

# Grundy County Green Guide



The Grundy County Green Guide was developed by the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office to provide Grundy County residents with solutions to recycling and solid waste obstacles. The solutions provided in this guide focus on ways to reuse/recycle or dispose of items that should not be land filled due to their hazardous nature and IEPA laws.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact either Heidi Miller or Cheryl Wardell at the Grundy County Land Use Department at (815) 941-3229; [hmillier@grundyco.org](mailto:hmillier@grundyco.org) or (815) 941-3228; [cwardell@grundyco.org](mailto:cwardell@grundyco.org)

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# Environmental & Recycling Websites

Illinois Recycling Association:	<a href="http://www.illinoisrecycles.org">www.illinoisrecycles.org</a>
US Environmental Protection Agency:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>
IL Environmental Protection Agency:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>
Pollution Control Board:	<a href="https://pcb.illinois.gov/">https://pcb.illinois.gov/</a>
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:	<a href="http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx">www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Earth's 911:	<a href="http://www.earth911.com">www.earth911.com</a>
National Recycling Coalition:	<a href="https://nrcrecycles.org/">https://nrcrecycles.org/</a>
Environmental Industry Association:	<a href="http://www.wasterecycling.org">www.wasterecycling.org</a>
Solid Waste Association of North America:	<a href="http://www.swana.org">www.swana.org</a>
Vermicomposting:	<a href="http://www.redwormcomposting.com">www.redwormcomposting.com</a>
Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation:	<a href="http://www.prba.org">www.prba.org</a>
Glass Packaging Institute:	<a href="http://www.gpi.org">www.gpi.org</a>
American Plastics Council:	<a href="http://www.americanchemistry.com/plastics">www.americanchemistry.com/plastics</a>
Recycling sites	<a href="http://www.world.org/weo/recycling">www.world.org/weo/recycling</a>
Environmental Tech Schools	<a href="https://www.trade-schools.net/environmental/">https://www.trade-schools.net/environmental/</a>
Six pack plastic ring recycling	<a href="http://www.ringleader.com">www.ringleader.com</a>
Crayon Recycling	<a href="http://www.crazycrayons.com">www.crazycrayons.com</a>
World Wildlife Global Network	<a href="http://www.worldwildlife.org">www.worldwildlife.org</a>
Sierra Club	<a href="http://www.sierraclub.org">www.sierraclub.org</a>
Use Less Stuff	<a href="http://www.use-less-stuff.com">www.use-less-stuff.com</a>
Free Cycle	<a href="http://www.freecycle.org">www.freecycle.org</a>
Earth Day Network for April 22	<a href="http://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a>
Your Guide to Composting	<a href="http://www.howtocompost.org">www.howtocompost.org</a>
Environlink provides environmental information	<a href="https://www.environmentalscience.org/">https://www.environmentalscience.org/</a>
For businesses and citizens	<a href="http://www.envirolink.org">www.envirolink.org</a>
Mother Nature Network	<a href="http://www.mnn.com">www.mnn.com</a>

# Kids Webpages

Green Crafts [www.greenkidcrafts.com](http://www.greenkidcrafts.com)  
[www.favecrafts.com](http://www.favecrafts.com)  
[www.freekidscrafts.com/recycled-crafts/](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/recycled-crafts/)  
[www.planetpals.com](http://www.planetpals.com)  
[www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/04/recycled-art-project-for-kids-2.html](http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/04/recycled-art-project-for-kids-2.html)  
[www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/](http://www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/)  
[www.education.com/activity/kindergarten/recycled-crafts/](http://www.education.com/activity/kindergarten/recycled-crafts/)  
[www.favecrafts.com/Earth-Day-Crafts/16-Recycle-Crafts-for-Kids](http://www.favecrafts.com/Earth-Day-Crafts/16-Recycle-Crafts-for-Kids)  
[www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-learn-recycling/](http://www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-learn-recycling/)  
[www.kinderart.com/recycle](http://www.kinderart.com/recycle)  
[www.happyscribbles.net/recycled-art.php](http://www.happyscribbles.net/recycled-art.php)  
<https://www.weareteachers.com/>

Environmental Issues [www.kids.niehs.nih.gov](http://www.kids.niehs.nih.gov)  
[www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/5-environmental-activities-for-kids](http://www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/5-environmental-activities-for-kids)  
<https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/>  
<https://study.com/academy/lesson/environmental-issues-lesson-for-kids.html>  
<http://www.nea.org/tools/environmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html>

Wind Energy for Kids [www.cecsb.org](http://www.cecsb.org)  
[www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=wind\\_home-basics](http://www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=wind_home-basics)

Recycling Games [www.kidsrecyclingzone.com](http://www.kidsrecyclingzone.com)  
[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)  
[www.kid-at-art.com](http://www.kid-at-art.com)  
[www.planetpals.com](http://www.planetpals.com)

Composting for Kids [www.mykidsadventures.com/five-fun-composting-projects-for-kids/](http://www.mykidsadventures.com/five-fun-composting-projects-for-kids/)



## Family Webpages

Outdoor Activities

[www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)  
[www.Familyfitness.about.com](http://www.Familyfitness.about.com)  
[www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/](http://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/)

Composting

[www.epa.gov/compost/](http://www.epa.gov/compost/)  
[www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/](http://www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/)  
[www.howtocompost.org](http://www.howtocompost.org)  
[www.compostinstructions.com](http://www.compostinstructions.com)

Crafts

[www.familycrafts.about.com](http://www.familycrafts.about.com)  
[www.funfamilycrafts.com](http://www.funfamilycrafts.com)  
[www.aboutfamilycrafts.com](http://www.aboutfamilycrafts.com)



