

Springfield's Room to Room Guide



**Curbing Springfield's waste
one room at a time**

How to use this Guide

This guide focuses on two types of household generated waste; municipal waste and household hazardous waste (HHW). Municipal waste, also known as garbage, includes materials generated at home such as food, packaging, recyclables, landscape waste, construction or demolition debris, appliances, tires, HHW, and household item.

HHW waste is found in a kitchen, bathroom, basement, or garage that is ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic, such as paint products, motor oil, glues, cleansers, pool chemicals, gasoline, and pesticides.

This guide focuses on reuse and/or recycling options within the City of Springfield for many different items around our home. You can also find out what to do with your Household Hazardous Waste items as well. Locations of where you can take your unwanted items are listed.



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Look for these orange boxes. They provide clever tips on how to reuse items in your home. Enjoy!

City Services

The Department of Public Works provides a number of services to the residents of the City of Springfield funded through the Waste and Recycling Fee. These programs enable residents to reduce waste and dispose of their household and yard waste items properly. Listed below are current services, please contact the Department of Public Works with any questions at 217.789.2255 or email at public.works@springfield.il.us.

Large Item Pick-Up Program:

This program allows residents to schedule 2 pick-ups per year of up to 3 items each time. These items include: appliances, furniture, and mattresses. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, please call F & W Recycling at: 217.528.1649.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

The Department of Public Works hosts a Household Hazardous Waste Collection in order for City residents to dispose of items which are illegal to put in the weekly trash. Please contact the Department of Public Works for the next date at 789-2255 or look for local press announcement

Leaf Pick-Up

The City offers a free leaf pickup program on a bi-weekly bases year-round. There is also a free service that usually occurring in April and November. During these months, residents can drop off their leaves bagged at Evans Recycling at no extra charge. Please have your Springfield ID with you if you go to Evans Recycling.

Evans Recycling

The City's contract with Evans Recycling allows residents to drop off bagged yard waste at \$1.00 per bag, rather than the \$1.50 sticker used at curbside pick up. Also, a free drop off during the City's spring and fall leaf pick up.

Branch Pick-up

Branch pick-up is conducted by public works crews May-November. Residents can also take to Evans Recycling as a drop-off option. Please call Department of Public Works for more information 789-2255. The State Journal Register will print a weekly schedule during these months.

Waste and Recycling Services

Curbside recycling is available at no additional cost for single family – triplex (3unit) residences that pay for garbage can pickup (it is not available with dumpster service).

Springfield requires every residence to have waste collection service through a licensed, professional waste hauler.

Republic Services

2980 Granger Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-7797

Lake Area Disposal

2106 E. Cornell Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-9317

Waste Management

3000 East Ash Street
Springfield, IL
217-523-5498
Commercial service only

To dispose a load of household trash, including junk and remodeling materials, you may haul and pay to these facilities (call first for items accepted and cost):

Sangamon County Landfill

2565 Sandhill Road
217-528-9256
M-F 8-5
No Appliances or tires accepted. Separate fees for mattress, box spring, large furniture

Waste Management

3000 East Ash Street
523-5498
Call for hours
Accept car and truck tires for a fee. Separate fees for large appliances/ Freon appliances

Curbside Recyclables

PAPER

Newspaper, Junk Mail, Chipboard, magazines

Acceptable

- Clean, dry newspapers, including glossy inserts
- Unwanted mail, including window envelopes, brochures
- Empty cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls,
- Paper egg cartons, dry food boxes, soda cases and similar chipboard containers, and telephone books
- Shredded paper – See preparation note below
- Magazines, paper back books
- Milk/Juice cartons— Foil removed
- Cardboard—Call Hauler to Verify!

Not Acceptable

Papers wet or contaminated with food or pet waste

Alternatives

Discard in Trash

PREPARING FOR RECYCLING

- Please do NOT bundle your paper with wire or tape
- Remove and discard all plastic covers, liners, and wraps
- You may flatten boxes to save space
- If you are placing shredded paper out of collection, be sure to place it in a paper sack with the top rolled down to prevent blowing litter
- Contact your own hauler on how or if separate materials for collection

Curbside Recyclables

METAL

Tin, Steel, Aluminum

Acceptable

- Cans that contained food or pet food (Tin Cans)
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Metal to-go food trays
- Clean aluminum foil

Not Acceptable

Scrap Metal

EMPTY Motor Oil Cans
Empty (Dry) Paint Cans

Paint Thinner cans
Partially-full paint cans

Alternatives

Take to Scrap Metal Dealer

Discard in Trash

Save for HHW Collection

PREPARING FOR RECYCLING

- Rinse well and drain
- You may leave labels on
- You may leave pull tabs on
- Place lids inside tin (steel) cans
- Processors prefer all cans remain uncrushed
- Contact your own hauler on how or if to separate materials for collections

Save the wrapped plasticware and condiments from takeout dinners and donate them to the food shelters. Save hotel/travel size toiletries and donate them to homeless shelters.

Curbside Recyclables

PLASTIC

#1-#7 Rigid containers (no #6)
No Styrofoam (polystyrene)
No film or plastic bags

Acceptable

#1-#7 (No #6) bottles, bowls, jars, jugs, dairy containers – opaque and colored bottles, jugs, or bowls which contained water, milk, juice, laundry detergent, bleach, shampoo, butter, or yogurt – any rigid plastic item

Not Acceptable

Plastic Foam Peanuts

Alternatives

Take to box or shipping store

EMPTY Motor Oil Bottles
NO Styrofoam
NO Plastic bags

Discard in Trash

Grocery Store Bags

Take to store's recycling bin or reuse

PREPARING FOR RECYCLING

- Check for numbers 1,2,3,4,5, or 7 in recycling triangle
- Remove all tin foil from opening
- You may leave labels and lids on
- Rinse clean
- You may flatten to save space
- Contact your own hauler on how to separate materials for collection.

Use old Peanut Butter Jars for Nails and Screws in your garage or Crackers in your pantry.

Use old, outdated road maps to line drawers or wrap gifts.

Curbside Recyclables

GLASS

Bottles and Jars

Acceptable

- Clear glass bottles and jars that contained food or drinks
- Green, Brown & other colors of glass are accepted.

Not Acceptable

Non-container glass, such as window pane
Ceramic Items
Perfume Bottles

Alternatives

Discard in Trash

Eyeglasses
Dishware, baking dishes

Donate to Charity

PREPARING FOR RECYCLING

- Contact your own hauler on how to separate materials for collection
- Rinse Clean

Springfield Freecycle Program



Website <http://www.freecycle.org>

The purpose of freecycle is to reduce waste by connecting individuals who are throwing away goods with others who can use them. The Springfield, IL website is part of the international Freecycle organization. Anyone with access to a computer can log on to the site and post an item they can no longer use but could be used by someone else. Every material listing must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.

