collects commercial batteries, ballast, e-scrap and waste.

“Freecycle” www.freecycle.org

This network provides individuals and non profit organizations an electronic forum to recycle unwanted items. Membership is free and is open to all individuals who want to participate.

To participate in the Morris Freecycle Group visit:

www.freecycle.org/group/US/Illinois/Morris

Furniture

- **Goodwill**
  - 414 Arthur Ave.
  - Morris, IL
  - (815)941-2411
- **St. Vincent DePaul**
  - 1427 N. Division
  - Morris, IL
  - (815) 942-9288
- **Salvation Army**
  - Operation Home Front
  - Furniture Bank
HHW—Naperville Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Permanent HHW IEPA Drop Off Facility General Information

Naperville HHW
Located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
Hours Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, excluding holidays
Www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
(630) 420-6095

Accepted HHW Items:
- Oil based paint, stain, varnish, and solvents
- Automobile fluids such as oil, antifreeze, etc.
- Aerosol cans
- Household cleaners and pool chemicals
- Mercury
- Propane tanks (20 lb.)
- Poison, pesticides, and insecticides
- Flammables
- Sealed fluorescent light bulbs, tubes and CFLs
- Hobby chemicals and unknowns
- Expired and unused prescription medications
- Batteries (auto, sump pump, marine)
- Asbestos materials that fit a 55 gal barrel
- Fire Extinguishers
- Prescription non-controlled and over the counter medications
- Peanut oil
- Solvents and strippers
- Thermostats
- Unknown hazardous substances
- Household batteries including car/sump

Not-Accepted Items:
- Ammunition
- Empty Spray cans
- Helium tanks
- Radioactive materials
- Smoke Detectors
- Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood, Styrofoam
- Trash and Non-hazardous Materials
- Unopened useable consumer products
- Explosives
- Latex Paint
- Compressed Gas (not propane)
- Sharps
- Tires

Call the Naperville Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 for other disposal options.

NO BUSINESS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Procedure for Drop off:

To safely transport hazardous materials, make sure containers are securely sealed. Materials should be left in their original containers with a legible label. Do not mix chemicals together. Place containers in a box lined with plastic and a layer of kitty litter as protection against a spill or leak. Transport items in the trunk of your car and have them clearly marked.

When you arrive at the drop off facility, please stay within your vehicle. You will need to provide the technician with information verifying the county in which you reside.
PROPER Latex Paint Disposal

How to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint:

- Steel Cans with less than one inch of material may be opened and dried. Once the paint is dried keep the lid off of the can and dispose of in regular trash.
- Larger quantities may be reused or recycled. Please store the paint in an area where they will not be frozen at any time. Contact neighbors, friends, non-profits who may take the material as a donation.
- Larger quantities take additional drying time. Cat litter, oil dry, sand or sawdust is recommended as a low cost absorbent material that may be mixed with the latex paint to speed the drying process. The can and material must be placed in the refuse when complete: due to the absorbent and quantity of paint, this cannot be placed in the recycling program.

Paint Recycling Programs:

- Matteson Ace Hardware, 855 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, IL (815)-467-7300 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Kinko Ace, 1202 Essington Road, Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 729-0155 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Check Grundy County Events Calendar for possible Paint Recycling Events (page 28); Fees will be applied.

Household Medical Waste

Medical waste generated in households is not regulated like medical waste produced by hospitals and other health care facilities. Pharmaceuticals can enter the water supply via sink, toilets, or trash disposal. Hence, there is great potential for these harmful chemicals ending up in our lakes, rivers, and ground water. Effects of improper disposal of this waste has already be shown to have negative effects on aquatic ecosystem. Trace amounts of certain medications have also been found in drinking water.

Used “sharps,” such as hypodermic or intravenous needles, also pose a danger of accidental exposure to blood born pathogens. All sharps should be recapped and placed in rigid plastic containers such as detergent bottles. The lid should be placed back on these containers and they should be clearly labeled “sharps” or “needles”.

Below is a listing of locations that will take unwanted sharps and medications that once collected will be properly disposed of through incineration under IEPA standards.

Grundy County Coroner’s Office
1320 Union Street
Morris, IL
(815)941-3360
May drop off M-F from 8A-4:30P
Sharps and Meds accepted

Morris and Minooka Police Departments
700 N. Division Street (Morris)
121 McEvilly Road (Minooka)
*Container in Lobby for unwanted medication Only—No syringe/needles.