## Teacher/Homeschool/Webpages

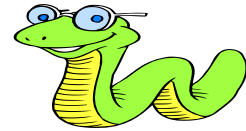
[www.neefusa.org](http://www.neefusa.org)  
[www.earthforce.org](http://www.earthforce.org)  
[www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com)  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)  
[www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org)  
[www.edutopia.org](http://www.edutopia.org)  
<https://teachheart.org/>  
<https://www.epa.gov/students>  
<https://www.teachervision.com/>  
<http://learningforaction.com/lfa-blogpost/environmental-education-for-kids>  
<http://www.nea.org/tools/EnvironmentalEducationActivitiesAndResources.html>  
[https://www.kindergarten-lessons.com/environmental\\_education\\_for\\_kids/](https://www.kindergarten-lessons.com/environmental_education_for_kids/)  
<https://www.edutopia.org/topic/environmental-education>  
<https://www.plt.org/curriculum/environmental-education-for-early-childhood/>



# Gardening/Composting Webpages

## Vermicomposting

[www.compostguide.com/vermicomposting](http://www.compostguide.com/vermicomposting)  
[www.compostguy.com](http://www.compostguy.com)  
[www.allthingsorganic.com](http://www.allthingsorganic.com)  
[www.planetnatural.com](http://www.planetnatural.com)  
[www.redwormcomposting.com](http://www.redwormcomposting.com)  
<https://rodaleinstitute.org/science/articles/vermicomposting-for-beginners/>  
<https://www.thespruce.com/vermicomposting-setting-up-a-worm-bin-2539503>



## Organic Gardening

[www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com)  
[www.motherearthnews.com](http://www.motherearthnews.com)  
<https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2015/03/17/tips-starting-organic-garden>  
[https://www.panda.org/knowledge\\_hub/teacher\\_resources/project\\_ideas/organic\\_garden/](https://www.panda.org/knowledge_hub/teacher_resources/project_ideas/organic_garden/)  
<https://www.thespruce.com/basics-for-gardening-organically-1402445>  
<https://www.joyusgarden.com/tips-on-organic-vegetable-gardening/>  
<https://joegardener.com/podcast/raised-bed-gardening-pt-1/>

## Teen Webpages



Eco Challenge

[www.scholastic.com/lexus/](http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/)

Environmental Issues

[www.epa.gov/epawaste/education/teens/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/education/teens/index.htm)  
[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

Improving communities

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

Environmental Literacy Council  
Teen issues for air, food, energy and water

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

Environmental Activities

<https://www.weareteachers.com/10-cool-ways-for-teens-to-celebrate-earth-day/>

Environmental Fun for Summer

<https://frogmom.com/earth-day-activities-for-teens/>

## Materials banned from Landfills

Material	Ban Date	Recycling/Disposal Choices
• Electronic Waste	2012	see page 15
• Mercury Thermostats	2011	see page 18
• Lead Acid Batteries	1990	see page 11
• Household Fluorescent Bulbs/High Intensity Light Bulbs	1997	see page 18
• Motor Oil	1996	see page 21
• Tires	1994	see page 24
• Household Medical Waste	1993	see page 20
• White Goods (Large appliances, etc.)	1994	see page 9
• High Hazardous Waste		see page 20
• Landscape Waste	1990	see page 13



# Residents

If you live in an unincorporated area, it is your responsibility to obtain the services of a licensed waste hauler through subscription service. All municipalities have contracts with individual haulers to collect waste within their boundaries. To check on specifics within your municipal curbside waste/recycling program, call your village hall and/or hauler.

## **Braceville Village Hall**

300 N. Mitchell Street  
Braceville, IL 60407  
815-237-8655

## **Carbon Hill Village Hall**

695 N. Holcomb Street  
Carbon Hill, IL 60416  
815-634-4968

## **Channahon Village Hall**

24555 S. Navajo Drive  
Channahon, IL 60410  
815-467-6644

## **Coal City Village Hall**

515 S. Broadway Street  
Coal City, IL 60416  
815-634-8608

## **Diamond Village Hall**

1750 E. Division Street  
Diamond, IL 60416  
815-634-8149

## **Dwight Village Hall**

209 S. Prairie Avenue  
Dwight, IL 60420  
(815) 584-3077

## **East Brooklyn Village Hall**

Box 338  
South Wilmington, IL 60474  
815-237-8360

## **Gardner Village Hall**

302 N. Center Street  
Gardner, IL 60424  
815-237-2592

## **Godley Village Hall**

150 S. Kankakee Street  
Braceville, IL 60407  
815-458-2222

## **Kinsman Village Hall**

Box 836  
Kinsman, IL 60437  
815-970-2554

## **Mazon Village Hall**

520 Depot Street/P.O. Box 33  
Mazon, IL 60444  
815-448-2206

## **Minooka Village Hall**

121 E. McEvilly Road  
Minooka, IL 60447  
815-467-2151

## **Morris City Hall**

700 N. Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-942-0103

## **S. Wilmington Village Hall**

380 Lake Street  
South Wilmington, IL 60474  
815-287-2241

## **Verona Village Hall**

429 Division Street  
Verona, IL 60479  
815-287-2320

## County—Licensed Waste Haulers

Residential waste haulers are required to collect, waste, and recyclables produced by the customers of either residents or commercial/industrial users. Haulers have the right to refuse collection of recyclables which are prepared incorrectly or contain garbage. Haulers are required to provide trash and recyclables collection. Any other specific questions in regard to the type of waste that is picked up, dates and times of that pick up, and general complaints should be directed to the city hall or the waste hauler directly.