Drop-Off Recycling

Call first to verify service rates

Lake Area Recycling

2742 S 6th St,
217-522-9271
Accept aluminum, tin, plastic #1-7, except #6., newspaper, chipboard, junk mail, corrugated cardboard, e-waste, glass, and magazine. Will buy aluminum cans, scrap metals during business hours. Drop-off available 24 hours, 7 days a week

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6
Sat 10-6
Accepts most household electronics, including computers, TVs, cell phones, etc.. Does not take any kitchen items. Call for details.

Mervis Iron & Supply

www.mervisadvantage.com/locations/springfield-il.asp
1100 S. 9th street
217-753-1492
M-F 7:30-4:15 Sat 8-12
Accepts large metal items at no charge. Buy Ferrous and Non-Ferrous metal, cars, and farm implements. No LPT Tanks, Concrete or wood

Springfield Iron & Metal

930 N. Wolfe Street
217-544-7131
Accepts all forms of metal scrap. Call for details and pricing. Fee for appliances with cooling unit-call for details. Drop-off free of charge for appliances with no cooling unit. No microwaves accepted. Also sells pieces of iron and used tires.

F & W Resources

3327 Terminal Ave.
217-525-1206
M-F 8-4
Accept steel, aluminum, tin, newspaper, chipboard, junk mail, corrugated cardboard and car/truck batteries. Will buy aluminum cans, scrap metals during business hours. Large Appliances accepted – Call for details

**Get a House Plant!
They detox the air in your home, reducing signs of asthma and neurological defects.**

Banned From Illinois Landfills

LANDSCAPE WASTE

Banned 7/1/90

- Do - Leave Grass Clipping and leaves on lawn as a nutrient
- Mulch grass clippings, leaves, wood chips for lawn and garden Applications
- Construct a compost bin
- Place at curb in paper yard waste bags with waste hauler stickers attached (call waste hauler) or take to a compose facility

LEAD ACID BATTERIES

Banned 9/1/90

- Do - Exchange old motor vehicle battery when purchasing a new one
- Sell old motor vehicle batteries to an auto battery recycling center or salvage yard
- Bring to an HHW Collection (Call IEPA 217-785-8604 or City of Spfld. – 217-789-2255 to verify)

USED TIRES

BANNED 7/1/94

- Do - Take old tires to a tire dealer (a small fee may apply)
- Take to IEPA used tire collection event (Call for details: 217-785-8604)

LARGE APPLIANCES

BANNED 7/1/94

- Do - Trade in refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioners and large appliances when purchasing replacements
- Sell to businesses for reconditioning or sell at auction estate, or garage sales
- Locate local businesses that recycle appliances for scrap
- Large item pick-up program 528-1649

USED MOTOR OIL

BANNED 7/1/96

- Do - Have it changed at a lube center or service station
- Drop it off at a household hazardous waste collection event
- Save used motor oil in a leak-proof container, if you change your own oil
- Take for drop-off—Autozone, Firestone, O'Reilly—Call locations
Don't - Pour used motor oil on street, ground or down sewers

ELECTRONIC WASTE

BANNED 6-1-12

- Do - Check out list of banned items:
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/>
- Check Pages 18-19 Electronics for Recycling Locations
- Call BLH 217-5851580 to RECYCLE these items
Don't - Throw electronics in Trash!!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Things to consider when handling and contemplating disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as paint products, motor oil, pesticides, poisons, automotive fluids, lawn chemicals:

- Read labels before purchasing and follow directions
- Only buy the amount you will actually need for the project
- Use the product for its intended purpose only
- Keep product in its original container and secure lid tightly
- Keep in cool, dry places
- Keep in HHW products out of reach of children and pets
- Keep incompatible chemical products separated
- Periodically check product containers for deterioration

If you have waste to dispose after applying these options, then try one of the following:

- See if your waste could be someone else's resource (neighbors, family, homeless shelters, daycare centers, animal shelters, art departments, drama clubs, boy/girl scouts)
- If the original container is leaking, enclose it in a larger, leak-proof container (bucket) that is labeled property
- Store the waste until you are able to take it to an IEPA or City of Springfield-sponsored HHW collection. Call for dates and times – IEPA –217-785-8604 or City of Spfld. – 217-789-2255

Read labels. Watch for:

- Toxic (poison) – may cause injury or death upon ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption
- Ignitable – can be flammable under almost all temperature conditions
- Corrosive – a chemical, or its vapors, that can cause deterioration or irreversible alteration in body tissues at the site of contact, and deteriorate or wear away the surface of a material
- Irritant – causes soreness or inflammation of the skin, eyes, mucous membranes or respiratory system
- Reactive – when combined with other substances, may react mildly or violently. Do not mix. Use only as directed

MATERIALS

And where to take them

Acids

Use with caution, handle with care, and store safely. Do not use for any purpose other than that for which the product is intended. Use up completely or take to a HHW collection event (See page 10)

Adhesives

If solidified, or dried up, can go in trash – call waste haulers first to ensure they accept. If not, open lid in well-ventilated, covered area and allow to solidify. If viscous store safely and take to an HHW collection event (See page 11)

Aerosol Cans

Not acceptable in Springfield Recycling Program. May be able to donate partial or full cans to local schools, art departments, shelters, etc. If not take to a HHW collection event (See page 11)

Aluminum Can Tabs

Ronald McDonald House
610 N. 7th Street
217-528-3314
Sun-Sat 8-8:30pm

Ronald McDonald house accept aluminum beverage can tabs to support their activities.

Ammunition

Turn all unwanted materials to the local police department. Call for details 788-8311

Antifreeze

Keep away from pets and children. Do not pour on ground or in septic tank.

Advanced Auto Parts

2721 S. Grand Ave. East
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-7740
M-Sat 8-8 Sun 9-6

2655 S. Macarthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704
M-Sat 8-8 Sun 8-5

Appliances

F & W Resources

3327 Terminal Ave.
217-525-1206
Springfield, IL 62707
M-F 8-4

Accepts large metal items and Freon appliances. Pick-up service possible. Call for details

Mervis Iron & Supply

1100 S. 9th street
Springfield, IL 62702
217-753-1492
M-F 7:30-4:15 Sat 8-12

Accepts large metal items at no charge. Buy Ferrous and Non-Ferrous metal, cars, and farm implements. No LPT Tanks, Concrete or wood

Art Supplies

Use up completely for intended purpose, or see if you can donate to day cares, pre-schools, art centers, art departments, low income schools, youth groups, or neighborhood associations.

Creative Reuse Marketplace
122 S. 4th St.
217-679-2915
Various hours, contact for weekly schedule. Accepts art supplies.

Asbestos

Although asbestos might be present in places in your home, it is not of concern if it is maintained in an undamaged state.

