

Educating DuPage County

December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025

302 Total
Programs

17,624 People
Educated

36 DPC
Communities

34 schools

4 Colleges/Universities

20 Businesses

31 Business Programs

76 School Programs

9 Library Programs

5 Park District Programs

19 Municipality/Township Programs

6 Garden Club Programs

5 Retirement Community Programs

9 Church Programs

11 College/University Programs

29 Non Profit Programs

10 Scout Programs

2025 Repair Fairs



- Two in 2025
- 165 attendees total
- Items repaired:
 - 181 knives, scissors, & tools sharpened
 - 34 small appliances
 - 56 jewelry items
 - 26 clothing items
 - 18 lamps & light fixtures
 - 8 ceramic & glass items
- Next one is October 24th, 2026



Repair Fairs are on the Rise!

- Helping Villa Park Library host one – May 9th



- Request for help from:
 - Winfield Library
 - Greener Grove (Downers Grove)
 - Elmhurst Cool Cities
 - College of DuPage



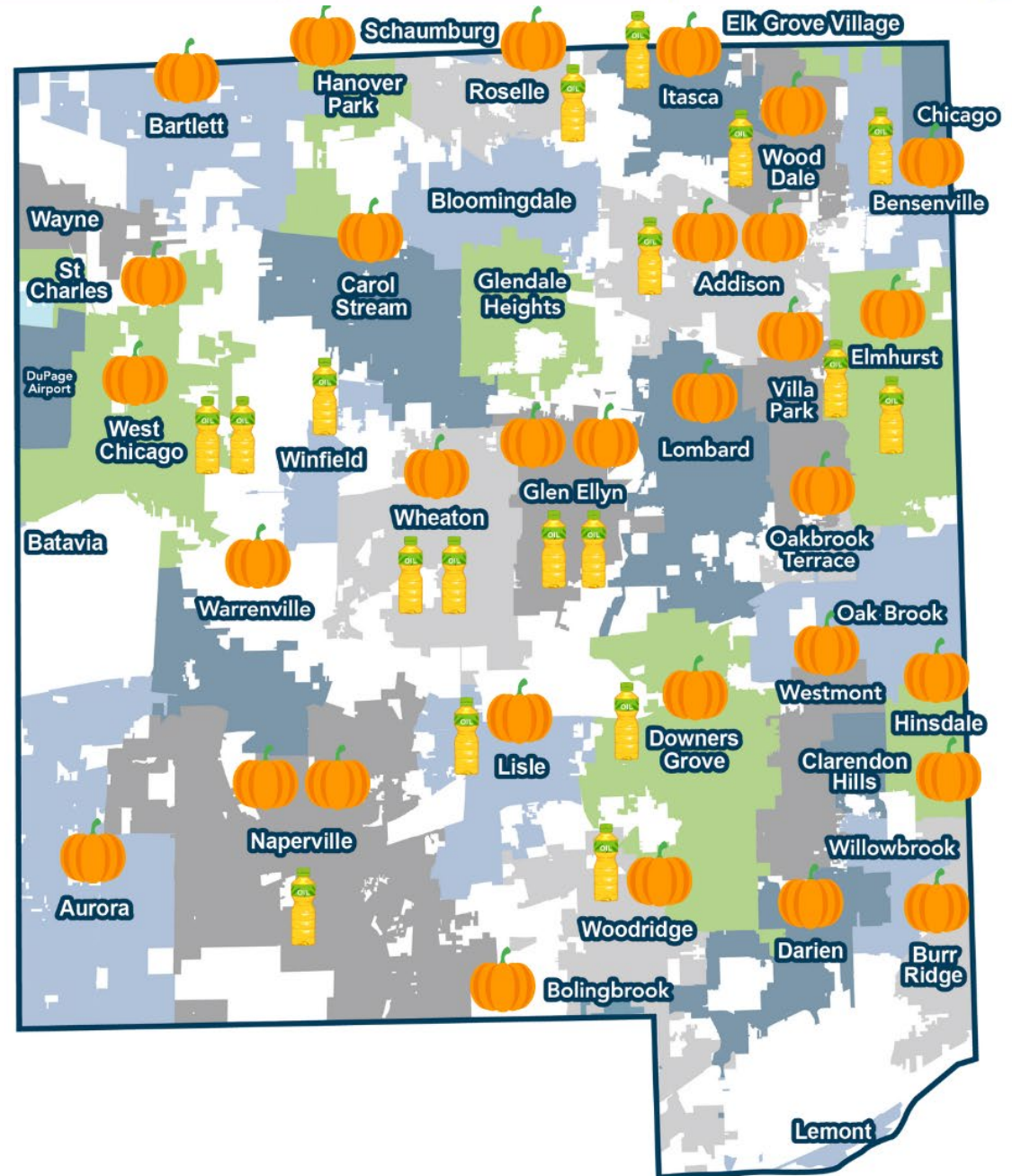
College of DuPage



Pumpkin Smash
Sites



Cooking Oil Pop-Up
& Permanent
Collection Sites



2025 Pumpkin Smashes in DPC

- Addison x2
- Aurora
- Bartlett
- Bensenville
- Bolingbrook
- Burr Ridge
- Carol Stream
- Clarendon Hills
- Darien
- Downers Grove
- Elmhurst
- Glen Ellyn x2
- Hinsdale
- Itasca
- Lisle
- Lombard
- Naperville x2
- Oakbrook Terrace
- Schaumburg x2
- St. Charles
- Villa Park
- Warrenville
- West Chicago
- Westmont
- Wheaton
- Wood Dale