### **Republic Services**

808 S. Joliet St.  
Joliet, IL 60436  
815-774-3910

### **Waste Management**

2100 Moen Avenue  
Rockdale, IL 60430  
815-725-4200

### **NuWay Disposal Service, Inc.**

P.O. 588  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-942-5851

### **Three Rivers Waste & Recycling**

P.O. Box 2127  
Joliet IL 60450  
815-693-6496

### **Environmental Recycling & Disposal**

P.O. Box 675  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
815-725-4555

### **Homewood Disposal**

1501 West 174th Street  
Homewood, IL 60430  
(708) 798-1004

### **County Line Hauling**

P.O. Box 225  
Newark, IL 60451  
(888) 426-6767



## Appliance/White Goods Recycling

Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, and large appliances are considered White Goods and are banned from our landfills. The hazardous components, which include mercury, CFC gases, and PCB's are dangerous for our environment and need to be disposed of properly. Here are some options:

Contact your waste hauler for pickup options or the following local companies for hours for drop off:

Fairway Recycling  
1124 E. Washington St.  
Morris, IL  
815-941-4550  
Mon-Fri 7-4:00 PM  
Saturday 7-1:00 PM

Hierz Scrap  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
815-287-2445  
Mon-Fri 8-4:00 PM

## Automobiles, RVs, Boats, and Motorcycles Donations

The following websites provide options on the donations of automobiles, RVs and motorcycles:

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

[www.Kars4kids.org](http://www.Kars4kids.org)

[www.800charitycars.org](http://www.800charitycars.org)



## Motor Oil

Auto Zone  
1220 Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 416-1081

Walmart Tire and Lube  
333 U.S. Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815)942-5981

Auto Zone  
525 US Route 6  
Minooka, IL 60447  
(815) 467-1263

Advanced Auto Parts  
1135 E. Division  
Coal City, IL 60416  
(815) 634-8852

## Motor Oil Filters

I Hierz Scrap  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
(815) 287-2445

Walmart Tire and Lube Express  
333 U.S. Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-6306

O'Reilly Auto Parts  
312 Collins Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 740-0600

# AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

## Batteries—Lead Acid Battery Recycling

Fairway Recycling  
1124 E. Washington  
Morris, IL  
(815) 941-4550

Belson Scrap & Steel, Inc.  
1685 N. State Route 50  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 932-7416

Berlinsky Scrap  
212 Page Avenue  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 726-4334

Ace Iron & Metals Inc.  
11 3rd Avenue  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 723-2612  
Auto parts/batteries

Hierz Scrap  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
(815) 287-2445

Advance Auto Parts  
2510 W. Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 730-7428

AutoZone  
1220 Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 416-1081

Walmart Supercenter  
333 US Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815)942-6306

First America Metal  
1000 Armstrong Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 941-9888

Auto Zone  
525 W. U.S. Route 6  
Minooka, IL 60447  
(815) 467-1263

Advance Auto Parts  
1135 E. Division  
Coal City, IL 60416  
(815) 634-8552

Olson's Auto/Scrap Metal  
354 West Jackson Street  
Seneca, IL 61360  
(815) 357-8625

Home Depot  
621 Brook Forest Ave  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
(815) 725-6301

## Antifreeze/Transmission Fluids

Advance Auto Parts  
2510 W. Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 730-7428

Auto Zone  
525 U.S. Route 6  
Minooka, IL  
(815) 467-1263

Firestone Complete Auto Care  
601 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60435  
(815) 768-3926

Automobile Tires      See page 26

# Household Battery Recycling—Rechargeable/Nickel Cadmium

## Grundy County: through Battery Solution Buckets:

Grundy County Admin Bldg.  
1320 Union St.  
Morris, IL

Coal City Public Library  
85 N. Garfield St.  
Coal City, IL

Morris Public Library  
604 Liberty St.  
Morris, IL

Morris City Hall  
700 N. Division St.  
Morris, IL

## Other Drop off Locations:

Matteson Hardware (rechargeable only)  
221 Bedford Road  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-6240

Seneca—Ellis Ace Hardware  
255 South Main Street  
Seneca, IL 61360  
(815) 357-6144

Home Depot  
621 Brookforest Ave.  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
(815) 725-6301

Verizon  
657 Brookforest Ave  
Shorewood, IL 60404

## Bike Recycling

Aurora –All Spoked Up  
14 W. Downer Place Suite 12  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 801– 9005

Plank Road Cyclery  
20 W. Elwood Street  
Frankfort, IL  
(815)469-3594  
(drop off location)

All American Recycling  
2285 New Lennox Road  
Joliet, IL  
(815)722-0200

St. Vincent DePaul  
1427 N. Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-9288

Naperville Performing Bicycle  
428South State Route 59, Suite 106  
Naperville, IL 60195  
(630)983-3010



## Book Reuse



SCARCE—Books and School Supplies  
Drop off location and pick up  
799 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 2  
Suite 108  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
(630) 545-9710

Community libraries:  
Morris Public Library; 604 Liberty St., Morris, IL 815-942-6880  
Coal City Public Library; 85 N. Garfield, Coal City, IL 815-634-4552  
Fossil Ridge Library; 386 W. Kennedy Rd, Braidwood, IL 815-458-2187  
Three Rivers Library Channahon; 25207 W. Channon Road, 815-467-6200  
Three Rivers Library Minooka; 109 N. Wabena, 815-467-1600

Book Drives for Children  
Bernie's Book Bank  
917 North Shore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL  
(847)780-7323

Grundy County Toy Drive  
*November/December of Each Year*  
Grundy County Land Use Department/other locations  
1320 Union Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 941-3229

# Cellular Phone Recycling and Reuse

Air Corps  
273 E. US Route 6  
Morris, IL  
(815) 416-1071

Home Depot  
621 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
(815) 725-6301

Cell Phones for Soldiers  
Grundy County Land Use  
1320 Union Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 941-3229  
And Seldel & Mueller  
Country Financial  
1509 Creek Drive  
Morris, IL 60450

Green Hippo  
Sell used phones on web  
[www.greenhippo.com](http://www.greenhippo.com)  
(855)304-4776

Walmart  
Send in a postage paid mailer  
printable from [www.Walmart.com](http://www.Walmart.com)

Staples  
992 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
(815) 609-2387

First America Metal Corp.  
1000 Armstrong  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 941-9888

Target  
1111 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
(815) 609-6800

Best Buy  
3351 Mall Loop Drive  
Joliet, IL 60431  
(815) 609-0771

Many big box stores will accept cell phones such as:  
Office Depot, Lowes, Apple etc.