Leaving asbestos in place when possible is often the best option. If deteriorating asbestos is present, you should inspect it regularly for damage, such as 1) missing or fallen sections of sprayed-on fireproofing or insulations or 2) pieces hanging loose from asbestos-containing material. If this material is damaged it can be repaired rather than removed. You should call a trained professional to make the repairs. Hire a qualified inspector to inspect your home for asbestos prior to any renovation or demolition activities.

For more information contact:
Illinois Bureau of Air at
217-785-2011
www.epa.state.il.us/air/asbestos

You may also call Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-3517.

Asphalt

Asphalt may be considered "clean fill" material. Call township road commissioner to see if they have a place to dump clean fill. For contact information, visit www.sangamoncounty.clerk.com and click Local Officials and Township.

Batteries

Regular household batteries are known as alkaline batteries or dry cell batteries. Businesses below cannot take commercial quantities of batteries.

Mr. Battery
3133 Hedley Rd.
217-787-3311
M-F 7:30-5:30 Sat. 8-4
Accepts most types of batteries. Call for details

Best Buy
3193 S. Veterans Pkwy
217-698-8551
M-Sat 10-9 Sun 11-8
Accepts all rechargeable batteries. Call for details.

Rexx Battery
2945 E. Clearlake Ave
217-536-4096
M-F 8-6 and Sat 9-1
Accepts lead batteries, rechargeable household batteries, gel-cell emergency lighting system batteries.

Continental Battery Systems of Springfield
2645 E. Cook St
217-523-7031
M-F 8-5:30 Sat 9-1
Car, Truck, or marine vehicle batteries. Gell-cell emergency lighting system batteries. Lead batteries or sealed lead batteries

Staab Battery Co.
931 S. 11th street
217-528-0421
M-F 7:30-5
Lead batteries, batteries from forklifts, wheelchairs, gell cell, truck and car, and emergency light batteries

Place packing peanuts in the bottom of a large planter and then fill with dirt. This will lighten the weight and reduce the amount of soil needed.

Bicycles

The Bicycle Doctor
1037 North 5th Street
217-670-0761
Accepts bikes for repairs and trade-ins. Also accepts bikes for donation. Call for details.

Ace Bicycle Shop
2500 S. Macarthur Blvd.
217-523-0188
M-F 9-6
Accepts any make or type of bike that needs repair.

Bike Tek
957 Clocktower Dr.
217-787-2907
M-F 10-8 Sat 9-6
Call for summer hours. Sales and repairs. Please call ahead for donating bikes.

Books

Goodwill
2001 Wabash
220-1036
2531 North Dirksen
280-1860
M-Sat 9-7 Sun 12-6

Salvation Army
221 North 11th St OR
1762 Wabash Ave
525-2196
M-Sat 9-7

Lincoln Library
326 S. 7th St.
217-753-4900
M-W 10-8, Thur-Fri 10-6
Sat 10-5.

Book Rack

2943 W. White Oaks Drive

217-241-2102

M-F 9-6 Sat 10-5:45

Sun 12-4:45

Specialize in used paperbacks and audio tapes. Items must be in saleable condition. Will not accept overstocked items.

Prairie Archives

522 E. Adams St

217-522-9742

M-Sat 10-5

Accepts all books (used and rare), magazines, relevant paper collectibles such as old programs, comic books and photographs.

Brick/Dirt

Call your township road commissioner to see if they are accepting clean fill to control erosion. For contact information, visit:

www.sangamoncounty.clerk.com and click Local Officials and Township.

Reuse broken clay pots by decoratively painting plant names on them and sticking them in front of the plant. If the pot is broken in half, place it on the side and have plants creeping out of them. Use broken pottery shards to line plants in outdoor pots to keep cats, chipmunks, and squirrels from digging in them.

Building/Remodeling Materials

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

2744 S. 6th St.

217-787-7209

Donation and pick-ups only

Call for hours.

Accept and resells a wide variety of building/remodeling materials. Also accepts gently used furniture and appliances. No electronics or mattresses. Call for questions

Cameras

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.

217-585-1580

M-F 8-6 Sat 10-6

Will take old cameras for recycling.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Can be thrown away. Or contact the manufacturer.

Cardboard

Call hauler to determine if cardboard is acceptable in curbside. Drop-off cardboard at Lake Area Recycling Center.

Carpet

Staff Carpet

304 W. Browning Rd.

217-528-4879

Accepts used carpet and padding for recycling. Please call for details.

Cartridges

Copier, fax, and printer cartridges are easily recyclable. Check with your office supply vendor to see if they offer a cartridge return/reuse service. Check first to see if your cartridges can be refilled at the following locations:

Laser Innovations

2276 North Grand Ave East

217-522-8580

M-F 8-4:30

Offers its customers free recycling service for spent cartridges, accepts used cartridges from the general public. Repair and service laser printers

Office Max

2951 West Iles

217-698-2930

M-F 8-9 Sat 9-8 Sun-11-6

Best Buy

3193 S. Veterans Pkwy

217-698-8551

M-Sat 10-9 Sun 11-8

CD's/Cassette Tapes/Recorders

Damaged cds can be repaired. Repair small number of obvious scratches with a mild abrasive such as toothpaste. Work only on the non-label side with strokes radially out from the center.

Obsolete or unrepairable CDs can be recycled. Music, CD-Rom, and write-once discs are all okay.

Green Disk Recycling Program

Simply put your technotrash into a box, guesstimate the weight and choose a label to purchase. Then ship it off to Green Disk. Provides Services from small to commercial size. <http://greendisk.com/>

Cell Phones

For recycling of cell phones: contact cell phone provider. For cell phone batteries: contact cell phone dealer, or contact locations listed under batteries

Senior services

424 N 4th street, suite 100
-And-
701 W. Mason Street
217-528-4035
M-F 8-5

Sojourn Shelter and Service

1800 Westchester Blvd.
217-725-5100
Open 24/7

Sojourn is a shelter and support service for victims of domestic violence. Old cell phones and related equipment such as bag phones, cell phone chargers, and batteries are accepted and distributed to clients for use in emergencies (even without a cell service, 9-1-1 can be dialed on cell phones for emergencies). Also accepts women, men, and children items and clothes.

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6
Sat 10-6

Cleaners/ Cleaning Products

Do not use for any purpose other than that for which the product is intended. Read and follow label directions carefully. Use up completely or take to an HHW collection. Some cleaners contain bleach (an oxidizer) or ammonia (a poison liquid) and when mixed together can be reactive.

Forget the chemicals! See Page 31-34 on how to Clean Green!

Clothing

See Clothes – Consignments and resale, clothing rental consignment service, resale shops, and thrift shops in the yellow pages.

Clothes for Careers

Springfield Urban League
Springfield Baptist Church
1405 E. Monroe Street
217-522-8828
M-F 8-5
Accepts donations for career clothes. Provides free clothes for those in need (agency referrals required) for job interviews or job-required clothing.