- Woodridge/Naperville

**31 sites in DuPage
County!**

**52.7 tons composted
(105,461 lbs)**



Pumpkin Smash



Naperville Central inaugural Pumpkin Smash

Since 2014...

- Composted **1,618.3+ tons** of pumpkins
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by **1,189.4 tons of CO₂**
- Diverted **347,544.7 gallons** of water from landfills

**2026 Pumpkin Smashes:
November 7th & 28th**

Vegetable Cooking Oil Collections

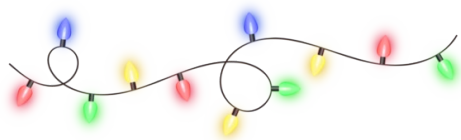
- * Bensenville Public Works
- * Downers Grove Sanitary District
- * Glenbard Wastewater Authority
- * Itasca Public Works Facility
- * Lisle Township
- * Milton Township Road District
- * Regional Household Hazardous Waste site
- * Salt Creek Sanitary District
- * **West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater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

4 pop-up locations on 11/29:
Addison, Roselle, Villa Park,
and Elmhurst
Collected **219.5 gallons** of oil!

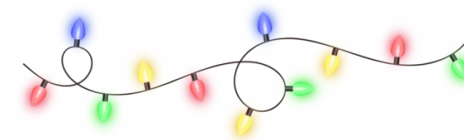
**This Year:
November 28th**



Thanks in part to: **DuPage Foundation**



Holiday Light Recycling



- Addison
- Aurora
- Bartlett
- Bensenville
- Bloomingdale
- Carol Stream
- Darien
- Downers Grove
- Elk Grove Village
- Elmhurst
- Glen Ellyn
- Glendale Heights
- Hanover Park
- Itasca
- Lisle
- Lombard
- Naperville
- Oak Brook
- Oak Brook Terrace
- Roselle
- Villa Park
- Warrenville
- West Chicago
- Westmont
- Wheaton
- Wood Dale
- Woodridge

