Madison County Recycling & Resource List

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

**Madison County Community Recycling Centers**

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

**Materials Accepted:** Paper, cardboard, newspaper, #1-5 & #7 rigid plastic containers with lids and caps, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles & jars with lids and caps, magazines, junk mail, & chipboard. A full list of accepted materials from Republic Services can be found here - Recycling List

**Materials NOT Accepted:** #6 plastics, styrofoam, and plastic film (bags, shrink wrap, etc.).

- **Alton:** 1619 Homer Adams Pkwy, Lowe’s parking lot, serviced Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- **Edwardsville:** 2500 Troy Rd, Home Depot parking lot, serviced everyday Monday-Friday
  **NOTE:** This station is not available on weekends
- **Granite City:** 815 25th St, at intersection with railroad tracks, serviced Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- **Hamel:** 403 Old US Route 66, Hamel Township maintenance shed, serviced Mondays and Fridays
- **Marine:** 4303 Marine Rd, off Leopold, behind Marine Township highway garage, serviced Mondays and Fridays
- **Maryville:** 8 Schiber Ct, off Vadalabene, by Public Works Dept. and Community Library, serviced as needed
- **New Douglas:** 8363 E Frontage Rd, Across I-55 from the Pink Elephant Antique Mall, off Alhambra Rd, serviced Tuesdays

**Recycling Other Materials**

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

- Household Hazardous Waste – chemicals, cleaners, gasoline, oil, etc.
- Paint – latex and oil-based
- Batteries
- Fluorescent lightbulbs, including compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs)
- Electronics and appliances

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

**Do you have any other recycling questions?** Contact the Planning & Development Department at 618-296-4468 or email sustainability@co.madison.il.us

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**Automotive Batteries, Oil, & Gasoline**

- Any place with “lube”, “mart,” “zone” in their name should accept oil & batteries, call local auto-parts stores for details & any fees associated
• Call beforehand to see if they will take any gasoline that needs recycled. If they can't, then it is a household hazardous waste (see HHW section).

**Batteries**

• Car batteries, cell phone batteries, and all rechargeable batteries can be recycled at the place where purchased.
• Most **Radio Shacks** will accept rechargeable batteries. *The closest is in Belleville: 5791 Belleville Crossing St, 618-235-4050*
• **Batteries Plus in Glen Carbon** – Non-alkaline batteries can be recycling for free, alkaline batteries will be charged 99 cents per pound. *3755 IL 159, Glen Carbon, 618-205-8395*

**Books and Textbooks**

• Many websites will buy new and used textbooks and books, such as *textbookrecycling.com, buybackexpress.com, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, chegg.com, bookscouter.com, paperbackswap.com*
• **Central Paper Stock** – Accepts books & textbooks. They may come pick up a large number of books, but small numbers of books will need to be delivered to them. *Located near Lambert Airport, 6665 Jonas Place, St. Louis, MO; 314-521-8686; Marty McKay – marty@paperrecycler.com, 800-451-6646 x105*
• **Afterwords Books** – A used bookstore in Edwardsville that has a trade for credit program. Earn store credit for bringing in gently used books you no longer want. When applied, store credit gets you half-off the purchase price of any used book. They do not accept textbooks or encyclopedias. *454 E Vandalia St, Edwardsville; 618-655-0355*

**Clothing and Shoes**

• **Goodwill** and other resale shops or clothing recycling bins
• **USAgain** – There are multiple clothing and shoe drop-off bins located in the Edwardsville area, including at SIUE, South Roxana Elementary, Red Apple Restaurant in Maryville, and Chauteau Apartments in Bethalto. To find a complete list of locations in the Edwardsville area or drop-off bins in another area, enter your location on **USAgain's** website.
• **Shoeman Water Project** – Madison County sets up a shoe collection each fall and spring. Shoes can be dropped off at the collection bin in the lobby of the County Administration Building, *157 N Main St, Edwardsville*
• **Connections to Success** – Accepts professional clothing like suits and business attire. *3000 Little Hills Expressway, Ste. 102, St. Charles, MO; 636-940-8027*