Unsolicited credit cards can be used to scrape cooked-on food from pots and pans!

Clothing– Baby/ Children

Care Center

700 N. 7th street suite B
217-525-5630
M-Th 9-4:30
Accepts baby beds (taken apart), bassinets, baby items (clothes N-18M) in like-new condition, and maternity clothes. Call for more information.

Kumler Neighborhood Ministry

303 North Grand Ave. E.
217-523-7890
M-F 9-12
Accepts any usable household items or clothing/sheets, towels, blankets, and clothes (infant-children's size 12 and adults). Also accepts plastic grocery bags.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL's) &

These new energy efficient light bulbs are great for saving energy but they do contain Mercury. Because of this, it is important that they get disposed of properly. Take your CFL's to these locations so that they can be disposed of, minimizing Mercury in our landfills.

When broken, these lamps may release mercury and other metals. Homeowners can throw away with general refuse, but IEPA recommends you store safely in a tall box in upright position until able to take to an HHW Collection.

Lowes

3101 Wabash Avenue
217- 787-2300
2560 N. Dirksen Pkwy
217-535-4540
M-Sat 6-10 Sun 8-8

Menards

2701 Market Place Drive
217-522-1835
2250 Chuckwagon South
217-698-8815
M-Th 6:30-9 F-Sat 6:30-10
Sun 8-8

Springfield Electric Co.

700 N. 9th Street
Springfield, IL 62702
217-788-2100
M-F 7-5 Sat 10-1
Accepts used fluorescent bulbs from resident for small fee. Call for details.

U.S. Electric Co.

301 N 1st
Springfield, IL 62702
217-522-3347
M-F 7-5 Sat 8-12
Accepts Used Fluorescent bulbs from residents or businesses. Small fee wil apply but will take Ballasters, CFL's, and more. Call for more details.

Plastic or cellophane from individually wrapped greeting cards can be reused as a recipe card protector.

Computers

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6 Sat 10-6
Accepts Computers, monitors,
Cell Phones, TV's, VCR's, elec-
tronic games. No kitchen appli-
ances. Call for more details.

Midwest Computer Processing

2158 South 9th Street
670-0654
Recycles Electronic Waste.
Printers, Copiers, Laptops, Ca-
bles, keyboards, radios, tele-
phones, and more. Will com-
pensate! Call for details.

Computer Banc

1023 E. Washington
217-528-9506
M-F 1-5
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month
10-2
Will accept any computer and
equipment except CRT moni-
tors.

Concrete

Springfield Concrete and Recycling

2100 E. Moffat Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702
217-544-1800

Construction Material

See Building Materials Pg. 15

Crayons

Crazy Crayons LLC

16830 Edgewood Ave.
Wayzata, MN 55391
952-473-1620
<http://crazycrayons.com/>
Mail your crayons to this
amazing organization support-
ing projects around the coun-
try as well as people with disa-
bilities in their workshop! Any

Dirt, Rock, Sand

Call your Township Road
Commissioner

Be advised before removing that
old flowerbed or sand pile, waste
disposal facilities in Springfield
will not accept these materials for
disposal. If you have clean dirt,
rock and/or sand with no other
contaminating materials, this can
be disposed as "clean fill" at a site
accepting this material. Sites con-
stantly change – call your town-
ship road commissioner on sites
that accept clean fill. Township
Road Commissioners are listed in
the telephone directory under the
Government section.

**After Christmas, take the
large cardboard boxes
your gifts came in to the
recycling center. Check
out the locations in this
book to donate or recycle
your old items!**

Dry Cleaning Bags

Call your dry cleaning service
to see if they take back your
bags.

Starcrest Cleaners

2701 West White Oaks Drive
217-726-6564
-And-
1825 W. Jefferson
217-787-5580
-And-
4349 Conestoga Dr.
M-F 6:30-8:30 Sat 6:30-6
Sun 10-6

Davis Dry Cleaners

1131 W. Jefferson St.
217-793-8122

2640 S. 6th St.
217-528-0123

M-F 7am–6pm
Sat 8am-1pm

Document Destruction/ Recycling

Affordable Shred

3327 Terminal Avenue
217-525-1206 or 217-741-1577
Call for details.

Office Depot

2951 W. Iles
217-698-2930
Call for details.

Staples

2940 W. Wabash
217-793-7243
Call for details.

Electronics

A variety of consumer elec-
tronics may contain hazardous
components and should NOT
be disposed in the trash.

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
Springfield, IL 62703
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6 Sat 10-6
Accepts Computers, monitors,
Cell Phones, TV's, VCR's, elec-
tronic games. No kitchen appli-
ances. Call for more details.

Team Service

1535 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704
217-698-6038
M-F 9-5
Repairs televisions, camcorders,
and home and audio equipment.
Will accept LCD TV's for recy-
cling.

Best Buy

3193 S. Veterans Pkwy
217-698-8551
M-Sat 10-9 Sun 11-8
Accepts all rechargeable batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, CD's, smart phones, TV's , etc. for recycling. Call for details.

Goodwill

2001 Wabash Ave.
217-787-7236
-And-
2531 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-753-3715
M-Sat 9-7 Sun 12-6 ->

Office Depot

3129 S. Veterans pkwy
698-4825
M-F 8-9 Sat 9-8 Sun 10-6
Takes small office electronics—no TV's. Call for details

Staples

2490 Wabash Ave
793-7243
Basic small office electronics—shredders, laptops, etc.—No TV's. Call for details

Envelopes, Tyvek materials (wristbands, banners, etc.)

Paper envelopes may go into the recycle bin. Tyvek envelopes have paper outside and plastic inside or plastic on both sides on the mailing envelope.

For small Quantities - Less than 25 envelopes a month ->

Turn any Tyvek® envelope inside out, so the unprinted white surface shows on the outside. Stuff the inside-out Tyvek® envelope with other used Tyvek® envelopes for recycling. Address and mail the envelope
Tyvek® Recycle
2400 Elliham Avenue #A
Richmond, VA 23237

For Medium Quantities

(more than 25 but less than 500 envelopes/month)

Call 1-866-33-Tyvek® and ask about the pouch program for recycling Tyvek® envelopes. Each pouch holds approximately 200 used Tyvek® envelopes. Collect your envelopes in the pouch and then forward them to DuPont – address label provided.

For Larger Quantities

(more than 500 envelopes/month)
Contact Shirley B. Wright, Tyvek® Recycling Specialist, at 1-800-222-5676 or 1-866-33-TYVEK® for information.

Eyeglasses

Springfield Noon Lions Club takes eyeglasses at various locations across Springfield. Check out their website at the very bottom for drop-off locations.