## CFL Bulbs

For more information on CFL/mercury disposal, visit [www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling](http://www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling)

Home Depot  
621 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60431  
(815) 725-6301

To purchase kits for recycling the following companies may be contacted:  
Air Cycle Corporation (800) 909-9709  
LampMaster; (888) 470-4835  
Everlights Lamps and Ballasts; (877) 934-9873

Lowe's  
2480 East Lincoln Hwy  
New Lenox, IL 60451  
(815)215-6000

## Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling

Southwind RAS, LLC  
2252 Southwind Blvd  
Bartlett, IL 60103  
(630)233-5700 (shingles)

JKS Ventures, Inc.  
3800 W. Lake Street  
Melrose Park, IL 60160  
(708) 338-3408 (mixed demo/wood/brush/brick/metals)

GreenWay Resource Recovery, LLC  
2100 S. Kilbourn Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60623  
(773) 522-0025 (landscaping/roof/concrete/brick/metals)

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc.  
3152 S. California Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60608  
(773) 579-0100 (roll off dumpsters for mixed)

American Recycling and Disposal  
2100 Madison Street  
Maywood, IL 60153  
(630)506-9977 (Dirt/concrete/ferrous metals/plastic)

Sexton Clean Construction and Demolition Debris  
22100 S. Central Avenue  
Richton Park, IL 60471  
(224) 212-1251 (Clean Construction Demolition Debris)

C & D Recycling  
2300 Carlson Drive  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
(847) 291-1222 (dumpsters for CCDD)

FJV Development LLC  
2951 Mound Road  
Joliet, IL 60645  
(708) 774-9300 (clean fill/concrete/sand/brick/rock)

All American Recycling  
2285 New Lenox Rd., Joliet, IL  
Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 722-0200 (scrap metals)

Will County Habitat for Humanity Restore  
2112 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 714-7011 (Deconstruction Services to salvage items)

Henson Disposal  
2148 TriLakes Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704  
(309) 829-5022 (All CCDD)

Narvick Brothers  
1037 Armstrong Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-1173 (concrete)

# Clothing & Textiles Reuse/Recycling

Goodwill Store  
414 Arthur Ave  
Morris, IL  
(815) 941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul Store  
Drop off Donation/Sales  
1427 Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-9288

UsAgain  
[www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com)  
(800) 604-9533  
Ten boxes in Grundy

The Salvation Army  
126 S. Bloomington Street  
Streator, IL 61364  
(815) 672-2746

## Locations for the UsAgain Drop off Boxes:

We Care 530 Bedford Road, Morris

Mystery Crate, 315 Bedford Road, Morris

Park St. UCC 806 Park Street, Mazon

Three Rivers School 24150 W. Ford Road, Channahon

Forte Arts Center 1200 N. Division, Morris

First Christian Church 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris

Verona Methodist 433 Ann, Verona

Purple Heart Veterans, Crestwood, IL (877) 337-3873

Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA.org for drop off boxes in Grundy County

AMVETS <http://www.ilamvets.org/HowToHelp/ClothingGoodsDonations/ScheduleaPickup/tabid/108/Default.aspx>

## Compost Bins



The Grundy County Environmental & Resource Conservation Office does have EARTH MACHINE compost bins available for sale for \$50.00 each. Please call ahead to place order 815-941-3214, (815) 941-3229

For more information on composting please see pages 4, 5 and 6 of this guide.

## Compost Facilities/Landscape Waste Transfer Stations

On Farm Compost Facility  
Joyce Farms Recycling  
13253 W. 3000 N. Road  
Essex, IL  
815-426-2133

Compost Facility  
Land and Lakes Company  
1371 N. Joliet Road  
Romeoville, IL

Compost Supply Inc.  
2970 Route 52  
Newark, IL 60541

Christiansen Farms  
12151 Wilmington Road  
Peotone, IL  
(708) 259-7355

Organix Composting  
19065 Hickory Creek Drive, Suite 240  
Mokena, IL 60448

Accepts grass clippings, branches and leaves  
Must be free of glass, plastic and rocks  
Landscape Companies and residents welcome

# Electronics Recycling

**Grundy County Events:** The Land Use Department periodically will hold Electronic Collection events. See our webpage at [www.grundcyo.org](http://www.grundcyo.org) or page 28 of this guide for more details.

**IEPA WEBPAGE:** [www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/](http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/electronics-recycling/)

## **Best Buy Stores will accept the following electronics:**

Best Buy will Accept these Electronics for Free/Potential discount on future purchase—All in one computers, battery back ups (UPS), cables, cd/dvd drive, computer speakers/controllers, memory, mice and keyboards, modems/routers/hubs, web cams, netbooks, desktops, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, laptops, printers/scanners/fax, sound/video cards, tablets and e-readers.

Best Buy will take for a Fee:

\$25/each : CRT Monitors limited to 2/household/day

\$25/each: CRT/Tube TVs limited to 2/household/day LESS THAN 32", and Flat panel TVs, LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50"

Best Buy Will Haul a TV from Your Home for a Fee:

\$19.99 when a TV is delivered by Geek Squad or Best Buy Home Delivery (CRT/Tube and Projection will cost more—call your local store)

\$99.99 to haul and properly recycle



# Eye Glass & Hearing Aids Reuse Programs

Check with your Municipality, Township Hall or Library for the Lions Club sponsored programs. In additions the following commercial businesses also collect these items:

Ortiz Vision and Hearing Center  
880 W. Bedford Road  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5500

Hearing Solutions  
3223 North Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-4403

Pearl Vision  
Hillcrest shopping center  
1701 N. Larkin Avenue  
Crest Hill, IL 60403  
(815) 741-1140

Walmart  
Vision Centers  
333 East US Route 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-5918

Lens Crafters  
153236 Louis Joliet Mall  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 436-1770



## Fire Extinguishers/Smoke Detectors

### Fire Extinguishers:

EFR Fire Equipment  
19711 Mokena St. (behind bldg. by garage door)  
Mokena, IL  
708-479-1889  
\*Also accepts Lead Acid Batteries—No fee

Cintas Fire Protection  
1627 Rock Creek Boulevard  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 744-4075

Illinois Fire & Safety \*\*\$6.00 fee charged  
702 Rowling Road  
Addison, IL  
(888) 455-3473

Integrity Fire Equipment  
1931 Cherry Hill Road  
Joliet, IL 60433  
(815) 726-0503  
Also refills/recharges call for prices



### Smoke Detectors:

FEMA's US Fire Administration recommends that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years, but what do you do with the smoke detector?