Minooka Police Department
121 McEvilly Road
Minooka, IL 60447
(815) 467-2300

Morris Police Department
200 East Chapin Street
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-2131

Coal City Pharmacy
175 South Broadway Street
Coal City, IL 60416
Sharps and meds accepted.
(815) 634-2391

Channahon Police Dept. (Medication Only)
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-5152

Channahon Police Dept. (Medication Only)
24555 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-5152
Landfills and Transfer Stations

Waste Management Joliet Transfer Station
2850 Mound Road
Joliet, IL (800)963-4776
Accepts municipal solid waste, and construction debris
No hazardous or special waste
July 2016

Livingston Landfill
Pontiac, IL (815)844-3911
14206 E. 2100 Road North
Municipal, non-hazardous & special waste
Call for details.

LandCom -Republic Landfill
Illinois Valley Recycling
2840 E. 13th Road, Ottawa, IL (815)434-1808
Accepts municipal, non-hazardous and special waste.
Accepts clean recyclables at no charge.
wastes. Call for details.

Oil Recycling (see Automotive also)

Since oil is banned from landfills those who change their own oil must dispose of it properly. The following local merchants will accept your used motor oil. It is advisable to contact the following vendors prior to bringing your used oil to their facility. **Do not leave or dump your oil containers outside a facility.** Doing so may jeopardize future program alternatives for residents.

See Page 9 for Automotive Recycling Opportunities.

Packing Peanuts / Bubble Wrap - Reuse/Recycling

Peanuts can be made from plastic, vegetable, or cellulose. If they dissolve under water, they are biodegradable and can be composted. If they are plastic they can be added to the bottom of planters to improve water drainage or mixed into hard packed soil for improved drainage in the garden.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ship N’ Mail Business Services</th>
<th>The UPS Store</th>
<th>Post Net</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>601 N. Division Street</td>
<td>249 E. US Rte. 6</td>
<td>1147 Brookforest Avenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>Morris, IL 60450</td>
<td>Shorewood, IL 60404</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>815-941-4140</td>
<td>815-416-0750</td>
<td>815-230-2222</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Verdeco Plastics Inc.
23315 South Youngs Road
Channahon, IL
(815)255-1585

Verdeco will also collect hard post industrial plastic, cardboard/paper, clean plastic film, water bottles, foam, Styrofoam, obsolete and off rials. Drop off hours are 7:30 AM—3:00 PM Monday—Friday.

Pallet Recycling

Pallets Recycling & Disposal
491 W. 2000S Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-4968
Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling

Jewel-Osco (Morris and Minooka)  Wal-Mart Supercenter  Verdeo Plastics Inc.  
1414 N. Division St. (Morris)  333 E. Route 6  23315 South Youngs Road  
2051 Ridge Road (Minooka)  Morris, IL  Channahon, IL  
(815)942-6306  (815)255-1585  **Call first**

Target  
1111 Brookforest  
Shorewood, IL  
(815) 609-6800

There are limited options for block or expanded polystyrene - EPS. Encourage companies to take the recycling possibilities into consideration when deciding upon packaging options.

Most major grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags and newspaper wrappers. They usually have containers near the entrance of the store for collection. Businesses ask that only clean and dry bags be placed into the containers and all other materials, like receipts, be removed. Check with local dry cleaners to see if they accept used dry cleaning bags and hangers.

Use Reusable Grocery Bags

Reusable bags save trees  
Reusable bags save water  
Reusable bags save gas and oil  
Reusable bags help air pollution  
Reusable bags help our oceans  
Reusable bags help our sea creatures  
Reusable bags save 700+ bags over the span of their lifetime!  
Reusable bags help our families!

Polystyrene Recycling/Reuse

There are limited options for block or expanded polystyrene - EPS. Encourage companies to take the recycling possibilities into consideration when deciding upon packaging options.

Ship N’ Mail Business Services, (815)941-4140, 601 N. Division in Morris will accept block and expanded polystyrene (EPS) for use in their packing and shipping operations. Please call first.

Verdeo Plastics Inc.  
23315 South Youngs Road  
Channahon, IL  
www.verdecoplastics.com  
(815)255-1585
Propane Tanks

Hicksgas
415 South Division Street
Braidwood, IL
(815)458-2373
Will take empty and partial tanks for a charge ($10.00)
in them for a charge. Call first.