<http://springfieldnoonlions.com/>

Also, see list under Hearing Aids page 23

Fire Extinguishers

As long as fire extinguishers are completely expelled (empty) they can be thrown away or taken to a recycling center (call first), or call the manufacturer listed on the extinguisher label.

Fireworks

For small quantities only, soak in water for at least 24 hours. Once they are completely doused, double bag in two plastic bags, then place them in the trash.

Flags, American

It is illegal to dispose of flags in the garbage. American Legion accepts flags and holds an annual flag burning ceremony at Camp Butler.

American Legion Post 32

1120 Sangamon Ave.
Springfield, IL
10-1 Mon-Sat, Sun 12-10

Flammable Liquids

Use with caution, handle with care, and store safely. Do not use for any purpose other than that for which the product is intended. Use up completely or take to an HHW collection event (See Page 11)

Fluorescent Lamp Bulbs

See CFL's Page 18

Furniture, Used

Donations: Call Around to Resale stores

Hope Thrift Center

1800 S. Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL 62703
217-527-8414
M-F 10-7 Sat 10-5

Goodwill

2001 Wabash Ave.
217-787-7236
-And-
2531 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-753-3715
M-Sat 9-7 Sun 12-6

Salvation Army

221 N. 11th Street
217-528-7573
-And-
1762 Wabash Ave.
217-546-1218
M-Sat 9-7

Consignment: Call Around to resale stores

Remarkable Resale
130 Johnson St.
Rochester, IL 62563
498-9434
M-Sat 9-6:30 Sun 12-5

See large Item Pick-up Service on page 3

Grocery Bags

Paper – Reuse in small trash cans. Recycle in curbside or drop-off. Use for art projects and kids. Check with grocery stores to see if they let you bring them in for reuse or recycling.

Plastic – reuse in small trash cans. Check with grocery stores to see if they accept and recycle bags.

Guns

Turn into local Police Department
Call 788-8380

Hearing Aids

Lions Club has many locations across town that take Hearing Aids, Eyeglasses, and keys
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - 524 E. Lawrence Ave.

Vision Care Associates – 121 N. Grand & 2741 Prairie Crossing Dr.
Lens Crafters – 2765 S. Veterans Parkway

Dr. Barnes Eyemart Express – 3427 Freedom Dr.

American's Best – Contacts & Eyeglasses – 3207 Veterans Parkway

Bergh-White Opticians, Inc. – 2351 W. Monroe St.

All About Eyes – 2806 Plaza Dr.

Cozy Dog Drive In – 2935 S. 6th

Friar Tuck – 2930 Constitution Dr

JC Penny Optical – 1201 S. Dirksen

Mary Bryant Home for the Blind – 2960 Stanton St.

Bisch Funeral Home – 2931 S. Koke Mill Rd.

Bisch & Son Funeral Home – 505 E. Allen St.

Staab Funeral Home – 1109 S. 5th

Persian Rug Center – 2121 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL

Murphy Rug Cleaners – 2121 S. 9th

Security Bank – ALL Locations

Lake Shore Learning Center – 6100 S. 6th St.

Memorial Medical Center – Human Resource Service Center – 200 W. Dodge St.

United Methodist Church – 501 S. Douglas Ave.

Secretary of State Driver Facility – 316 N. Klein

Sam's Club Vision Center – 2300 W. White Oaks Dr.

Springfield Clinic – 1025 S. 6th St.

Wal-Mart – All Locations

Household Goods

See consignments and Resale Consignment Service, Resale Shops and Thrift Shops in Yellow Pages

Household Hazardous Waste

IEPA

217-524-3300

Bodine Environmental Services

1-800-637-2379

Heritage Enviro Services

1-877-436-8778

Safety Kleen

217-328-2000

Jewelry

Creative Reuse Marketplace

122 S. 4th St,

217-679-2915

Various hours, contact for weekly schedule. Accepts jewelry donations.

Junk Mail

See curbside recyclable-paper page 8 and Recycling Drop-off, page 9

To decrease the amount of unwanted mail you receive, register with TrustedID to block unwanted junk mail.
<https://www.catalogchoice.org>

Keys

See Hearing Aids page 21 for a list of Lions Club Locations.

Linens

Animal Protective League

1001 Taintor Road

217-544-7387

Will accept sheets, towels, throw rugs, dog houses, dog crates, dog leashes, canned pet food, unopened bags of dry food, flea shampoos, mops, brooms, clay cat litter, postage stamps, comet/Ajax, soaps, bleach, and paper towels. Also coordinate adoption for homeless cats and dogs by responsible pet owners.

Kumler Neighborhood Ministry

600 N. 5th Street

217-523-2269

M-F 9-12:30 & 1:30-3:30

Accepts sheets, towels, blankets, and clothes infant-children's size 12 (no adult clothing). Baby supplies and food for food pantry also accepted.

Lumber

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

2744 S. 6th St.

217-787-7209

Please Call Ahead

Magazines

See curbside recyclables-paper, page 5 and recycling-drop off, page 9

Mercury

Mercury-containing products (thermometers, thermostats, gauges, switches in light-up sneakers) have no alternative disposal options and must be saved for an HHW Collection. Do not allow to come in contact with skin. DO NOT BREATHE VAPORS.

- Handle with extreme caution and package to contain any leaks. All mercury products should be placed inside a larger container with a tight fitting lid.

- Kitty litter or oil absorbent should be placed around the product to protect it from breakage. Clearly label the container.

- Transport safely, in bed or trunk of vehicle, to avoid spillage and exposure. Take to an HHW collection event.

- If you have a spill of any size, contact Illinois Dept of Public Health 1-866-282-2840 immediately for cleanup procedures

Metal—Scrap

Mervis Iron & Supply

1100 S. 9th Street

217-753-1492

M-F 7:30-4:15 Sat 8-12

Accepts large metal items at no charge. Buy Ferrous and Non-Ferrous metal, cars and farm implements. No LPT Tanks, concrete or wood.

F & W Resources

3327 Terminal Ave.

217-525-1206

M-F 8-4

Accepts large metal items and Freon appliances. Pick-up service possible. Call for details

Springfield Iron & Metal

930 N. Wolfe Street

217-544-7131

Accepts all forms of metal scrap. Call for details and pricing. Fee for appliances with cooling unit-call for details. Drop-off free of charge for appliances with no cooling unit. No microwaves accepted. Also sells pieces of iron and used tires.

See Large Item Pick-Up Service on page 3

Microwaves

F & W Resources

3327 Terminal Ave.

217-525-1206

M-F 8-4

Habitat for Humanity Restore

2744 S. 6th Street

217-787-7209

Takes microwaves, as well as other appliances. Call for details.

Musical Instruments

Check Local Schools for donations

The Rock Shop

1808 W. Jefferson

M-Th-10-8 F 10-6 Sat 10-5

Sales and repair of amplifiers, drums, and fretted instruments.