There are two types of smoke detectors—Ionization and photoelectric.

Photoelectric types may be disposed of in your regular trash as long as the battery is taken out.

Ionization types must be properly disposed of as there is a small amount of radioactive substance in the detector. Check with the manufacturer for a mail in program to properly dispose of them or the USPS website for phone numbers and address for return.



## Flags

Flags are accepted for proper disposal at the following locations:

### Matteson's Ace Hardware stores:

Morris  
221 W. Bedford Rd.  
815-942-6240

Coal City  
1025 E. Division St.  
815-634-8898

Minooka  
855 S. Ridge Rd.  
815-467-7300



### Other locations: Municipal libraries (call first)

VFW  
309 McKinley Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-0605

American Legion  
212 West Washington Street  
Morris, IL  
(815) 942-0183

## Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

### Kits:

Everlights  
8027 N. Lawndale Ave.  
Skokie, IL  
877-934-9873  
Call for details/charges

Air Cycle Corporation  
Recycling Services and Equipment  
2200 Ogden Avenue, Suite 100  
Lisle, IL 60532  
800-909-9709  
www.aircycle.com  
Commercial and Business Recycling  
Also collects commercial batteries, ballast, e-scrap and waste.

## "Freecycle" [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

This network provides individuals and non profit organizations an electronic forum to recycle unwanted items. Membership is free and is open to all individuals who want to participate.

To participate in the Morris Freecycle Group visit:

[www.freecycle.org/group/US/Illinois/Morris](http://www.freecycle.org/group/US/Illinois/Morris)

## Furniture

Goodwill  
414 Arthur Ave.  
Morris, IL.  
(815)941-2411

St. Vincent DePaul  
1427 N. Division  
Morris, IL  
(815) 942-9288

Salvation Army  
Operation Home Front  
Furniture Bank

# HHW— Naperville Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

## Permanent HHW IEPA Drop Off Facility General Information

### Naperville HHW

Located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL 60540

Hours Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, excluding holidays

[www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx)

(630) 420-6095

## **Accepted HHW Items:**

- Oil based paint, stain, varnish, and solvents
- Automobile fluids such as oil, antifreeze, etc.
- Aerosol cans
- Household cleaners and pool chemicals
- Mercury
- Propane tanks (20 lb.)
- Poison, pesticides, and insecticides
- Flammables
- Sealed fluorescent light bulbs, tubes and CFLs
- Hobby chemicals and unknowns
- Expired and unused prescription medications
- Batteries (auto, sump pump, marine)
- Asbestos materials that fit a 55 gal barrel
- Fire Extinguishers
- Prescription non-controlled and over the counter medications
- Peanut oil
- Solvents and strippers
- Thermostats
- Unknown hazardous substances
- Household batteries including car/sump

## **Not-Accepted Items:**

- Ammunition
- Empty Spray cans
- Helium tanks
- Radioactive materials
- Smoke Detectors
- Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood, Styrofoam
- Trash and Non-hazardous Materials
- Unopened useable consumer products
- Compressed Gas (not propane)
- Explosives
- Latex Paint
- Sharps
- Tires

Call the Naperville Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 for other disposal options.

NO BUSINESS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### Procedure for Drop off:

To safely transport hazardous materials, make sure containers are securely sealed. Materials should be left in their original containers with a legible label. Do not mix chemicals together. Place containers in a box lined with plastic and a layer of kitty litter as protection against a spill or leak. Transport items in the trunk of your car and have them clearly marked.

When you arrive at the drop off facility, please stay within your vehicle. You will need to provide the technician with information verifying the county in which you reside.



# PROPER Latex Paint Disposal

## How to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint:

- Steel Cans with less than one inch of material may be opened and dried. Once the paint is dried keep the lid off of the can and dispose of in regular trash.
- Larger quantities may be reused or recycled. Please store the paint in an area where they will not be frozen at any time. Contact neighbors, friends, non-profits who may take the material as a donation.
- Larger quantities take additional drying time. Cat litter, oil dry, sand or sawdust is recommended as a low cost absorbent material that may be mixed with the latex paint to speed the drying process. The can and material must be placed in the refuse when complete: due to the absorbent and quantity of paint, this cannot be placed in the recycling program.

## Paint Recycling Programs:

- Matteson Ace Hardware, 855 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, IL (815)-467-7300 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Kinko Ace, 1202 Essington Road, Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 729-0155 will take for a charge. Call first for charges.
- Check Grundy County Events Calendar for possible Paint Recycling Events (page 28); Fees will be applied.

# Household Medical Waste

Medical waste generated in households is not regulated like medical waste produced by hospitals and other health care facilities. Pharmaceuticals can enter the water supply via sink, toilets, or trash disposal. Hence, there is great potential for these harmful chemicals ending up in our lakes, rivers, and ground water. Effects of improper disposal of this waste has already be shown to have negative effects on aquatic ecosystem. Trace amounts of certain medications have also been found in drinking water.

Used "sharps," such as hypodermic or intravenous needles, also pose a danger of accidental exposure to blood born pathogens. All sharps should be recapped and placed in rigid plastic containers such as detergent bottles. The lid should be placed back on these containers and they should be clearly labeled "sharps" or "needles".

Below is a listing of locations that will take unwanted sharps and medications that once collected will be properly disposed of through incineration under IEPA standards.

