



Electronics Recycling

Protect Your Personal Data when recycling a computer

Computers often contain highly personal information from bank data to tax records. Before donating your computer or bringing it to a recycling program of any kind, clean the hard drive.

Reformat the hard drive or **purchase a program** that writes over the hard drive. The process can be slow, because such a program writes to the disk repeatedly. Prepare to run it overnight.

It is the duty of the user of the recycling program to ensure data erasure. Will County assumes no responsibility to protect any electronic data remaining in electronics deposited in the electronic recycling program. If you need more detailed instructions, see the Will County website, e-mail or call the County Land Use –Waste Services offices.

Either way, please be aware that the contracted electronic recycling company cleans the hard drives of all types of computers with Department of Defense approved software.

If the hard drive is damaged and cannot be cleaned with software, it is wiped clean with a magnet and shredded for recycling.

Drop-Off Locations

Village of Bolingbrook

299 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL
(off Lily Cache, between Rt. 53 & Weber)
630-226-8800
Hours: Monday—Friday 7am-3:30pm
Small items accepted 24/7

Channahon Township

25461 S Fryer Street, Channahon, IL
(Seven blocks South of Rt. 6)
815-467-2699
Hours: Wed 3pm-7pm March—October
Sat 8am-2pm Year-round

Troy Township Highway Department

25358 Seil Road, Shorewood, IL
(West from River Rd & Seil)
815-467-6892

Hours: Monday—Friday 7am-3pm



Washington Township/Beecher

30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL
(between Indian Trail & Cottage Grove)
708-946-2026
Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-3pm
Second Saturday of the Month 8am-12pm

**Applications for Additional Sites
are being taken from
Municipalities and Townships**

Recycling Service Contractor:

Vintage Tech Recyclers
25503 W. Ruff Street
Plainfield, IL 60585
630-800-9640

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Will County Residential Electronic Recycling

Will County

In partnership with:
**Village of Bolingbrook
Channahon Township
Troy Township Highway Department
Washington Township/Village of Beecher**

*Dedicated to Serving the Environmental
Needs of Will County.*



Anything with a Computer Chip WILL fit

**NO
Business
Electronics**

**Will County Land Use—Waste Services
815-727-8834
wasteservices@willcountylanduse.com
www.willcountylanduse.com**

Will County Residential Electronic Recycling Program

This program protects Will County water and air resources, while reducing the materials going to local landfills. Some computers have a shelf life of only 3 to 5 years. It is often less expensive to purchase a new electronic item instead of repairing it. This increases the amount of waste generated and increases the amount of natural resources needed to make new products.

The EPA states that electronics contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium, batteries and color cathode ray tubes (CRTs). Televisions and CRT monitors contain an average of 4 lbs of lead (depending on size). Mercury from electronics has been cited as a leading source of mercury in municipal waste. Lastly, brominated flame retardants are commonly added to plastics used in electronics. If discarded, these toxics can be released into the environment through landfill leachate.

Worldwide, an estimated 20-50 million tons of electronic waste is generated annually, and an estimated 85% of it ends up in landfills. Recycling electronics avoids air, water and land pollution. It reduces the need to extract valuable and limited resources from the earth. It also reduces the energy and other resources used in new product manufacturing. Many of the components recovered can be used in new items.



Items Accepted (Broken or Obsolete)
Personal Computers (PCs)
Laptops
Monitors
Keyboards
Electronic Mice
Modems
Hard Drives
CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives
Cords & Cables (power, USB, etc.)
CDs, DVDs, Floppies, etc.
UPS (Battery Backups)
Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix, etc.)
Televisions
VCR, DVD, Laser Disc Players
Portable Radio/CD Players
Speakers/Stereo Systems
CB's/Two-way radios
Digital Clocks
Microwaves
Cameras (film, magnetic tape, digital)
Palm Organizers/Hand Held Games
Video Game Players
Joysticks/Game controls
Typewriters/Word Processors
Copy/Fax/Scanner Machines
Adding Machines
Postage Machines
Calculators
Paper shredders
Telephones/Cell Phones
Answering Machines
Pagers



Drop-Off Instructions



- Bring only residentially generated electronic items. No Business electronics can be taken. Businesses are encouraged to call Will County or go to their website for recycling/reuse information.
- Clean off any personal information on hard drives (**Reformatting the hard drive** or rewriting the disc is recommended.)
- Take materials to the drop-off **ONLY** during operational hours.
- Please place materials carefully in boxes as indicated by signs at the site.
- DO NOT TAKE** any items that have already been dropped off. Once items have been placed in the box they are part of the Recycling Program.

THANK YOU



Will County Land Use - Waste Services

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