

WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED CURBSIDE IN ELMHURST

SCARCE in Glen Ellyn (<http://www.bookrescue.org>) is a good source of information for recycling or “rescuing” many items.

DuPage County has a comprehensive list of recycling programs at http://www.dupageco.org/building/generic.cfm?doc_id=514 . Scroll down for the list.

Some specific items:

- * Plastic bags and wrap → bags can go to grocery stores, wrap goes in trash
- * Styrofoam containers and packing peanuts → peanuts are readily accepted at Mailboxes, Etc, and other such stores or freecycle.org
- * Motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemical containers → All can go to the county Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in Naperville--Lobby the county for such a facility in the eastern portion of the county.
- * Pesticide and herbicide containers → DuPage County HHW
- * Window glass and mirrors → good mirrors--> freecycle.org
- * Food-contaminated paper or cardboard → Goes in trash
- * Diapers → trash
- * Tissue Paper--not recyclable...fibers too small
- * Automobile parts → metal salvage
- * Carpeting, roofing and siding materials → Building materials can be recycled by K. Hoving, Inc, West Chicago. See DuPage County Recycling Yellow Pages for carpeting [http://www.dupageco.org/emplibrary/2006%20Recycling%20Guide%201-11-07\[1\].pdf](http://www.dupageco.org/emplibrary/2006%20Recycling%20Guide%201-11-07[1].pdf)
- * Toys → Goodwill or freecycle.org
- * Buckets and gasoline cans → clean metal to metal salvage. Old gas to County HHW
- * Hoses and pipes → metal can be salvaged. Hoses to garbage.
- * Clothes hangers → Many dry cleaners take their hangers back. If not- scrap metal.

With a little effort, there should be next to nothing in your trash. Check bookrescue.org to find out how you can help to promote curbside composting of food scraps!!

(Information provided by Bob Blaus, York High School, 2/2009)