Grainco FS
2295 N. Route 47
Morris, IL
(815)942-1022
Will take empty tanks at no charge.
Call first.

Rain Barrels

Water conservation is important for our planet! Many areas in drought conditions put watering restrictions in
place to conserve.

Rain barrels are a good method of collecting water to be used specifically for the watering of gardens and
houseplants. All rain barrels should be constructed such that there is a netting to prevent insects, especially
mosquitos, from breeding in the water.

Rain barrels are made in many different colors and shapes to add to the décor of your garden areas.

Places in which you may purchase a rain barrel include but are not limited to:

The Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District has rain barrels for sale in the spring and the
summer. For more information please call (815) 942-0359 x 3 or go to www.grundycountyswcd.org.

Home improvement stores: Menards, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes etc.

Refrigerators/Freezers/Washers/Dryers

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.
11 3rd Avenue
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 723-2612

Fairway
1124 E. Washington
Morris, IL
(815) 941-4550

Hierz Scrap Service
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, IL
(815) 287-2445

Reuse & Resale Shops

Are there some things that you have too much of, are just tired of, or have outgrown? There are shops that
will take your items from you, and sometimes, you can even make money from them. The best part is that it
will save them from going into a landfill! The list below can give you a start:

Goodwill
414 Arthur Ave.
Morris 815-941-2411
Accepts good clean and
re-usable clothing and
household items

St. Vincent DePaul
1427 N. Division St.
Morris 815-942-9288
Accepts good, clean and
re-useable clothing and
household items

Junk in the Trunk Flea Market
100 Commercial Drive
Morris, IL 60450
(8125) 942-2032
willis824@comcast.net
Third Sunday of the month
Tire Recycling & Disposal (call for disposal fees)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dellwood Tire &amp; Auto</td>
<td>530 W. Mondamin, Minooka, IL</td>
<td>(815) 467-0210</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steve’s Tire Center</td>
<td>514 N. Liberty, Morris, IL</td>
<td>(815) 942-5080</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lucenta Tire</td>
<td>24059 S. Municipal Drive, Channahon, IL</td>
<td>(815) 467-1275</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mazon Auto</td>
<td>501 East Street, Mazon, IL</td>
<td>(815) 448-2122</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McCoy Union 76</td>
<td>Rte. 6 and Tryon, Channahon, IL</td>
<td>(815) 467-2258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tire Tracks</td>
<td>129 E. Jackson Street, Morris, IL</td>
<td>(815) 942-0001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tire Zone</td>
<td>85 N. 1st Avenue, Coal City, IL</td>
<td>(815) 634-3000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Larger Tire Drop off companies and locations:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Treadstone Tire Recycling</td>
<td>175 South Des Plaines Street, Joliet, IL</td>
<td>(815) 726-4644</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liberty Tire Recycling</td>
<td>2044 N. Dominick St., Chicago, IL</td>
<td>(773) 871-6360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tri-State Tire Disposal Inc.</td>
<td>13903 Ashland, Riverdale, IL</td>
<td>(708) 388-9910</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Toner/Inkjet Printer Cartridges

Many programs exist that will accept used cartridges for cash, credit. Internet provides many groups and companies that will provide incentives for recycling. Below is a listing of a few:

- Staples Reward
  - Ink Toner Recycling Program
  - www.staples.com

- Quill
  - Recycling Program
  - Quill.com
  - *Only ink & toner purchased from Quill

- Office Depot Program

Schools may also participate in fund raisers by having their own recycling drive. Cartridges for Kids School Fundraiser—(877) 987-3678

Unwanted Advertising Mail

The mail you receive may have a section that lists an address for you to notify the company of your desire to be removed from any future mailings, or eliminated from the selling of your name to other mailing companies.

