



Village of Elk Grove 2014

Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Guide



The Village of Elk Grove provides a comprehensive solid waste program designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods, and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. This guide includes various services that are available to Elk Grove residents. Waste Management pledges to continue the same high quality service we have provided in the past.

If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at (800) 796-9696 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Village of Elk Grove contracts with Waste Management to provide trash, recycling and yard waste collection services to residential households. Weekly curbside service is provided to single-family homes, attached homes and multi-family properties.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All solid waste materials must be placed at the curb for collection by 7:00 a.m. the day of your scheduled collection, but not before 6:00 p.m. the day before your pick-up. Please keep in mind that separate trucks pick up trash, recycling, yard waste and appliances, so each of these materials may be collected at different times of the day.
- All containers and any solid waste materials that are not collected must be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. the day of your scheduled collection.
- Rented carts are the property of Waste Management and are not to be removed from the property.

SERVICE INQUIRIES

Residents with questions or service-related issues regarding the solid waste program may contact Waste Management directly Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at (800) 796-9696.

To pay your invoice online visit our website at www.wm.com



CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

- Waste must be in plastic bags or trash cans with handles not exceeding 32 gallons and weighing less than 50 lbs. Trash will not be collected in boxes.
- Yard Waste (optional service) must be in biodegradable paper bags and all brush must be bundled (April - December).
- Unlimited recycling in carts only
- Christmas tree collection (First two weeks of January)

VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE COLLECTION SERVICES

Monday - Friday for Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste collection.

All items should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. since we cannot guarantee a specific time the driver will be at your home.



Please retain this brochure for future reference.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE*

New Years Day	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Labor Day	Christmas Day

** Scheduled collections that fall on or after an observed holiday will be delayed by one day the week of the holiday only.*

GARBAGE

Each household may place waste in plastic bags or 32 gallon trash cans with handles. All bags and cans must weigh less than 50 lbs. Trash will not be collected in boxes.

- *Do not mix refuse with yard waste. Cans containing mixed refuse and yard waste will not be collected.*

RECYCLING

The Village of Elk Grove encourages residents to reduce, reuse and recycle. One 65-gallon green recycling cart with a yellow lid will be provided to each single-family home requesting it from Waste Management. There is no limit to the amount of recyclables you can set out for collection.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Do not mix household refuse with recyclables in the recycling cart. Mixed refuse will not be collected.
- Do not put recyclable materials in plastic bags.
- All recyclable materials should be rinsed free of food with caps/lids removed.
- Cardboard must be flattened or cut into 2'x2' squares. Cardboard should be placed inside of or stacked and tied next to the recycling cart.



PREPARATION OF MATERIALS

All acceptable recyclable items can be placed together inside the recycling cart for collection.

METAL AND GLASS

Metal

- Aluminum cans, foil and formed containers
- Steel or tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- **NO scrap metal**



Glass

- Bottles and jars only
- Brown, green and clear glass
- **NO mirrors, window glass, Pyrex dishes, or light bulbs**



PLASTIC BOTTLES AND RIGID CONTAINERS

PET (1)

- 1&2 Liter soda bottles
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic plates and trays

HDPE (2)

- Laundry detergent containers
- Milk and water bottles
- Margarine tubs
- Baby wipe containers
- Plastic cups

PVC (3)

- Cooking oil bottles
- Shampoo bottles

LDPE (4)

- Squeeze mustard bottles
- Shampoo bottles

PVC (5)

- Deli containers
- Cosmetic containers
- Six and twelve pack rings



**NO motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, or hazardous waste containers.
NO containers larger than one gallon.**

PAPER

Newspapers

- All inserts accepted

Magazines & Catalogs

- Glossy and non-glossy accepted
- Telephone directories

Kraft Brown Paper Bags

- Corrugated cardboard. Cardboard must be flattened or cut into 2' x 2' squares

Paperboard (chipboard)

- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Pasta boxes
- Clothing boxes
- Frozen food packages
- Beverage carriers
- Pizza boxes

Compact and flatten items as much as possible.

Junk Mail

- Flyers
- Post cards
- Brochures
- Greeting cards
- Window envelopes
- Advertisements

Mixed Paper

- Stationery
- Post-it notes
- Typing paper
- Notebook paper
- Computer and copy paper
- Bond envelopes
- NO food or contaminated paper



YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected weekly beginning April 1 through December 15.

All cans and bags containing yard waste require a sticker.

- Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable Kraft paper bags (max 30 gallons and 45 lbs.) for collection. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Yard waste collection services (except Christmas trees) are not provided to condominium or townhouse units.