Office Furniture—Used

Wiley Office Furniture

301 E. Laurel Street

217-544-2766

M-F 10-5

Call for details.

Goodwill

2001 Wabash Ave.

217-787-7236

-And-

2531 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

217-753-3715

Habitat for Humanity

2744 S. 6th St.

217-787-7209

Salvation Army

221 N. 11th Street

217-528-7573

-And-

1762 Wabash Ave.

217-546-1218

Oil, Cooking

Single household amounts of oil can be disposed of in the trash in sealed containers. If there is a large amount of oil call a local restaurant and ask to dispose of it their oil dumpster.

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Oil Filters

Drain well and discard in trash

Oil, Used Motor Oil

Do NOT pour on ground or down a drain. See below for local disposal options.

- Oil can only be dropped off during business hours
- No business waste is accepted

Auto Zone

3000 South Grand Ave. East

217-753-2931

M-Sat 7:30-9 Sun 8-8

Accepts used motor oil and transmission fluid – limit 5 gallons/visit. Car batteries -> \$5 in-store credit per battery. No anti-freeze or corrosive materials.

721 N. 9th street

217-522-3533

M-Sat 8-9 Sun 8-7

Accepts used motor oil -> limit 5 gallons/visit. Car batteries -> \$5 in-store credit per battery.

2860 S. 6th Street

217-544-5004

M-Sat 8-9 Sun 8-7

Accepts used motor oil -> Limit 5gallons/visit. Car batteries -> \$5 in-store credit per battery.

Wilkerson's Monroe Shell

2000 W. Monroe

217-787-2296

M-Sat 6-10 Sun 6-8

Used motor oil, .50/gallon.

Tires -> \$5/tire

Wilkerson's

2840 Stevenson
217-529-0292
M-F 7-6 Sat 7-3
Used Motor Oil, No Charge.
Tires ->\$2/tire

Johnson & Johnson Auto Service Center

1325 Stevenson Dr
217-529-9200
M-F 7:30-5:30
Accepts Used Motor Oil. Car Batteries. Tires \$4/tire

Advanced Auto Parts

2721 S. Grand Ave. East
217-789-7740
M-F 8-8 Sun 9-6
-And-
2655 S. MacArthur
217-546-9240
M-Sat 8-8 Sun 8-5
Accepts Motor oil -> limit 5 gallons/visit. Accepts anti-freeze.

Packing Materials (Peanuts, etc.)

Box & Go

2743 S. Veterans Pkwy
217-862-2060
M-F 8-6 Sat 9-12
Cardboard, Flat Styrofoam, or any packing material. Call for details.

Place packing peanuts in the bottom of a large planter. This will lighten the weight and reduce the amount of soil needed.

Paint

Keep Painting! Paint another coat to get rid of all paint. Paint sometime else (inside garage, old cardboard, scrap lumber, etc.)

Donate to a charitable/service organization such as church, theatre group, or art association.

Latex Based: Small Amounts of paint in open-top cans may be opened and totally dried, then disposed of in the trash. Larger amounts of paint should be blended with cat litter, sawdust or paint hardener to help it dry faster. Paint must be totally dry before placing it in the trash.

- Oil Based - CANNOT go in trash. Save for an HHW Collection Event

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

2744 S. 6th St.
217-787-7209
Accepts only unopened full cans of paint.

Paint Hardener

Commercial paint hardener can be used to bulk and dry liquid paint. When paint is totally dry all the way through, it can be safely disposed of in the trash.

The following businesses sell paint hardener products:

Ace

1600 W. Wabash
217-787-5100
-And-

214 N Walnut

217-528-5673
M-F 8-8, Sat 8-6, Sun 9-5

True Value

510 Buns Lane

217-787-7225
-And-

801 North Grand Ave E

217-528-1513
M-F 7:30-8, Sat 7:30-6, Sun 8:30-5

Menards

2701 Market Place Drive

217-522-1835
-And-

2250 Chuckwagon South

217-698-8815
M-Th 6:30-9, F-Sat 6:30-10, Sun 8-8

Pallets, Wood

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

1514 W. Jefferson
217-787-7209
T - 9-5 Donation and pick-ups only
W-Sat 9-5

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store is making furniture, wall décor, and more out of pallets. Call for details.

Pet Supplies and Needs

Animal Protective League

1001 Taintor Road
217-544-7387
Sun-Sat 12-5
Will accept sheets, towels, throw rugs, dog houses, dog crates, dog leashes, canned pet food, unopened bags of dry food, flea shampoos, mops, brooms, clay cat litter, postage stamps, Comet/Ajax, soaps, bleach, and paper towels, Only accept items during business hours. Also coordinate adoptions.

Sangamon County Animal Control center

2100 Shale Road
217-535-3065
Accepts dog food, cat food, dog treats, old newspapers, old towels or blankets, cat carriers, dog crates, and small dog houses (plastic only. Call for drop-off times.

Illinois Humane Society

P.O. Box 512
Springfield, IL
217-698-3804
Accepts pet carriers, dog houses, and dog food. Call for details.

Photograph Chemicals

Hobby only, no commercial waste. Store safely until able to take to an HHW Collection event.

Poisons

Store safely away from children and pets. Use only for intended purpose. Use up completely or take to an HHW collection event.

Propane Tanks

Most businesses that sell propane tanks will accept empty propane tanks in exchange towards the purchase of a new tank. Call first to verify

IL Propane Gas Association
5240 S. 6th St.
217-529-8271
Call for details.

Most Walgreens and Ace Hardware stores can exchange your propane tanks. Contact your local store for more details.

Reactives

When combined with other substances, a reactive may react mildly or violently. Use only as directed and do not mix with any other substances. Use up for intended purpose or take to an HHW Collection.

Rock and Sand

See Listing on Page 19 under Dirt, Rock, Sand.

Shingles

There are currently no places to recycle this material. Dispose of shingles in the trash.

Shoes

Check Resale, Thrift, and consignment stores for businesses that accept or sell worn shoes. See telephone directory for listing under shoe repair shops.

You can mail your shoes directly to **Nike's recycling facility**. Nike cannot pay for shipping costs, and to ensure that the shipping and collection of shoes doesn't negatively offset the environmental benefit of recycling, we encourage you to drop off your shoes at a collection point if possible.

Closest Store:

5555 St. Louis Mills Boulevard
Hazelwood, MO 63042
314-227-5575
M-Sat 10-9
Sun 11-6

Or Mail them to:

Nike Grind Processing
3552 Avenue of Commerce
Memphis, TN 38125

Smoke Detectors/ Fire Alarms

Call 800 number of manufacturer found on smoke detector

Sod

Be advised before removing a large amount of grass/sod that waste disposal facilities in Springfield will not accept this material for disposal. Sod can be composted when mixed with leaves and grass, or may be used to fill uneven spots in your yard.