The following address and information will eliminate you from the registry for Direct Marketing and Credit Bureaus.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Company</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mail Preference Service</td>
<td>NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC</td>
<td>(888) 567-8688</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct Marketing Assoc.</td>
<td>20036</td>
<td><a href="http://www.optoutprescreen.com">www.optoutprescreen.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consumer Reporting Companies</td>
<td>5 year opt out</td>
<td>emails, mails and calls</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct Marketers Telemarketing</td>
<td><a href="http://www.donotcall.gov">www.donotcall.gov</a></td>
<td>(888) 382-1222</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Commercial Waste Haulers and Recyclers - Grease

Apex Waste Services
P. O. Box 3635
Joliet, IL
815-744-8910

Mahoney Environmental
1819 Moen Avenue
Joliet, IL
800-892-9392

Kaluzny Brothers Inc.
1528 Mound Road
Rockdale, IL
815-744-1453

Aurora Tallow, Inc.
28W440 Main Street
Warrenville, IL
(630) 393-6806

Waste Haulers for Scrap Metal

First American Metal Corp.
1000 E. Armstrong Street
Morris, Illinois
815-941-9888

Belson Scrap & Steel Inc.
1685 IL-50
Bourbonnais, Illinois
815-932-7416

Berlinsky Scrap Corp.
212 Page Avenue
Joliet, Illinois
815-726-4334

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.
11 3rd Avenue
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 723-2612

Fairway Recycling Co.
1124 E. Washington
Morris, Illinois
815-941-4550

Hierz Scrap Service
4345 S. Verona Road
Verona, Illinois
815-287-2445

All American Recycling
2285 New Lennox Road
Joliet, IL 60433
(815) 722-0200

For additional information about companies that recycle scrap metal and other items such as white goods, please check your yellow pages or see the Appliance/White Goods Recycling section in this guide.
Recyclers of Paper/Shredders of Documents

Paper Recyclers with bin collection throughout Grundy County:

Midwest Paper Retriever
509 Rowell Ave
Joliet, IL 60433
Phone: 312-841-4460

Midwest Paper Retriever bins are currently located at:

- Morris Public Library: 604 Liberty St., Morris
- Morris High School: 1000 Union St., Morris
- Peace Lutheran Church: 101 Candlelight Ln., Morris
- Grundy County Sheriff's Bldg.: 111 E. Washington, Morris
- Grundy County Administration Bldg.: 1320 Union St., Morris
- Standard Bank - Morris: 1433 Lisbon St., Morris
- First Presbyterian Church: 200 E. Jackson St., Morris
- Morris City Hall: 700 N. Division, Morris
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church: 333 E. Rt. 6 @ Walmart, Morris
- We Care of Grundy County: 534 Bedford Rd., Morris
- Saratoga School: 4040 N. Division, Morris
- White Oak Elementary: 2001 DuPont Ave., Morris
- Shabbona Middle School: 725 School St., Morris
- First Christian Church: 455 W. Southmor Rd., Morris
- Aux Sable Elementary: 1004 Misty Creek Dr., Minooka
- Minooka Community High School: 203 W. Mondamin St., Minooka
- Minooka Elementary School: 400 Coady Dr., Minooka
- Minooka Intermediate School: 321 W. McEvilly Road, Minooka
- Minooka Jr. High School: 333 W. McEvilly Road, Minooka
- Minooka Primary Center: 305 W. Church Street, Minooka
- Walnut Trails Elementary School: 301 Wynstone Drive, Shorewood
- USPS - Coal City: 495 S. Broadway, Coal City
- Coal City Middle School: 500 South Carbon Hill Rd., Coal City
- Coal City Public Library: 85 N. Garfield Street, Coal City
- Assumption Roman Catholic Church: 245 S. Kankakee Street, Coal City

Document Shredding Companies

Shred X
330 North First Street
Wilmington, IL 60481
(815) 476-6616

Shred-It
115 West Lake Drive #200
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
(877) 817-1211

Shred Nations Via UPS Store
249 East Route 6
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 267-9302

West Rock
1601 East Mountain Street
Aurora, IL 60505
(630) 898-4231;
Public Wednesday Free 1-5:00 PM
Business Tues, Thurs Free 10-1:00PM

Midwest Fiber, Inc.
422 White Oak Road
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 452-0064
Important Information on Open Burning in Grundy County

Within City or Village Limits:
If you live within an incorporated city or village of Grundy County, please check with your local municipalities for local regulations.

Unincorporated Grundy County areas:
The following are the open burning allowances for areas in unincorporated Grundy County:

- Open burning is allowed only for dry landscape waste.
- Dry landscape waste includes tree trunks, branches, shrubs, and plants from gardens. Also includes all dry grass.
- Dry landscape waste the is burned must be generated from the parcel in which it is burned.
- Burning is allowed from October 15 to May 1.
- Time for burning Monday through Friday is 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and weekends from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- No burning should take place when the wind speed is greater than ten (10) miles per hour.
- Burning shall occur such that the burn pile is greater than twenty (20) feet from any building, structure and greater than twenty (20) feet from any property line.
- Proper supervision by an adult should be continuous during the burn until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher or water source shall be available at all times during the burning and to completely and thoroughly extinguish the fire.
- Garbage, construction materials., tires or lumber are prohibited to be burned during an open burn.