BRUSH AND TREE TRIMMINGS

Bundled brush is collected at no additional charge.

- Brush and tree trimmings must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string in distinct piles that are no longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and weighing no more than 45 lbs. with no individual branch being greater than 3.5 inches in diameter.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees will be collected the first two weeks of January at no additional charge from all residential households. All decorations, stands, tinsel/garland, etc. must be removed from trees in order to be collected. Do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees in plastic bags will not be collected.



LARGER BULK ITEMS (i.e., couch, small tables, etc.)

- One bulk item will be allowed per week at no additional charge.
- Maximum 45 lbs. weight limit.
- Residents must call Waste Management in advance at (800) 796-9696 to schedule a larger bulk item pick-up.

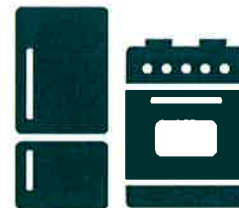
DISPOSAL OF ADDITIONAL REFUSE & BULK ITEMS

For the collection of bulk items or cans/bags in excess of the limit, excluding recycling containers, contact Waste Management directly to arrange for a special collection or to order a dumpster. For more details, contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696. Full payment will be required at the time a special collection is scheduled. Reminder, smaller items can be placed inside a can or cart and collected weekly.

APPLIANCES

State law prohibits the disposal of appliances in landfills. A separate truck will collect appliances on your regularly scheduled pickup day. Please call Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 to schedule a pick-up at \$40.00 per item.

- Washer
- Stove
- Furnace
- Dryer
- Freezer
- Dehumidifier
- Hot water heater
- Refrigerator
- Dishwasher
- Air conditioner



Helpful Hints

- Many local appliance companies will dispose of your old appliance free of charge when you purchase a new one.
- Consider donating usable clothing, furniture, toys, appliances, etc. to local charities.

ELECTRONICS

Electronic items are no longer accepted in either your trash or recycling containers. Please visit www.swancc.org to find the nearest place to recycle electronics.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Household products that are flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive can be dangerous to collection personnel and the environment when disposed of improperly. Items such as paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaning solvents, automotive batteries, tires, tainted gasoline, used oil, and other automobile fluids are considered household hazardous waste and should not be included with your refuse for disposal.

DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste/chemicals such as those listed below can only be disposed of at special collection sites:



Chicago

Household Products and Electronic Collection and Training Center

1150 N. North Branch – Goose Island (from the Kennedy Expressway, take Division Street – east exit) Hours: Tues. 7 a.m.-Noon; Thurs. 2-7 p.m.; 1st Sat. of each month, 8 a.m.-3p.m.

Naperville

1971 Brookdale Road, Fire Station #4
(630) 420-4190

Rockford

3333 Kishwaukee, Rock River Reclamation District
(815) 987-5570

Also, in the spring and fall, one-day collection sites are available at various locations. To view, go to the Illinois EPA website. www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste

ACCEPTABLE WASTES AT ONE-DAY COLLECTION SITES

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

UNACCEPTABLE WASTES

- Agricultural wastes
- Explosives
- Farm machinery oil
- Fire extinguishers*
- Fireworks
- Institutional wastes
- Latex paint
- Lead acid-based batteries
- Medical wastes
- Propane tanks*
- Smoke detectors
- Electronics

**Although the IEPA contractors do not accept automobile batteries, propane tanks or fire extinguishers, co-sponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call the IEPA to verify materials being accepted.*

DISPOSING OF LATEX PAINT

Today's latex (water-based) paint has a very low level of toxicity. Since disposing of it at large household hazardous waste collection sites can be expensive, the IEPA encourages the following methods to dispose of unwanted latex paint:

- **Keep painting.** Add a little more paint to what you were painting.
- **Paint something else.** It may not need the paint, but to help use up leftover paint, paint cardboard, scrap lumber, wood chairs, the porch, inside of your garage, the playhouse or other area.
- **Give it to someone.** Donate the paint to a church, community organization or Habitat for Humanity-type group.
- **Use an absorbent** like shredded paper, sawdust, kitty litter or corn husks. Depending on how full the can is, add the absorbent to the can and mix it up. When the liquids are absorbed, dry the mixture out and then dispose of it with regular waste. You may also be able to empty the can, dry it out and recycle the can.
- **Store it for later.** Cover the opening with plastic wrap and put the lid on to fit securely. Turn the paint can upside down. This creates a tight seal and keeps the paint fresh for re-use.

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