



# The Elk Grove Village Guide to Recycling

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## **Elk Grove Village Reaches A Milestone**

In November of 2008, the Elk Grove Village Recycling Program will celebrate 20 years of service to the community.

Elk Grove Village was one of the first communities in the State of Illinois to offer a curbside recycling program to its residents.

## **Saving The Planet One Piece At A Time**

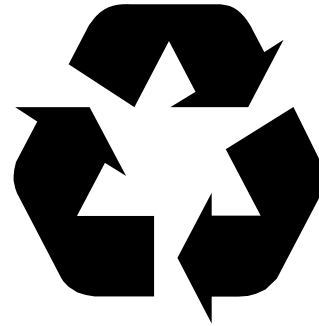
Today Americans produce about 4.5 lbs of garbage per person per day, up from 2.7 lbs. in 1960. Recycling has proven to be a way for residents to make the planet a cleaner and healthier place to live.

The Elk Grove Village Recycling Program is an easy and convenient way to help the environment.

## **Recycling saves you money!**

By recycling you can help to:

- Improve the environment
- Preserve natural resources
- Conserve landfill space
- Avoid costly landfill disposal costs
- Reduce global warming



## **Every resident has access to recycling!**

Elk Grove Village provides all residents with the opportunity to recycle. Whether you live in a single-family home or multi-family complex you can recycle. For single-family residences, recycling is collected on the same day as your garbage pick up. Residents of condominium and multi-family complexes need to follow rules established by the owner, complex association, or management company.

If you're new to the Village establishing your garbage service is as easy as picking up the phone and calling Waste Management at 1 (800) 796-9696. Refuse and recycling bills are sent out quarterly.

## **Still Not Convinced?**

- Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours or a TV for 2 hours!
- Recycling one ton of aluminum saves 37 barrels of oil!

- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours or operate a TV for 3 hours!
- Glass containers save 9 gallons of oil for every ton of glass recycled!
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, 7,000 gallons of water and 4,000 kilowatts of electricity- enough energy to power the average American home for 5 months!
- Producing new plastic from recycled material uses only two-thirds of the energy required to manufacture it from raw materials!
- Recycling one ton of plastic can save 1-2 thousand gallons of gasoline! Better yet, use reusable plastic bottles filled at home and save even more!! Use reusable bags at the grocery store rather than plastic grocery bags!!!
- One ton of recycled steel saves the energy equivalent of 3.6 barrels of oil!
- Annually, enough energy is saved by recycling steel to supply Los Angeles with electricity for almost 10 years!



**IT'S IN YOUR HANDS! NEXT TIME YOU GO TO THROW SOMETHING IN THE GARBAGE, STOP BEFORE YOU DROP AND ASK YOURSELF "CAN IT BE RECYCLED?"**

### ELK GROVE VILLAGE RECYCLING CART PROGRAM

To provide single-family and some multi-family residences with the best recycling service possible, the Village instituted the recycling cart program in 2003. The cart has a 64 or 35 gallon capacity. The cart made it easier to place recyclables at the curb, protected the recyclables from the wind and weather, increased the amount of materials that could be recycled, and most of all eliminated the need to separate recyclable materials.

Damaged or broken cart? Contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 for a replacement.



Use your recycling cart for recycling only (the recycling cart is green with a yellow top). Cut up any large cardboard boxes before placing them in your recycling container. Do not fold boxes or cartons in the recycling cart as they may hang up when the cart is emptied. To minimize spillage, please make sure the lid on your recycling cart is closed and opens toward the collection vehicle. **THE HANDLE SHOULD BE FACING THE HOUSE.** Place the cart at least three feet away from your garbage containers, and away from any overhanging trees, yard waste, and mailboxes. Recycling

carts must be at the curb no later than 7:00 AM the day of pick up, or no earlier than

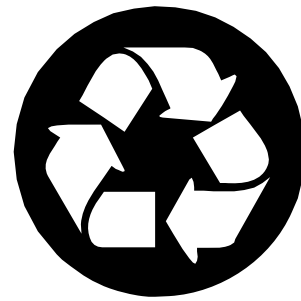
6:00 PM the night before pick up. They must be removed from the curb by 7:00 PM the day of pick up. Except on garbage pick up day, recycling carts and garbage containers may not be stored anywhere in the front of your home. They must be stored in the garage, or in the side or rear yards. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags outside of recycling cart.

Each ton of refuse that is landfilled costs residents over \$50.00 per ton. The Village receives \$9.50 per ton for recyclables. Tossing recyclables into the trash costs the Village approximately \$60.00 in disposal fees and lost revenue!

Households that recycle often reduce their garbage; *helping to keep solid waste costs down!*

Before you buy, use, or discard something, ask yourself:  
“DO I REALLY NEED TO BUY THIS?”

