

# PARK RIDGE RECYCLING & WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



## ELECTRONICS:

- **SWANCC:** e-waste drop-off locations (Glenview site year-round) [www.swancc.org/programs/electronics-recycling](http://www.swancc.org/programs/electronics-recycling)
- **Abt Electronics:** Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat, 1pm to 7pm
- **Park Ridge Recycling website:** for annual electronics recycling at [www.parkridge.us/living\\_in\\_park\\_ridge/curbside\\_recycling.aspx](http://www.parkridge.us/living_in_park_ridge/curbside_recycling.aspx)
- **Groot:** call 800-244-1977 to schedule e- waste pickup. Involves fee.
- **Avenues to Independence/Recycling Avenues:** [avenuestoindependence.org](http://avenuestoindependence.org)
- **Goodwill E-Cycle:** [www.goodwillcycle.com](http://www.goodwillcycle.com)

**CELLPHONES:** Chamber Of Commerce, Best Buy, Home Depot, Target

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:** Home Depot, Ace Hardware on Northwest Highway

**FLOURESCENT BULBS (CFLs):** Lobby of Park Ridge City Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month 8am-11am, Home Depot

**PLASTIC BAGS:** Recycle shopping bags at most local grocery stores. Recycle plastic film, liners from dry food boxes, wrapping from catalogs, etc. through [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org)

**LARGE QUANTITIES OF PAPER:** Paper Retriever offers paper recycling. Abitibi is a Chicago-based group that focuses on paper for many businesses and schools in the area. [www.paperretriever.com/](http://www.paperretriever.com/)

**PHARMACEUTICALS/SHARPS:** Park Ridge City Hall Health Department (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month 8am-11am)

**EYGLASSES:** Park Ridge Public Library

**STYROFOAM (Polystyrene or #6 plastics):** Abt Electronics collects clean, unstained, dry white Styrofoam (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat 1pm-7pm)—no packing peanuts

**PACKING MATERIALS** (peanuts, bubble wrap, cardboard): UPS Store

**LATEX PAINT:** See link for how to leave dried paint curbside [swancc.org/paint](http://swancc.org/paint)

**PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES:** Staples, Office Depot, Office Max all have Rewards Programs

**TEXTILES, LINENS, SHOES (repurposed and recycled):** USAgain ([www.usagain.com/](http://www.usagain.com/)) bins at Oakton Park and Centennial Fitness Center

## GENERAL RECYCLING RESOURCES:

- **Solid Waste Agency for Northern Cook County (SWANCC) Recycling Directory:** [www.swancc.org/recycling-directory](http://www.swancc.org/recycling-directory)
- **Groot Recycling 101:** [www.groot.com/waste-management-chicago/what-to-recycle](http://www.groot.com/waste-management-chicago/what-to-recycle)

## **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

The following materials are approved for curbside recycling: [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com)  
**DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES! Your bin needs to be free of plastic bags.**

*\*\*Please note: rinsing items prior to recycling improves the recycling process!\*\**

**CARDBOARD** – broken down, break off and discard soiled or greasy parts from pizza boxes

**METAL:** steel & aluminum—**clean:** trays, containers, foils

**CANS**—all cans, including aerosol cans—recycle lids, caps, and rings (NO paint cans)

**GLASS**—bottles and jars only

### **PAPER**

- Office, newspaper, magazines, and catalogs
- Cardboard and non-waxed food boxes – flatten
- Cartons – juice boxes (no straws), beverage and soup
- Do NOT include: any soiled paper goods, paper with a lot of tape and glue, plastic or wax-coated paper, photographic paper, hardcovers.

**PLASTIC-** Bottles, jars, jugs and tubs only, *recap lids*

**BULK (lifted by one driver)** picked up regular garbage day – only 1 or 2 items/week!  
(You can also check out [www.amazinggoodwill.com](http://www.amazinggoodwill.com) to donate furniture)

**OVERSIZED/OVERWEIGHT ITEMS (lifted by two drivers)** – *call Groot 1-800-244-1977 – minimum \$50/item*

**“WHITE GOODS” (APPLIANCES)**—stoves, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, humidifiers, dryers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, furnaces, etc. by law require special handling—*please call Groot at 1-800-244-1977 to schedule pickup - \$35/item*

**Note, for Holidays,** normal pick-up is delayed one day: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.gogreenparkridge.org](http://www.gogreenparkridge.org)

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