Grundy County Coroner's Office  
1320 Union Street  
Morris, IL  
(815)941-3360  
May drop off M-F from 8A-4:30P  
Sharps and Meds accepted

Channahon Police Dept. (Medication Only)  
24555 S. Navajo Drive  
Channahon, IL 60410  
(815) 467-5152

Minooka Police Department  
121 McEvilly Road  
Minooka, IL 60447  
(815) 467-2300

Morris and Minooka Police Departments  
700 N. Division Street (Morris)  
121 McEvilly Road (Minooka)  
**\*Container in Lobby for unwanted medication Only—No syringe/needles.**

Coal City Pharmacy  
175 South Broadway Street  
Coal City, IL 60416  
Sharps and meds accepted.  
(815) 634-2391

Morris Police Department  
200 East Chapin Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 942-2131

## Landfills and Transfer Stations

Waste Management Joliet Transfer Station  
2850 Mound Road  
Joliet, IL (800)963-4776  
Accepts municipal solid waste, and construction debris  
No hazardous or special waste  
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Livingston Landfill  
Pontiac, IL (815)844-3911  
14206 E. 2100 Road North  
Municipal, non-hazardous & special waste  
Call for details.

LandCom -Republic Landfill  
Illinois Valley Recycling  
2840 E. 13th Road, Ottawa, IL (815)434-1808  
Accepts municipal, non-hazardous and special waste.  
Accepts clean recyclables at no charge.  
wastes. Call for details.

## Oil Recycling (see Automotive also)

Since oil is banned from landfills those who change their own oil must dispose of it properly. The following local merchants will accept your used motor oil. It is advisable to contact the following vendors prior to bringing your used oil to their facility. Do not leave or dump your oil containers outside a facility. Doing so may jeopardize future program alternatives for residents.

See Page 9 for Automotive Recycling Opportunities.

## Packing Peanuts / Bubble Wrap - Reuse/Recycling

Peanuts can be made from plastic, vegetable, or cellulose. If they dissolve under water, they are biodegradable and can be composted. If they are plastic they can be added to the bottom of planters to improve water drainage or mixed into hard packed soil for improved drainage in the garden.

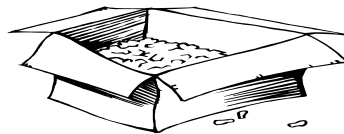
Ship N' Mail Business Services  
601 N. Division Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-941-4140

The UPS Store  
249 E. US Rte. 6  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-416-0750

Post Net  
1147 Brookforest Avenue  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
815-230-2222

Verdeco Plastics Inc.  
23315 South Youngs Road  
Channahon, IL  
(815)255-1585

Verdeco will also collect hard post industrial plastic, card-plastic film, water bottles, foam, Styrofoam, obsolete and off rials. Drop off hours are 7:30 AM—3:00 PM Monday—Friday.



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## Pallet Recycling

Pallets Recycling & Disposal  
491 W. 2000S Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
815-939-4968

## Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling

Jewel-Osco (Morris and Minooka)  
1414 N. Division St. (Morris)  
2051 Ridge Road (Minooka)

Wal-Mart Supercenter  
333 E. Route 6  
Morris, IL  
(815)942-6306

Verdeco Plastics Inc.  
23315 South Youngs Road  
Channahon, IL  
(815)255-1585 \*\*Call first

Target  
1111 Brookforest  
Shorewood, IL  
(815) 609-6800

Most major grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags and newspaper wrappers. They usually have containers near the entrance of the store for collection. Businesses ask that only clean and dry bags be placed into the containers and all other materials, like receipts, be removed. Check with local dry cleaners to see if they accept used dry cleaning bags and hangers.

## Use Reusable Grocery Bags

Reusable bags save trees  
Reusable bags save water  
Reusable bags save gas and oil  
Reusable bags help air pollution  
Reusable bags help our oceans  
Reusable bags help our sea creatures  
Reusable bags save 700+ bags over the span of their lifetime!  
Reusable bags help our families!



## Polystyrene Recycling/Reuse

There are limited options for block or expanded polystyrene - EPS. Encourage companies to take the recycling possibilities into consideration when deciding upon packaging options.

Ship N' Mail Business Services, (815)941-4140, 601 N. Division in Morris will accept block and expanded polystyrene (EPS) for use in their packing and shipping operations. Please call first.

Verdeco Plastics Inc.  
23315 South Youngs Road  
Channahon, IL  
[www.verdecoplastics.com](http://www.verdecoplastics.com)  
(815)255-1585

## Propane Tanks

Hicksgas  
415 South Division Street  
Braidwood, IL  
(815)458-2373  
Will take empty and partial tanks for a charge (\$10.00)  
in them for a charge. Call first.

Grainco FS  
2295 N. Route 47  
Morris, IL  
(815)942-1022  
Will take empty tanks at no charge.  
Call first.

## Rain Barrels

Water conservation is important for our planet! Many areas in drought conditions put watering restrictions in place to conserve.

Rain barrels are a good method of collecting water to be used specifically for the watering of gardens and houseplants. All rain barrels should be constructed such that there is a netting to prevent insects, especially mosquitos, from breeding in the water.

Rain barrels are made in many different colors and shapes to add to the décor of your garden areas.

Places in which you may purchase a rain barrel include but are not limited to:

The Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District has rain barrels for sale in the spring and the summer. For more information please call (815) 942-0359 x 3 or go to [www.grundycountyswcd.org](http://www.grundycountyswcd.org).

Home improvement stores: Menards, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes etc.

