

# STEM-A-PALOOZA

July 24th - July 27th





# Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday to SCARCE!





# Educating DuPage County July - September

58 programs

1,872 people  
educated

Programs for schools, churches,  
businesses, park districts,  
libraries, and garden & civic clubs



STEM-A-PALOOZA 2025, 28 different stations!





# Paper from Domtar

- 3 vanloads of paper rolls rescued from Domtar in Addison! (32 rolls)
- Good for art teachers, bulletin boards, etc.



# Musical Instruments for Burr Ridge Middle School



- 8 instruments
  - 4 flutes
  - 2 clarinets
  - 1 oboe
  - 1 trumpet
- 10 brand new music stands
- 5 pairs of drum sticks



# Eagle Scout Makes 30 Bookcases for Literacy at the Laundromat!



Eagle Scout  
from York  
High School  
in Elmhurst



20th Anniversary of the Annual

# Sustainable Design Challenge

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Fenton  
(Bensenville)

Lake Park  
(Roselle)

York (Elmhurst)

Glenbard East  
(Lombard)

Waubonsie Valley  
(Aurora/Naperville)

Hinsdale Central  
(Hinsdale)

Hinsdale South  
(Hinsdale)



**58 tons** of books, paper, and cardboard  
recycled in from July - September!  
(that's **116,000 lbs!**)



# Smoke Detector Collection Grants



- Grant for 3 smoke detector collection boxes.
- Each box holds 115 smoke detectors.
- Non-working detectors cannot be trashed due to the radioactive Americium (half life of 432 years).





# Free Smoke Detector Collection Event

- Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- At Downers Grove Fire Station 105, 6701 Main St.
- Part of Downers Grove Fire Prevention Week Open House



# Pumpkin Smash

- Most smashes are November 8th
- 67 towns registered so far
- 18 are in DuPage County

## Since 2014...

- Composted **1,418.29+ tons** of pumpkins
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by **104.35 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>**
- Diverted **304,533.93 gallons** of water from landfills





# Cooking Oil Recycling in West Chicago

## **West Chicago/Winfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant**

725 Dayton Ave, West Chicago

Open Monday – Friday

7am – 3:30pm

## **Well House 7/12**

627 W Hawthorne Ln, West  
Chicago

24/7 Drop Off



# Vegetable Cooking Oil Collections

- \* Bensenville Public Works
- \* Downers Grove Sanitary District
- \* Glenbard Wastewater Authority
- \* Itasca Public Works Facility
- \* Lisle Township
- \* Milton Township Road District
- \* Regional Household Hazardous Waste site
- \* Salt Creek Sanitary District
- \* **West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Treatment Plant (coming soon!)**
- \* **West Chicago Well House 7/12 (coming soon!)**
- \* Winfield Township
- \* City of Wheaton
- \* Wheaton Sanitary District
- \* Wood Dale Public Works
- \* Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility (closed while under construction)



Thanks in part to: 



# Cooking Oil Pop-Up Sites

## Saturday, November 29th

- **Addison:** SCARCE, 800 S. Rohlwing Rd. Unit D, 9am-noon
- **Downers Grove:** Sanitary Treatment Center, 2710 Curtiss St, 24 hour drop-off
- **Glen Ellyn:** Glenbard Wastewater Authority, 21W551 Bemis Rd, 9am-noon
- **Elmhurst:** Public Works Facility, 985 S Riverside Dr. 9 am-noon
- **Naperville:** Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 156 Fort Hill Dr, 9am-2pm
- **Roselle:** Village Hall, 31 S Prospect St, 9am-noon
- **West Chicago:** Well House 7/12, 627 Hawthorne Ln, 24 hour drop-off
- **Wood Dale:** Public Works Facility, 720 N Central Ave, 24 hour drop-off
- **Villa Park:** Salt Creek Sanitary District (parking lot), 20 S. Rt 83, 9am-noon



# Darien Recycling Event



- August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Hosted by State Sen. John Curran and State Rep. Nicole La Ha
- Items Collected:
  - Books: 155 boxes
  - Holiday Lights: 42 boxes
  - School Supplies: 28 boxes
  - Records: 20 boxes
  - CD's & DVD's: 5 boxes
  - Musical Instruments: 10
  - Wires & Cords: 1 box
  - Bread Tags: 1 box
  - Keys: 1 box
  - Ink Cartridges: 1 box