Downers Grove Recycling Event



- October 4, 2025
- 774 cars
- Items Collected:
 - Books: 230 boxes
 - Holiday Lights: 21 boxes
 - School Supplies: 23 boxes
 - Records: 3 boxes
 - CD's & DVD's: 27 boxes
 - Musical Instruments: 4
 - Wires & Cords: 9 boxes
 - Bread Tags: 1 box
 - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
 - Brita Products: 2 boxes
 - Smoke Detectors: 29
 - X-rays: 4 boxes

Wood Dale Recycling Event

- October 4, 2025
- Items Collected:
 - Books: 24 boxes
 - School Supplies: 2 boxes
 - Holiday Lights: 11 boxes
 - Cords/Wires: 8 boxes
 - Wires & Cords: boxes
 - Ink Cartridges: 3 boxes
 - Eyeglasses: 58 pairs
 - American Flags: 2



Addison Recycling Event



- October 11, 2025
- Items Collected:
 - Books: 20 boxes
 - Records: 2 boxes
 - CD's & DVD's: 2 boxes
 - School Supplies: 5 boxes
 - Holiday Lights: 5 boxes
 - Wires & Cords: 1 box
 - Brita Products: 1 box

Darien Recycling Event

- October 18th
- Approximately 500 participants
- Items Collected:
 - 90 boxes of books
 - 4 boxes of records
 - 6 boxes of school supplies
 - 4 boxes of CD's/DVD's
 - 3 boxes of Brita
 - 154 eyeglasses, 25 sunglasses
 - 11 walkers, 7 crutches, 3 wheelchairs, 2 commodes, 3 canes, 1 hospital bed, 7 walking boots, 2 packages adult diapers, 2 shower chairs, 1 nebulizer
 - 2 musical instruments
 - 2 boxes ink cartridges



2025 DPC Recycling Extravanzas

29 events in DuPage County in 2025
SCARCE collected items at 18 of them
5 events delivered items to SCARCE



2026 DPC Recycling Extravaganzas (So Far)

April 4 – Darien (Darien Garden Club)

April 11* – Wheaton

April 11 – Hinsdale (Redeemer Lutheran)

April 11 – Glen Ellyn

April 18 – Village of Addison

April 25 – Schaumburg

April 25 – Glendale Heights

April 25 – Clarendon Hills (Walker School)

May 2 – Itasca

May 9 – Lemont (John Curran)

May 9 – Woodridge

May 30 – Wayne Township

May 30 – Lisle

June 6* – West Chicago

July 25 – Darien (John Curran)

August 1 – Naperville (John Curran)

September 26* – Downers Grove

October 3 – Milton Township

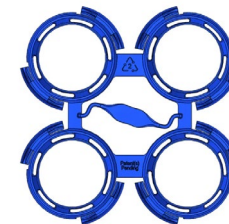
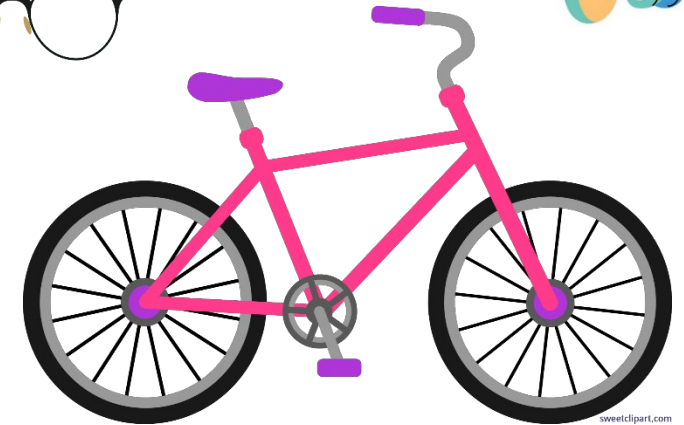
October 17 – Glen Ellyn

November 7 – Carol Stream

** = Accepting meds/syringes/EpiPens*

Resources Reused at SCARCE in 2025

- Books: 112,433
- Boxes of Supplies: 1,918
- Eyeglasses: 2,307 pairs
- Sunglasses: 577 pairs
- Hearing Aids: 38 pairs & 6 single
- Bikes: 66 individual
- Pill Bottles: 109 lbs
- Can Carriers: 17.3 lbs
- Qualified Inkjet Cartridges: 989 lbs