## Refrigerators/Freezers/Washers/Dryers

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.  
11 3rd Avenue  
Joliet, IL 60433  
(815) 723-2612

Fairway  
1124 E. Washington  
Morris, IL  
(815) 941-4550

Hierz Scrap Service  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, IL  
(815) 287-2445

## Reuse & Resale Shops

Are there some things that you have too much of, are just tired of, or have outgrown? There are shops that will take your items from you, and sometimes, you can even make money from them. The best part is that it will save them from going into a landfill! The list below can give you a start:

Goodwill  
414 Arthur Ave.  
Morris 815-941-2411  
Accepts good clean and  
re-usable clothing and  
household items

St. Vincent DePaul  
1427 N. Division St.  
Morris 815-942-9288  
Accepts good, clean and  
re-usable clothing and  
household items

Junk in the Trunk Flea Market  
100 Commercial Drive  
Morris, IL 60450  
(8125) 942-2032  
willis824@comcast.net  
Third Sunday of the month

## Tire Recycling & Disposal (call for disposal fees)

Dellwood Tire & Auto  
530 W. Mondamin  
Minooka, IL  
(815) 467-0210

Steve's Tire Center  
514 N. Liberty  
Morris, IL  
(815) 942-5080

Lucenta Tire  
24059 S. Municipal Drive  
Channahon, IL  
(815) 467-1275

Mazon Auto  
501 East Street  
Mazon, IL  
(815) 448-2122

McCoy Union 76  
Rte. 6 and Tryon  
Channahon, IL  
(815) 467-2258

Tire Tracks  
129 E. Jackson Street  
Morris, IL  
(815) 942-0001

Tire Zone  
85 N. 1st Avenue  
Coal City, IL 60416  
(815) 634-3000



### Larger Tire Drop off companies and locations:

Treadstone Tire Recycling  
175 South Des Plaines Street  
Joliet, IL 60436  
(815) 726-4644

Liberty Tire Recycling  
Tri-State Tire Disposal Inc.  
2044 N. Dominick St.  
Chicago, IL 60614  
(773) 871-6360

13903 Ashland  
Riverdale, IL 60827  
(708) 388-9910

## Toner/Inkjet Printer Cartridges

Many programs exist that will accept used cartridges for cash, credit. Internet provides many groups and companies that will provide incentives for recycling. Below is a listing of a few:

Staples Reward  
Ink Toner Recycling Program  
Www.staples.com

Quill  
Recycling Program  
Quill.com  
\*Only ink & toner purchased from Quill

Office Depot Program

Schools may also participate in fund raisers by having their own recycling drive. Cartridges for Kids School Fundraiser—(877) 987-3678

## Unwanted Advertising Mail

The mail you receive may have a section that lists an address for you to notify the company of your desire to be removed from any future mailings, or eliminated from the selling of your name to other mailing companies.

The following address and information will eliminate you from the registry for Direct Marketing and Credit Bureaus.

Mail Preference Service  
Direct Marketing Assoc.  
NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20036  
202-955-0085

Consumer Reporting Companies  
5 year opt out  
(888) 567-8688  
www.optoutprescreen.com  
emails, mails and calls

Direct Marketers Telemarketing  
www.donotcall.gov  
(888) 382-1222

## Commercial Waste Haulers and Recyclers - Grease

Apex Waste Services  
P. O. Box 3635  
Joliet, IL  
815-744-8910

Mahoney Environmental  
1819 Moen Avenue  
Joliet, IL  
800-892-9392

Kaluzny Brothers Inc.  
1528 Mound Road  
Rockdale, IL  
815-744-1453

Aurora Tallow, Inc.  
28W440 Main Street  
Warrenville, IL  
(630) 393-6806

## Waste Haulers for Scrap Metal

First American Metal Corp.  
1000 E. Armstrong Street  
Morris, Illinois  
815-941-9888

Belson Scrap & Steel Inc.  
1685 IL-50  
Bourbonnais, Illinois  
815-932-7416

Berlinsky Scrap Corp.  
212 Page Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois  
815-726-4334

Ace Iron and Metals Inc.  
11 3rd Avenue  
Joliet, IL 60433  
(815) 723-2612

Fairway Recycling Co.  
1124 E. Washington  
Morris, Illinois  
815-941-4550

Hierz Scrap Service  
4345 S. Verona Road  
Verona, Illinois  
815-287-2445

All American Recycling  
2285 New Lennox Road  
Joliet, IL 60433  
(815) 722-0200

For additional information about companies that recycle scrap metal and other items such as white goods, please check your yellow pages or see the Appliance/White Goods Recycling section in this guide.



# Recyclers of Paper/Shredders of Documents

## Paper Recyclers with bin collection throughout Grundy County:

Midwest Paper Retriever  
 509 Rowell Ave  
 Joliet, IL 60433  
 Phone: 312-841-4460

Midwest Paper Retriever bins are currently located at:

Morris Public Library	604 Liberty St.	Morris
Morris High School	1000 Union St.	Morris
Peace Lutheran Church	101 Candlelight Ln.	Morris
Grundy County Sheriff's Bldg.	111 E. Washington	Morris
Grundy County Administration Bldg.	1320 Union St.	Morris
Standard Bank - Morris	1433 Lisbon St.	Morris
First Presbyterian Church	200 E. Jackson St.	Morris
Morris City Hall	700 N. Division	Morris
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	333 E. Rt. 6 @ Walmart	Morris
We Care of Grundy County	534 Bedford Rd.	Morris
Saratoga School	4040 N. Division	Morris
White Oak Elementary	2001 DuPont Ave.	Morris
Shabbona Middle School	725 School St.	Morris
First Christian Church	455 W. Southmor Rd.	Morris
Aux Sable Elementary	1004 Misty Creek Dr.	Minooka
Minooka Community High School	203 W. Mondamin St.	Minooka
Minooka Elementary School	400 Coady Dr.	Minooka
Minooka Intermediate School	321 W. McEvilly Road	Minooka
Minooka Jr. High School	333 W. McEvilly Road	Minooka
Minooka Primary Center	305 W. Church Street	Minooka
Walnut Trails Elementary School	301 Wynstone Drive	Shorewood
USPS - Coal City	495 S. Broadway	Coal City
Coal City Middle School	500 South Carbon Hill Rd.	Coal City
Coal City Public Library	85 N. Garfield Street	Coal City
Assumption Roman Catholic Church	245 S. Kankakee Street	Coal City