# Roselle Recycling Event

- September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Items Collected:
  - Books: 65 boxes
  - Holiday Lights: 25 boxes
  - School Supplies: 5 boxes
  - Records: 3 boxes
  - CD's & DVD's: 1 box
  - Musical Instruments: 2
  - Wires & Cords: 2 boxes
  - Bread Tags: 1 box
  - Bikes: 1
  - Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats:



# Winfield Township Recycling Event



Volunteers from Selvin's  
Landscaping in Addison  
and West Chicago

*Selvin's*  
Landscaping

- September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Items Collected:
  - Books: 19 boxes
  - Holiday Lights: 9 boxes
  - School Supplies: 8 boxes
  - Records: 2 boxes
  - CD's & DVD's: 4 boxes
  - Wires & Cords: 2 boxes
  - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
  - Metal: 3 boxes



# Downers Grove Recycling Event



## Downers Grove

## RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**  
**Belmont Train Station - Parking Lot H**  
 Enter via Chase Ave (if coming from Belmont, turn west on Curtiss)  
 5000 Belmont Road, Downers Grove



- Electronics ([pay in advance here](#)), textiles
- ON-SITE document shredding
- Bicycles, tricycles, accessories, helmets, pumps, etc
- Latex & oil paint ([for a fee](#)), aerosol cans
- Books, keys, crayons, Christmas lights, bread tags, CDs & DVDs...
- Medical equipment - walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, nebulizers, ...
- Medicine, expired pills, epipens, lancets, syringes ([in safe container](#))
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids
- Soccer uniforms and gear in good condition
- Furniture for Sharing Connections ([see acceptable list](#))
- Non-perishable food & diapers for West Suburban Food Pantry

Sponsored by:






With support from:










Learn more & sign up to volunteer at [www.greenergrove.org](http://www.greenergrove.org)

**Welcome to Downers Grove Recycling Extravaganza - quick, easy, in & out service**

**EVENT PROCEDURES:** Please do not park your car or get out of your car. Drive up to each station & stop. A volunteer will remove items. Continue driving to each station as needed. When done, slowly drive out of the parking lot. **THANK YOU FOR COMING!**



- 1 - eWorks - Electronics ([pay in advance here](#)), textiles bundled in a bag
- 2 - Accurate Document Destruction - On-site document shredding
- 3 - Sharing Connections - dressers, tables, chairs, end tables, coffee tables, bed side tables, sofas, loveseats, sectional sofa (no sleepers)
- 4 - West Suburban Food Pantry - non-perishable food items, diapers
- 5 - Working Bikes - Bikes in good-repairable condition, bike parts, helmets, pumps, accessories
- 6 - SCARCE - Books, keys, Christmas lights, cords and wires, 35mm film canisters; Canon and HP inkjet cartridges (no toners); hearing aids; household/car keys; plastic bread tags; x-ray, MRI and lithographic film, crayons, musical instruments, 45 LPs, vinyl records, CDs in case, DVDs in case
- 7 - Zambia soccer gear - uniforms, cleats, balls, gear in good condition ONLY
- 8 - Project Cure - medical equipment - wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, stethoscopes, monitors of all types, nebulizers, and more
- 9 - Earth Paint - paint - oil & latex ([fees below](#)), aerosol cans  
 Latex can size: Quart \$2.99 Gallon \$5.99 5-Gallon/Pail \$19.99
- 10 - Lions Club - hearing aids, eyeglasses & sunglasses, NO CASES
- 11 - DuPage County Sheriff Dept. - Rx medicine, epipens, lancets, syringes

(IMPORTANT: must place pills in Ziploc baggies & sharp items in hard plastic containers)

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**Items not accepted:** No household chemicals, light bulbs, cooking oil, or smoke detectors; No magazines; No handmade items or stuffed animals; No VHS tapes, cassette tapes; No plastic bins or milk crates; No batteries