Styrofoam

Cannot be recycled in Springfield. No curbside or drop off available. The only exception is that packing peanuts may be donated for reuse. Rigid Styrofoams such as protective packaging for computers can be thrown away.

Tanks

Most Walgreens and Ace Hardware locations will accept tanks. Contact your local store for more details.

Televisions

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Televisions are banned from Illinois landfills. These televisions are not the newer, flat screens, but the older, larger TV's. They are difficult and costly to dispose of, but can be taken to BLH Computers and Best Buy. See below.

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
Springfield, IL 62703
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6 Sat 10-6

Accepts Computers, monitors, Cell Phones, TV's, VCR's, electronic games. No kitchen appliances. Call for more details.

Best Buy

3193 S. Veterans Pkwy
217-698-8551
M-Sat 10-9 Sun 11-8
Accepts all rechargeable batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, CD's, smart phones, TV's etc. for recycling. Call for details.

Team Service

1535 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704
217-698-6038
M-F 9-5
Repairs televisions, camcorders, and home and audio equipment.

Textbooks

Follett Educational Services

1-800-621-4272
Buys and sells used textbooks for resale to other schools.

F & W Resources

3327 Terminal Ave.
217-525-1206
M-F 8-4
Accepts limited quantities of textbooks for recycling. Call for details

Thermometers

Store safely to avoid breakage.

Thermostat Recycling Corporation
703-841-3249
Call for a list of dealers that accept out-of-service thermostats for recycling.
<http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/>

Tires

Check www.epa.state.il.us/land for tire collection event information.

When you purchase new tires, leave your used tires with the retailer who must accept them for recycling. Call businesses first.

Use a straw to hold a necklace while traveling or for storage to keep it from tangling.

Johnson & Johnson Auto Service Center

1325 Stevenson Dr.
217-529-9200
M-F 7:30-5:30
Used Motor Oil, Car Batteries, Tires -> \$3/tire.

Pomp's Tire and Auto Service

2110 E. Clear Lake Ave.
217-525-1395
M-F 7-5:30
Sat 7-12
Tires, \$3.50/tire

Shaner's Towing

2881 N. Dirksen
217-744-3611
M-F 9-6
Sat 9-2
Tires -> \$2.50/tire

Wilkerson's

2840 Stevenson Drive
217-529-0292
M-F 7-6
Sat 7-3
Used Motor Oil, Tires -> \$2/tire

Wilkerson's Monroe Shell

2000 W. Monroe
217-787-2296
M-Sat 6-10
Sun 6-8
Used motor oil, .50/gallon.
Tires -> \$5/tire

Tools

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

2744 S. 6th St.
217-787-7209

Accept and resells a wide variety of building/remodeling materials. Also accepts gently used furniture and appliances. No electronics or mattresses. Call for details/

Trophies

K'N R Awards

808 East Stanford
217-522-7865
M-F 9-5:30

Video Games

BLH Computers

1832 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-1580
M-F 8-6 Sat. 10-6
Accepts Video Games for recycling.

GameStop

2506 N. Dirksen Parkway
217-492-1105
M-F 11-8 Sat 10-9 Sun 12-5

2845 S. Veterans Parkway
217-679-5614
Same hours as above.

Buys videogames and other electronics. Call for details.

Weapons

Turn into local Police Department 788-8311

Wood Preservatives

Store safely away from children and pets and take to an HHW collection event.

Wood Scrap

See Lumber for details.

Yard Waste

Evans Recycling

2100 J. David Jones Parkway
217-370-3780

Accepts grass clippings, leaves and small brush in paper yard waste bags. No plastic bags accepted. Free wood mulch and loading available for city residents. Call for hours and costs.

Reuse empty margarine containers for storing leftovers, nuts, and bolts in garage, small craft items, or a travel bowl for pets. (Note: Never microwave food in these containers.)

GREEN CLEANING

Want to clean your house without all of the harsh chemicals? Here's how! Check out <http://www.back-to-basics-cleaning.com/> for more tips and tricks!

Below you will find Home-Made Substitutions, Baking Soda and Vinegar Solutions, and home-made cleaning solution recipes for almost everything in your house!

Basic Ingredients you should purchase to make all of your home-made cleaning Solutions

- White Vinegar
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Baking Soda
- Washing Soda
- Lemon Juice
- Castile Soap
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- A few essential Oils
- Cornstarch
- Borax

Home-Made Substitutions

- **Baking Soda** - cleans, deodorizes, softens water, scours.
- **Soap** - unscented soap in liquid form, flakes, powders or bars is biodegradable and will clean just about anything. Avoid using soaps which contain petroleum distillates.
- **Lemon** - one of the strongest food-acids, effective against most household bacteria.
- **Borax** - (sodium borate) cleans, deodorizes, disinfects, softens water, cleans wallpaper, painted walls and floors.
- **White Vinegar** - cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build-up.
- **Washing Soda** - or SAL Soda is sodium carbonate decahydrate, a mineral. Washing soda cuts grease, removes stains, softens water, cleans wall, tiles, sinks and tubs. Use care, as washing soda can irritate mucous membranes. Do not use on aluminum.
- **Cornstarch** - can be used to clean windows, polish furniture, shampoo carpets and rugs.

- **Isopropyl Alcohol** - is an excellent disinfectant. (It has been suggested to replace this with ethanol or 100 proof alcohol in solution with water. There is some indication that isopropyl alcohol buildup contributes to illness in the body. See <http://drclark.ch/g>)
- **Citrus Solvent** - cleans paint brushes, oil and grease, some stains. (Citrus solvent may cause skin, lung or eye irritations for people with multiple chemical sensitivities.)

Baking Soda

Basic All-Purpose Formula

- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 quart water

Dissolve baking soda in water, and pour into a spray bottle. This mixture can be used as a general cleaner for all surfaces. Keep some dry baking soda handy in a jar with a shaker cap for jobs that need a bit more abrasive action. You can use this mixture to clean virtually anywhere in your home, including all kitchen and bathroom counter surfaces, inside the refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher. Always rinse well.

Deodorizer

- Use some of your baking soda cleaning solution in a microwave safe cup and microwave on medium for one minute to banish food odors.
- Sprinkle dry baking soda on your carpet to freshen, let sit for a few minutes, and then vacuum.
- Sprinkle dry baking soda in your tennis shoes to neutralize the odor. You can also fill the bottom of an old sock with baking soda, knot the top and place in shoes to keep them fresh.

Vinegar

Basic Vinegar Clean and Shine Antibacterial Formula

1 cup white vinegar

1 cup water

Five drops of liquid soap

Use this solution as you would any other store-bought antibacterial cleaner. It's safe and saves a bundle!