## **Document Shredding Companies**

Shred X  
 330 North First Street  
 Wilmington, IL 60481  
 (815) 476-6616

West Rock  
 1601 East Mountain Street  
 Aurora, IL 60505  
 (630) 898-4231;  
 Public Wednesday Free 1-5:00 PM  
 Business Tues, Thurs Free 10-1:00PM

Midwest Fiber, Inc.  
 422 White Oak Road  
 Normal, IL 61761  
 (309) 452-0064

Shark Shredding  
 18811 South 90th Ave.; Suite 1  
 Mokena, IL 60448  
 (866) 702-3619

Shred-It  
 115 West Lake Drive #200  
 Glendale Heights, IL 60139  
 (877) 817-1211

Shred Nations Via UPS Store  
 249 East Route 6  
 Morris, IL 60450  
 (815) 267-9302

# Important Information on Open Burning in Grundy County

## Within City or Village Limits:

If you live within an incorporated city or village of Grundy County, please check with your local municipalities for local regulations.

## Unincorporated Grundy County areas:

The following are the open burning allowances for areas in unincorporated Grundy County:

- Open burning is allowed only for dry landscape waste.
- Dry landscape waste includes tree trunks, branches, shrubs, and plants from gardens. Also includes all dry grass.
- Dry landscape waste that is burned must be generated from the parcel in which it is burned.
- Burning is allowed from October 15 to May 1.
- Time for burning Monday through Friday is 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and weekends from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- No burning should take place when the wind speed is greater than ten (10) miles per hour.
- Burning shall occur such that the burn pile is greater than twenty (20) feet from any building, structure and greater than twenty (20) feet from any property line.
- Proper supervision by an adult should be continuous during the burn until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher or water source shall be available at all times during the burning and to completely and thoroughly extinguish the fire.
- Garbage, construction materials, tires or lumber are prohibited to be burned during an open burn.

## Exceptions to the open burning requirements:

- Recreational fire is an outdoor fire for warmth, cooking, where the fire is not larger than three feet by three feet by three feet.
- Fire Department control burns that have IEPA permits.
- Agricultural control fires.
- IDNR or state licensed contractors who are completing landscape or prairie control burns.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please call my office if you should have questions concerning these regulations.

Heidi H. Miller  
Land Use Director  
(815) 941-3229  
hmiller@grundyco.org

# County Recycling and Garbage Requirements

The Land Use Department's Environmental and Resource Conservation Office or ERCO regulates the waste haulers, improper garbage disposal, and open dumping issues for the unincorporated areas of Grundy County.

Below is a brief description of how our office may be able to assist you better:

## Open Dumping:

As open dumping is a hazard not only for people but also negatively effects species of the water, land and air, it is prohibited and violators are required to comply with County and IEPA state requirements for cleaning the property until compliance is met. Failure to comply will cause the case to be sent to the States Attorney's office.

## Rental and Mobile Home Units:

Owners of rental units or managers of mobile home parks are required to provide both garbage and recycling services to their tenants. The garbage and recycling receptacles shall be large enough to serve all of the tenants and be kept in a clean and orderly manner.

## Waste Haulers:

All waste haulers whether service communities in unincorporated or incorporated areas of the county are required to hold an annual waste hauler license with our office. By receiving the insurance statements, our office ensures that if any public portion is damaged based on their trucks or dumpsters, the company has the means to correct those damages.

We also ask each hauler how much in tons of solid waste and recyclables that they collect from Grundy County. This helps us to see how much is created within our county and also what our recycling rate is at present. Our office provides outreach in many ways through our different recycling events throughout the year and also this document to help residents/children learn how to recycle and follow the other three Rs of reducing, reusing, and respecting the earth.

## Nuisance Ordinance:

This office enforces one portion of the nuisance ordinance in regard to junk or refuse accumulated on a property. As this not only causes aesthetic problems for the neighborhood, it also may create other health and safety issues by allowing rodents, insects, and mosquitos to thrive.

The complaints that our office investigates are always generated from a call or complaint that we receive in the office in regard to the conditions. We will investigate and take photos to ensure that there is a violation before sending a letter to the owner of the property.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will cause the case to be forwarded to the States Attorney's office for further action.

## 2022 Land Use Department Environmental Events

<b>JANUARY</b>	Green Guide updating
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Invitations for May Wind Farm Tours To 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers
<b>MARCH</b>	Transformation Sculpture Applications from libraries for March 23 judging Land Use Committee March 26 <sup>th</sup> Saturday WWF Earth Hour 8:30 PM- 9:30 PM – Lights out Compost Sale Begins – Half Off
<b>APRIL</b>	April 12 County Board awards for first place trashformation sculptures Recycling gifts to libraries for Earth Day Week of 04/18/2022 Shredding event Wednesday - April 20th 10-Noon- Parking lot of Animal Control EWASTE Event Saturday April 23 <sup>th</sup> 8-Noon; TV charged – Parking Lot north Animal Control (AC)
<b>MAY</b>	Perennial Flower Seeds Give Away for Moms Composters – Half Off Sale EDP Renewables Wind Farm Tour 5-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade?
<b>June</b>	Recycling Paint Event with Earth Paints June 11 - 9-Noon; Payment required
<b>JULY</b>	Tire Collection July 14-16 <sup>th</sup> at Olson’s Recycling in Seneca Shredding Event Wednesday July 13 <sup>th</sup> 10-Noon- parking lot north of AC
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Shredding event Wednesday September 14 <sup>th</sup> 10-noon Parking lot North of Animal Control EWASTE Event September 17th 8-Noon; TVs charged; parking lot north AC
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Reusable Halloween bags distributed to Grundy County preschools
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Gently Used Toy Drive begins November 18th through December 9th America Recycles Day November 15 <sup>th</sup> – promoted with media announcement of promo gifts at Administration Building for residents
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Holiday light recycling to begin ending in January 2021 – A-Team Toy Collection ends December 10 <sup>th</sup>