
Evanston Waste Reduction Services

Recycling



Collective Resource



Yard/Food Waste



City of Evanston residents and businesses can divert waste from the landfill by recycling properly and by participating in two new composting programs offered by the City.

Para obtener información en español, visite cityofevanston.org/waste

Recycling

Provided by the City and Groot Industries

Residents and businesses can divert waste from the landfill by recycling properly.

Acceptable Items

Cans and Foil

- Steel (tin) cans and bi-metal cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum beverage and pet food cans
- Clean aluminum foil and foil containers
- Empty, clean paint cans
- Metal lids and bottle caps

Glass

- All colors of glass bottles and jars. No need to remove labels. Rinse.

Plastic

- Containers, bottles and lids labeled #1-5 and #7.
- Six pack and 12 pack rings

Paper

- Newspapers/inserts (remove plastic bags)
- Junk mail (opened)
- Office paper (all colors, including envelopes and fax paper)
- Gift wrap paper and tissue (unlined), kraft paper and greeting cards
- Magazines, catalogs, phone books and soft cover books
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Chipboard including cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, shoe and food boxes (flattened)
- Egg cartons (paper or plastic)
- Paper bags
- Shredded paper
- Juice boxes and milk cartons (clean)

Not Acceptable Items

- Plastic bags or packaging
- #6 plastic (polystyrene)
- Foam packaging (styrofoam)
- Polylactide (PLA) containers (e.g. corn starch or sugar cane based)
- Scrap metal
- Cookware or utensils
- Partially filled aerosol or paint cans
- Toys
- Wax coated paper products
- PLA coated paper (includes coffee cups and pet food bags)
- Hard bound books
- Paper towels
- Food-contaminated paper (e.g. greasy pizza boxes)
- Film or photos
- Dishware
- Ceramics or glassware
- Window glass or mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Pesticide/Herbicide containers
- Oil and anti-freeze containers



Food/Yard Waste

Provided by Groot Industries

Residents can now include compostable food items in their yard waste carts, which may be purchased for \$82.50 and a \$25 annual fee.

Weekly collections occur from April through mid-December. Call **311** for more information. Please note: Food items cannot be placed in paper yard waste bags.

Acceptable Items

- Baked goods
- Bones
- Breads
- Candy
- Cereal
- Coffee grounds
- Dairy products
- Egg shells
- Fish/Seafood
- Fried food
- All fruit
- Meats
- Grain products
- All vegetables
- Spices/Herbs
- Sugars/Syrups
- Tea
- Coffee filters
- Tea bags
- Food-soiled paper
- Cold ashes from fireplace/grill
- Houseplant scraps
- Yard waste as previously allowed

Not Acceptable Items

- Berry containers
- Candy wrappers
- Plastic bags
- Gum
- Juice boxes, other foil-lined containers
- Large quantities of liquids
- Waxed cardboard cartons
- Candles
- Cat litter
- Christmas trees
- Cleaners bags
- Dog food bags
- Swiffer dusters
- Synthetic clothing
- Soap
- Cigarettes/Cigars
- Construction materials
- Dead animals
- Feces
- Fertilizers
- Rubber
- Soil
- Wax
- Sugar/Salt/Pepper packets
- Egg cartons
- Gift bags
- Gift wrap
- Blue masking tape
- Paper food packaging
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Newspaper
- 100% cotton clothing
- Waxed paper
- Wood products/Sawdust
- Holiday wreaths
- Dryer lint
- Fur/Hair
- Nail clippings
- Cotton balls
- Cellulose sponges



Collective Resource

The City of Evanston has partnered with Collective Resource to offer residents and businesses year-round collection of food waste and other compostable items for an additional fee.

Residents are provided with 5-gallon buckets while businesses receive 32-gallon carts. Visit collectiveresource.us for details.

Acceptable Items

Food Products

- Baked goods
- Bones
- Breads
- Candy
- Cereal
- Coffee grounds
- Dairy products
- Egg shells
- Fish/seafood
- Fried food
- All fruit
- Meats
- Grain products
- All vegetables
- Spices/herbs
- Sugars/Syrups
- Tea/Tea bags (no staples)

Paper Products

- Coffee filters
- Sugar/salt/pepper packets
- Egg cartons
- Gift bags
- Gift wrap
- Blue masking tape
- Paper food packaging
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Newspaper
- Food-soiled paper
- Tea bags
- Waxed paper
- Wood products/Sawdust

Other

- BPI-certified compostable bag
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- Cold ashes from fireplace/grill
- Cellulose sponges
- Compostable kitchenware (ASTM D-6400 certified)
- Holiday wreaths
- Cotton balls
- 100% cotton clothing
- Dryer lint
- Fur/hair
- Houseplant scraps
- Nail clippings
- PLA Natureworks items

Not Acceptable Items

Kitchen Products

- Berry containers
- Candy wrappers
- Plastic bags
- Gum
- Juice boxes, other foil-lined containers
- Liquids
- Waxed cardboard cartons

Other

- Cigarettes/Cigars
- Construction materials
- Dead animals
- Feces
- Fertilizers
- Rubber
- Soil
- Wax

Home Products

- Candles
- Cat litter
- Christmas trees
- Cleaners bags
- Dog food bags
- Swiffer dusters
- Synthetic clothing
- Soap



Waste Reduction Tips and Resources

Waste Reduction Tips

Properly dispose of plastic bags and film

Drop off clean, dry plastic film in the collection containers at Evanston community centers and grocery stores. Examples include retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread and dry cleaning bags, as well as product wrap on cases of soda, paper towels, bathroom tissue, diapers, and more.

Pick up or donate reusable bags

Visit an Evanston community center to find or donate reusable bags in the City's Share a Bag containers.

Reduce or recycle junk mail

Join the National Do Not Mail list by visiting Directmail.com or calling 1-888-5 OPT OUT. Additional resources can be found at the links to the right.

Precycle

Avoid buying items in containers that cannot be recycled.

Compost

Food scraps can be composted through either of the City's new food waste programs.

Other

For proper disposal of batteries, light bulbs, electronics, hazardous materials, medications and sharps, please visit www.swancc.org

Resources

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