**REDUCE**  
**REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**



To save money, we must all recycle as many items as possible.  
*Let's work together to make a difference!*

### **APPLIANCE (WHITE GOODS) RECYCLING**

**White goods are any items including, but not limited to stoves refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, air conditioners, and microwaves. They must be recycled in Illinois. They contain harmful chemicals that may harm the environment if not recycled properly. These chemicals must be removed and disposed of by properly trained technicians. These items will not be picked up by the waste hauler on your garbage pick up day. Please do not place them at the curb!**

**Many appliance dealers will take away your old appliance for free or for a nominal charge. Please contact the Department of Health & Community Services at (847) 357-4242 for a list of companies that pick up white goods. These companies do charge a fee for their service.**

### **Recycle This, Trash That**

More than 25% of what is thrown out can be recycled! Recycle more and reduce the amount of garbage you make. Help keep future garbage increases to a minimum.

*Recyclable materials thrown away are wasted resources!*

# YES

Empty and rinse containers, remove lids

No sorting is necessary

## PAPER ITEMS

Newspaper  
Phone books  
Mixed paper  
Chipboard  
Cereal/shoe boxes  
Cardboard  
Magazines/ catalogs  
Junk mail  
Flyers  
Copy paper  
Paper bags  
Cardboard egg cartons  
Paperback books

## OTHER ITEMS

Glass jars & bottles  
Aluminum foil/containers  
Steel/tin cans  
Empty Aerosol cans  
Empty clean paint cans  
Plastics /1\ thru /7\  
Plastic grocery bags  
Juice boxes  
Gable-topped cartons  
Styrofoam egg cartons

Labels are okay on glass jars and steel cans

# NO

Soiled newspaper  
Bathroom/facial tissue  
Food soiled paper (pizza boxes, etc.)  
Disposable diapers or rags  
Ribbons or foil wrapping paper  
Hardback books  
Wax or plastic-coated cardboard  
Batteries

Mirrors or window glass  
Ceramics/dishes/mugs  
Broken glass  
Light bulbs  
Plastic dry cleaner bags  
Motor oil containers  
Plastic stretch wrap  
Plastic baggies

When in doubt, throw it out.

Contamination increases the cost of recycling!

**The Department of Health & Community Services has free recycling magnets to help you to recycle.  
Next time you are in the Village Hall pick one up!**

## **YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Yard waste is collected at the curb between **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Yard waste is collected the same day as your garbage pick up. The following guidelines pertain to yard waste collection:

**GRASS AND LEAF COLLECTION:** General yard waste requires a sticker for collection. One sticker is required for each thirty (30) gallon yard waste container (landscape bag or metal/plastic container). Plastic bags may not be used for any yard waste collection. Stickers are on sale at the Village Municipal Complex and at major commercial retailers.

**BRUSH:** If you have brush or tree trimmings, cut them up and bind them into bundles no more than four (4) feet in length, two (2) feet in diameter, and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds per bundle. Tree trimmings and branches cannot be wider than three and a half (3<sup>1/2</sup>) inches in diameter. Please use biodegradable twine, rope or string to bind bundles, **NO WIRE OR NYLON ROPE.** NO STICKER IS REQUIRED FOR BRUSH OR TREE TRIMMINGS AS LONG AS THEY ARE PROPERLY BUNDLED.

**FALL LEAF COLLECTION:** On specific days during the fall season homeowners can rake their leaves into the street for collection by the Village. Information on this program is included in the fall edition of the Village Newsletter or on the Village website.

**SPRING LARGE BRANCH PICK UP:** During the spring the Village picks up large branches up to eight (8) inches in diameter. Collection weeks vary and appointments for pickups are required. Information on this program is included in the spring addition of the Village newsletter or on the Village website.

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Live Christmas trees are collected at the curb on your regular garbage pickup day from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Do not bag trees and remove all lights.

**COMPOSTING:** The Village encourages mulching and composting long as it is done properly, and in compliance with Village Ordinances. Please visit or contact the Department of Health & Community Services at (847) 357-4240 for an informative brochure on this topic.

## **BULK ITEM PICK UP**

**The Village does provide a bulk item collection service to dispose of discarded materials that are too large to be handled by the regular refuse collection equipment. Residents wishing to dispose of bulk items must first notify Waste Management by phone at 1 (800) 796-9696 to request a bulk item pick up.**



Residents must place all bulk items at the curb for proper collection on their regular refuse collection day. There is no cost to the resident for this service. Collection is limited to one (1) bulk item, or one (1) cubic yard, whichever is larger. Waste Management may charge residents for any bulk items that exceed the limits set for in the Village contract.

Bulk items are any item including, but not limited to, carpeting (10 rolls, rolls not to exceed four (4) feet in length, small appliances, large toys, bedding (mattresses, box springs, frames), lawn care equipment, swing sets, snowblowers, vacuum cleaners, bicycles, miscellaneous furniture (sofas, loveseats, chairs, stereos, television sets, bookcases, shelving units, pianos, organs, desks, lawn chairs), kitchen cabinets (disassembled), toilets (separate the tank from the seat), sinks, vanities, garage doors, old garbage cans, and barbeque grills.



## QUESTIONS?

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RECYCLING PROGRAM OR OTHER RECYCLING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES AT (847) 357-4240.**

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