Musical Instruments



Repaired: 35 instruments

Chosen by Teachers: 88 instruments

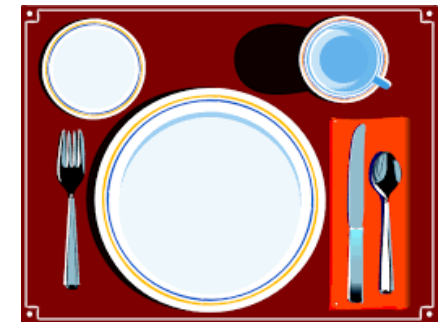
- 18 recorders
- 2 violins
- 52 percussion instruments
- 5 trombones
- 4 autoharps
- 1 cello
- 1 trumpet
- 1 piccolo
- 2 coronets
- 2 zithers

Green Your Gig



- Supplied **26** events with:
 - Plates
 - Napkins
 - Flatware
 - Glassware
 - Linens
 - Compost bins
 - Tables
- Glen Ellyn Library & Go Green
Glen Ellyn starting a similar
lending program

- Also provided
 - Lawn games
 - Vases
 - Candle holders
 - Frames
 - Artificial flowers
 - Display boards
 - Baskets



Medical Equipment

- Started two new medical equipment lending programs in:
 - Winfield Township
 - Addison Township
- 11+ loads of supplies to Project Cure (Woodridge)



Community Aid Donations

- COD Fuel Pantry (Glen Ellyn)
- Glen Ellyn Food Pantry
- People's Resource Center (2 locations)
- Neighborhood Food Pantries (6 locations)
- PADS (Downers Grove)
- Loaves & Fishes (Naperville)
- West Suburban (Woodridge)
- Sharing Connections (Downers Grove)
- York Food Pantry (Elmhurst)



Resources Recycled at SCARCE in 2025

- Paper & Cardboard: 401,320 lbs
- Bread Tags: 466.5 lbs
- Brita Products: 138.1 lbs
- Can Carriers: 359.60
- Plastic Bags: 891.5 lbs
- Dunkin Donuts Bags: 4.65 lbs
- HDPE Plastic Bins: 80.5 lbs
- CD's/DVD's: 1,154 lbs
- Holiday Lights: 4,583 lbs
- Scrap Metal: 8,920.3 lbs
- X-rays: 121 lbs
- Non-Qualified Inkjet Cartridges: 61.4 lbs



Paint Care – Paint Recycling & Disposal

- Drop-off sites throughout the state where the public can take leftover paint for recycling and proper disposal.
- Sites will be available to households, businesses, government agencies, and others with unwanted paint in Illinois.
- Paint must be in original container.
- **SCARCE is one of the sites!**
- www.paintcare.org for more sites.



SCARCE's Social Media/Newsletters

- 2 electronic newsletters go out monthly
 - Green Bulletin for residents: 12
 - Ripples for teachers: 11
- Social media:
 - Facebook: 13K followers
 - Instagram: 1,016 followers
 - TikTok: 5,194 followers
- Repair Fair video popular on TikTok
 - 176.2K views
 - 31.8K likes
 - 601 comments
 - 2,937 saves

“LOVE Scarce!! Your organization helped me provide art supplies to my art classroom when my budget was less than \$1 per kid for the whole year. Couldn't have done it without you 💖 hope you have a great turnout at your event!!”

– Recent TikTok comment

Teacher Institute Day – February 27th

20 teachers registered. Featuring field trips to:



**Jardine Water Purification
Plant (Chicago)**

**DuPage Water
Commission**



**Elmhurst
Quarry**



20th Anniversary of the Annual

Sustainable Design Challenge

April 21st, 2026