# 2025 Medicine & Syringe/ Epi Pen Collections

Darien - October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm

St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 South Cass Avenue

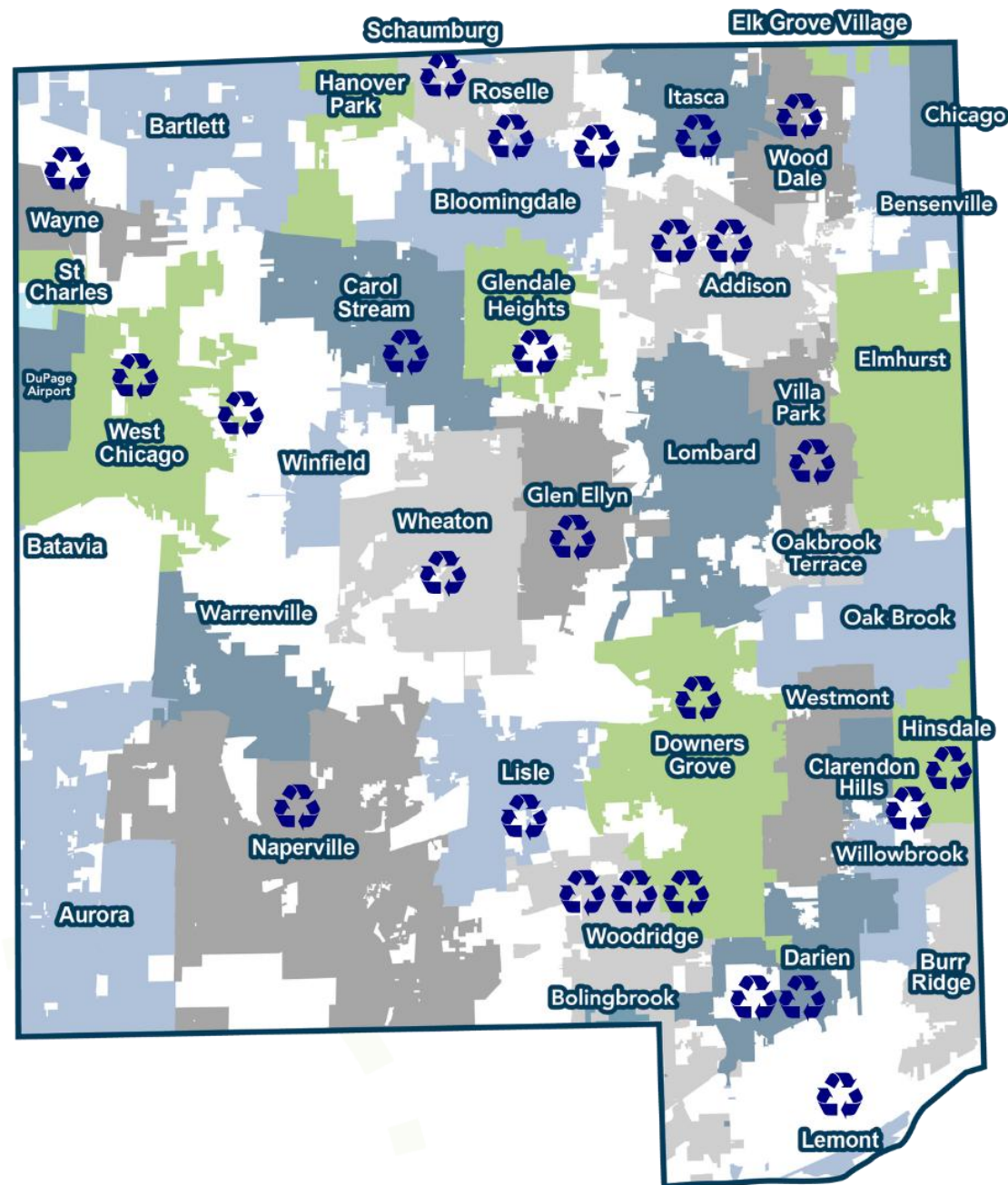






## Recycling Extravaganzas

22 events in DPC so far.  
26 scheduled for 2025.



# Upcoming Fall Recycling Extravanzas



**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Addison (open to Addison residents only)

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Wheaton (monthly event)

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Darien

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Lisle (shredding event only)

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Elmhurst (quarterly electronics & textile)

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Wheaton (monthly event)

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Westmont