**Construction Materials, Wood, and Vinyl Siding**

• **LEDR Recycling** – Accepts aggregate (rock, stone, concrete, bricks, mortar), metals, wood (clean, untreated, unpainted lumber/pallets), rigid plastics (empty drywall mud buckets), OCC (old corrugated containers & cardboard), dirt, and vinyl siding. *60 MB Corporate Park Ct, St. Charles, MO; 636-925-0304*
• **Habitat for Humanity Collinsville ReStore** – Sells used, donated, and surplus building materials and home supplies for a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat houses within the community. For a list of what can be donated or purchased, visit their website at [Collinsville ReStore](http://collinsvillerestore.org). *101 E Clay St, Collinsville, at the intersection of Clay and Center; 618-223-1711*
• **Habitat for Humanity St. Louis ReStore** – Resells donated building materials and home supplies, raising money to build more homes while keeping reusable items out of landfills. For a list of what can be donated or bought, visit their website here: [St. Louis ReStore](http://stlouisrestore.org). *Two locations: 3763 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO, 314-531-4155; 2117 Sams Dr, Des Peres, MO, 314-678-4596*

**Crayons and Markers**

• Hospitals, orphanages, homeless/women shelters, and local art programs all could use them
- **Crazy Crayons Recycling Program** – Takes broken or unwanted crayons and recycles them into new crayons. Please leave the wrappers on the crayons. Crazy Crayons Recycling Program
- **Crayola ColorCycle** – Set-up a collection at your school for used markers, pack markers in a cardboard box, print a shipping label, & FedEx will deliver the markers to Crayola. Crayola ColorCycle

**Electronics and TVs**
Illinois banned electronic waste (“e-waste”) from landfills in 2012. Appliances, often referred to as “white goods”, are also not accepted at landfills. These items contain hazardous chemicals such as cadmium, lead and mercury. If not properly recycled, these chemicals can make their way from landfills into our soil, water and air. As a result, electronics and other appliances must be taken to a reuse center or recycling facility. Please call your electronic recycler prior to visiting to get a list of their accepted items & drop-off procedures.

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

**Electronics Reuse and Recycling Options in Madison County**
- **CJD E-Cycling** – Accepts most electronics, including TVs. Some items cost a fee to drop off. For a list of accepted materials and fees, visit their website: [CJD E-Cycling](#), 5257 IL State Route 157, Edwardsville; 618-659-9006
- **CJD E-Store** – Accepts most electronics, including TVs. Some items cost a fee to drop off. For a list of accepted materials and fees, visit their website: [CJD E-Cycling](#), 513 E. St. Louis Ave, East Alton; 618-251-8086
- **Totall Metal Recycling, Inc.** – Accepts many electronics, such as computers, cell phones, hard drives, keyboards, printers, copiers, and fax machines. For a list of accepted materials, visit their website here: [Totall Metal Recycling](#). 2700 Missouri Ave, Granite City; 618-877-0585
- **Goodwill** – Accepts some electronics, but will **NOT** accept TVs or other large electronics. Please call ahead to your local Goodwill to verify that they will accept an item before taking it to drop off.
- **Metro East Recycling** – Two locations: 9200 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville; 116 State S., Madison
- **Somtech E-Cycling** – 415 Ridge St, Alton; 618-593-2981

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

**Eyeglasses**
- **Lions of Illinois** – Madison County Government will accept eyeglasses for the Lions of Illinois. A drop-off box can be found in the lobby of the County Administration Building. 157 N Main St, Edwardsville
- **Lions of Illinois and Madison County Resource Education** partner up to do used eyeglass collections. Please contact Resource Education Coordinator Eve Drueke (ehdrueke@co.madison.il.us; 618-296-4606) for more information.
Furniture and Home Décor
- **Restore Décor** – Accepts gently used furniture and home décor for resale. 100% of their proceeds support the ministries for their parent organization, Faith Coalition. 111 N 2nd St and 223 N Main St, Edwardsville; 618-980-2018
- **Habitat for Humanity Collinsville ReStore** – Sells used, donated, and surplus building materials and home supplies for a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat houses within the community. For a list of what can be donated or purchased, visit their website at [Collinsville ReStore](#). 101 E Clay St, Collinsville, at the intersection of Clay and Center; 618-223-1711
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- **Goodwill** and other resale shops

**Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)**
- Without state funding, there is no place for people to take most of the HHW items.
- You may wish to call the IEPA Regional Office in Collinsville at 618-346-5120 to inquire about any upcoming opportunities.
- **Earthbound Recycling** – If you do not wish to store your HHW until a local collection is scheduled, Earthbound Recycling will accept most items. Cost for drop-off is typically $0.30/pound including the original container. 25 Truitt Dr, Eureka, MO; 636-938-1188; [Earthbound Recycling](#)
- **St. Louis Household Hazardous Waste** – Accepts residential HHW from residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and Jefferson County. To set up a drop-off reservation or see a list of accepted materials and fees, visit their website here: [HHW St. Louis](#). St. Louis City: 314-622-4800; St. Louis County: 314-615-8989; Jefferson County: 636-797-5036. Two Missouri locations: 291 E Hoffmeister, St. Louis; 4100 Seven Hills Dr, Florissant
- **Heritage Environmental** – Does not accept HHW from homeowners except when the County sponsors a recycling day. Any upcoming collection dates will be announced on this website. There are no collections currently scheduled. 251 N Old St. Louis Rd, Wood River; 618-216-8600; [Heritage Environmental](#)

**Keys**
- **Lions of Illinois’ Unlock Your Heart Program** – Accept keys to be recycled. All funding raised is used to operate low vision programs and services for youth with moderate to severe visual impairments. Madison County Government will accept keys for the Lions of Illinois. A drop-off box can be found in the lobby off the County Administration Building, 157 N Main St, Edwardsville

**Lightbulbs**
- **Lowe’s and Home Depot** – Will accept CFLs only if they are not broken. Take them to the service desk to be recycling. They also prefer the bulbs to be in their original packaging.
- **Batteries Plus Glen Carbon** – Will accept both CFLs (free) and Tubes (for a small fee). 3755 IL 159, Glen Carbon; 618-205-8395

**Medications**
Collection and recycling of old and unused medications protect water quality and promote public safety. With the assistance of the Madison County Sheriff’s Department, the Planning & Development Department funds collection and recycling of medications at [local police departments](#). Click [here](#) for a list of locations and accepted items.
- **Accepted Items**: Any over-the-counter medications, vitamins, liquids, narcotics, cough syrup, prescriptions, hormones, painkillers, antibiotics, ointments, oils, and any unidentified pills
Items NOT Accepted: Oxygen tanks, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, hearing aids, household waste, and sharps and needles

**Metal/Aluminum**

- **Totall Metal Recycling** - Accepts various grades and compositions of copper, brass, aluminum, nickel, tin, lead, titanium, precious metals, and specialty alloys. Accepts various grades of ferrous metals like steel and iron. Also takes a variety of electronics (see Electronics section above). 2700 Missouri Ave, Granite City; 618-877-0585; [Totall Metal Recycling](#)
- **CKS Metal Corporation** – 5579 Old Alton Edwardsville Rd, Edwardsville; 618-656-5306; [CKS Metal](#)
- **GM Scrap Metal** – 220 Franklin Ave, Cottage Hills; 618-259-8570

**Paint**

- **Latex paint cans** – Can be thrown away in the regular trash as long as they’re emptied or the paint is dried out. Paint can be dried faster by using clay kitty litter or shredded newspaper. For helpful tips on proper disposal of latex paint, check out this video from SCARCE.
  - **Restore Décor** – Also accepts indoor latex paint that can still be used. They will not accept outdoor or oil-based paints. 111 N 2nd St and 223 N Main St, Edwardsville; 618-980-2018
- **Empty spray paint cans** – Can be recycled in regular recycling bins. Empty spray paint cans by spraying remaining paint on scrap wood or cardboard.
- **Oil-based paints and paint thinner** – Considered a Household Hazardous Waste and must be taken to an HHW collection site.

**Plastic Film and Bags**

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

**Printer and Ink Cartridges**

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

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

**Tires**

- Illinois currently has no program funding for a tire event. For more information, call the IEPA at 618-346-5120.
- Bicycle tires – **Bworks** in St. Louis takes bicycle tires. They will take the inner tubes for free, but charge $0.50/tire to recycle them to cover costs of taking them to a shredder. 2414 Menard St, St. Louis; 314-827-6640

**Trophies**

- **Lamb Awards** – Will take trophies and either donate matching sets to charities or break trophies down for the parts. Please email before sending trophies, plaques, or medals. You are responsible for shipping costs. [Lamb Awards Recycling](#)
- **TC reTrophy** – Arrange for trophies/plaques to be picked up or ship them to TC reTrophy. Trophies/plaques will be disassembled, pieces will be replaced and changed, and then reassembled to be sold separately or in sets. Unusable parts will be recycled. You are responsible for shipping costs. [TC reTrophy](#)
Metro East Recycling Providers/Haulers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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