Household Specific Solutions

Carpet Stain Formula

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 cup borax
- 1/2 cup vinegar

- Mix the three ingredients into a paste. Use a clean, white towel to rub the mixture directly into the stain and leave for a few hours. Vacuum

Floor Cleaning Solution

- 1 gallon of warm water
- 1/4 cup of vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons of liquid Soap
- 10-20 drops of essential oil (if available)
- 2 Tablespoons Borax (if available)

- Use to clean hard surface floors like wood, linoleum and ceramic tile (not stone floors). Vinegar does not leave a residue so you don't have to do a second rinse.

Hard Wood Floor Cleaner

- 4 cups brewed tea (use two or three teabags to a quart of water)
- 1 teaspoon castile soap or dish detergent
- 1 large spray bottle

- This is a great natural floor cleaning formula for either real wood or laminate wood floors. The tannins in the tea will enhance the natural shine of your floor. Use only a damp (or almost dry) mop! It's important to remember not to wet your wood floors too much so it doesn't warp.

Grout Cleaner

- 1/2 cup of baking soda in a bowl
- Add enough liquid soap to make a paste
- Mix well

- Only mix up as much as you will need for a cleaning because it doesn't keep well without adding vegetable glycerin and sealing it airtight.

- Apply with an old toothbrush and let sit for 5 minutes. Scrub with a plastic bristle brush and rinse thoroughly.

Tub and Tile Cleaner

- 1 2/3 cups baking soda
- 1/2 cup liquid soap (try to find liquid glycerin, if possible)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- Squeeze bottle with a tight fitting cap

Whisk the baking soda, liquid soap and water together until smooth and creamy. Add the vinegar and let it foam a bit. Whisk again until well mixed. Pour into a squeeze bottle with a tight-fitting cap to prevent the mixture from drying out between uses. Shake well before each use; will store indefinitely. "Squirt this cleaner anywhere - the tub, the sink, floors, or the toilet bowl."

Window and Glass Cleaner

- In a spray bottle,
- 2 cups of water
- 3 Tablespoons of white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon of liquid detergent

Laundry Soap

- 2 cups grated soap (choose a vegetable-based, natural, fragrance free bar and grate in a food processor)
- 1 cup washing soda (non-toxic and similar to baking soda, found in the laundry section of the supermarket)
- 1 cup borax

Mix well, label and store in an airtight plastic tub. Use approximately 2 tablespoons per wash load. Add vinegar to the final rinse to soften and remove soap residue.

Mildew Scrub

- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup Borax
- 1 cup water

Pour into a spray bottle and shake well. Spray on affected surfaces and let the solution penetrate for several minutes before scrubbing and rinsing.

Pet Stain Remover

Try this on stains that have already set.

Caution: test first on a hidden area to be sure the peroxide won't change the color of the carpet

- Baking Soda
- White Vinegar
- Liquid glycerin soap (or dish soap)
- Hydrogen Peroxide

Mix equal parts of vinegar and water, and work the mixture well into the stain using a clean white towel. Blot well, and let dry. Once the area is dry, sprinkle baking soda generously over the spot. Mix together 1/4 cup peroxide with 1/2 tsp liquid soap, then pour the soap mixture over the baking soda to dissolve it into the nap of the carpet. Work the paste down deep into the fibers. Blot again, and let dry. Vacuum to remove the residue. You may have to repeat this treatment on persistent stains.

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Herbicides (See Poisons)	29
Hearing Aids	23
Household Goods (Useable furniture, kitchenware, etc.)	23
Household Hazardous Waste (Paint, paint products, chemicals, and similar products)	11, 23
Hydrochloric Acid (See Acids)	12
Insecticides (See Poisons)	29
Jewelry	24
Junk Mail	24
Kerosene (See Flammable Liquids)	22

Keys (See Hearing Aids)	23
Latex Paint (See Paint)	27
Laundry Soap	36
Lawn Mowers (see Metal, Scrap)	25
Leaves (See Yard Waste)	32
Linens (Sheets, Towels)	24
Lumber	24
Magazines	25
Men's Clothing (See Clothing, Adult)	17
Mercury	25
Metal, Scrap	25
Microwaves	25
Mildew Scrub	36
Moth Balls (See Poisons)	29
Motor Oil (See oil, Used Motor)	26-27
Musical Instruments	26
Newspapers (See Paper)	5
Office, Furniture, used	26
Oil, Cooking	26
Oil Filters	26
Oil, Used Motor	26-27
Packing Peanuts	27
Paint Latex/Oil Base	28
Paint Hardener	27-28
Paint Thinner (See Flammable Liquids)	22
Pallets, Wood	28
Paper	5
Paper Grocery Bags (See Grocery Bags)	23
Paperboard (See Paper)	5
Pesticides (See Poisons)	29
Pet Supplies and Needs	28
Pet Stain Remover	36
Photographic Chemicals	28
Plastics	7
Plastic Grocery Bags (See Grocery Bags)	23
Plastic Dry Cleaning Bags (See Dry Cleaning Bags)	12
Poisons	29
Pool Chemicals (See Reactives)	29
Printers (See Electronics)	20-21
Propane Tanks	29
Reactives	29
Record Albums (See Cassette Tapes/ Records)	16
Rock	19
Rugs (See Household Goods or Pet Supplies and Needs)	23, 28
Sand	29
Sealants, Driveway or Rood (See Adhesives)	12

Sheets (See Linens)	23-24
Shingles	29
Shoes	29
Shredded Paper	5,20
Shredding (See Document Destruction)	20
Silverware (See Household Goods)	23
Smoke Detectors, Fire Alarms	30
Sod	30
Solvents (See Flammable Liquids)	22
Stains, Wood or Furniture (See Paint, Oil-Based)	27
Stain Remover (See Flammable Liquids)	22
Steel (See Metal)	25
Stereos (See Electronics)	20-21
Styrofoam	30
Tanks (oxygen, Propane, Etc.)	30
Telephone Books (See Paper)	5
Televisions	30
Textbooks	31
Thermometers	31
Tin Cans (See Metal)	6, 25
Tires	31
Tools, Used	32
Towels (See linens)	24
Toys (See Clothing, Baby/Children)	18
Tub and Tile cleaner	35-36
Transmission Fluid (See Flammable Liquids)	22
Treated Lumber (See Lumber)	24
Televisions	30
Trophies	32
Typewriters, Used (See Electronics)	20-21
Tyvek Materials (See Envelopes)	21
Unwanted Mail (See Junk Mail)	24
Varnishes (See Paint, Oil-Based)	27
VCR's (See Electronics)	20-21
Video Games	32
Videotapes (See Cassettes, CD's, Recorders)	16
Vinegar Cleaner	34
Weapons	32
White Goods (See Appliances)	12
Window and Glass Cleaner	36
Women's Clothing (See Clothing, Adult)	17
Wood Preservatives	32
Wood Sealers (See Flammable Liquids)	22
Yard Waste	32