Exceptions to the open burning requirements:
- Recreational fire is an outdoor fire for warmth, cooking, where the fire is not larger than three feet by three feet by three feet.
- Fire Department control burns that have IEPA permits.
- Agricultural control fires.
- IDNR or state licensed contractors who are completing landscape or prairie control burns.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please call my office if you should have questions concerning these regulations.

Heidi H. Miller
Land Use Director
(815) 941-3229
hmiller@grundyco.org
County Recycling and Garbage Requirements

The Land Use Department’s Environmental and Resource Conservation Office or ERCO regulates the waste haulers, improper garbage disposal, and open dumping issues for the unincorporated areas of Grundy County.

Below is a brief description of how our office may be able to assist you better:

**Open Dumping:**

As open dumping is a hazard not only for people but also negatively effects species of the water, land and air, it is prohibited and violators are required to comply with County and IEPA state requirements for cleaning the property until compliance is met. Failure to comply will cause the case to be sent to the States Attorney’s office.

**Rental and Mobile Home Units:**

Owners of rental units or managers of mobile home parks are required to provide both garbage and recycling services to their tenants. The garbage and recycling receptacles shall be large enough to serve all of the tenants and be kept in a clean and orderly manner.

**Waste Haulers:**

All waste haulers whether service communities in unincorporated or incorporated areas of the county are required to hold an annual waste hauler license with our office. By receiving the insurance statements, our office ensures that if any public portion is damaged based on their trucks or dumpsters, the company has the means to correct those damages.

We also ask each hauler how much in tons of solid waste and recyclables that they collect from Grundy County. This helps us to see how much is created within our county and also what our recycling rate is at present. Our office provides outreach in many ways through our different recycling events throughout the year and also this document to help residents/children learn how to recycle and follow the other three Rs of reducing, reusing, and respecting the earth.

**Nuisance Ordinance:**

This office enforces one portion of the nuisance ordinance in regard to junk or refuse accumulated on a property. As this not only causes aesthetic problems for the neighborhood, it also may create other health and safety issues by allowing rodents, insects, and mosquitos to thrive.

The complaints that our office investigates are always generated from a call or complaint that we receive in the office in regard to the conditions. We will investigate and take photos to ensure that there is a violation before sending a letter to the owner of the property.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will cause the case to be forwarded to the States Attorney’s office for further action.
# 2022 Land Use Department Environmental Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JANUARY</th>
<th>Green Guide updating</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Invitations for May Wind Farm Tours To 5th grade teachers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MARCH</td>
<td>Transformation Sculpture Applications from libraries for March 23 judging Land Use Committee March 26th Saturday WWF Earth Hour 8:30 PM- 9:30 PM – Lights out Compost Sale Begins – Half Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APRIL</td>
<td>April 12 County Board awards for first place trashformation sculptures Recycling gifts to libraries for Earth Day Week of 04/18/2022 Shredding event Wednesday - April 20th 10-Noon- Parking lot of Animal Control EWASTE Event Saturday April 23rd 8-Noon; TV charged – Parking Lot north Animal Control (AC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAY</td>
<td>Perennial Flower Seeds Give Away for Moms Composters – Half Off Sale EDP Renewables Wind Farm Tour 5-8th Grade?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June</td>
<td>Recycling Paint Event with Earth Paints June 11 - 9-Noon; Payment required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY</td>
<td>Tire Collection July 14-16th at Olson’s Recycling in Seneca Shredding Event Wednesday July 13th 10-Noon- parking lot north of AC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Shredding event Wednesday September 14th 10-noon Parking lot North of Animal Control EWASTE Event September 17th 8-Noon; TVs charged; parking lot north AC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCTOBER</td>
<td>Reusable Halloween bags distributed to Grundy County preschools</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVEMBER</td>
<td>Gently Used Toy Drive begins November 18th through December 9th America Recycles Day November 15th – promoted with media announcement of promo gifts at Administration Building for residents</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECEMBER</td>
<td>Holiday light recycling to begin ending in January 2021 – A-Team Toy Collection ends December 10th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>