

Recycling Resources



Metro East Single Stream Recycling Providers/Haulers

- **Always Green Recycling, Inc.** - collects paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans and plastics #1-5 and #7 in 90 gallon totes - up to 4 per site.
 - Contact: Cliff Roberts – alwaysgreen1@live.com
 - Phone: (314) 229-2827
- **Highland Recycling** - collects paper; options for cardboard & aluminum cans.
 - Contact: blake@highlandrecycling.org
 - Phone: (618) 654-3293
- **Paper Retriever Recycling** - NOW OFFERING COMINGLED RECYCLING for plastic bottles, steel food cans, aluminum cans, phonebooks, flattened corrugated cardboard.
 - **To report a full “Paper Retriever” bin, please contact Larry Hahne - larry@rorecycling.com**
 - Cell: (314) 695-3200
 - Work: (314) 381-3700
 - The Paper Retriever website is closed for now.
- **Progressive Waste Solutions** -single stream recycling for schools program; cardboard-paper & beverage containers all mixed together.
 - Contact: Michael Werk , District Sales Manager - michael.werk@progressivewaste.com
 - Work:(636) 321-2141
- **Republic** - collects paper, plastic bottles, milk cartons, steel cans, cardboard ALL COMINGLED.
 - Contact: Stephen Herring - sherring@republicservices.com
 - Work: (314) 363-2689
- **Sanders Waste Systems**
 - Contact: Glenn Sanders - g.sanders.527@gmail.com ,
 - Work: (618) 779-6576
- **Waste Management** - Unfortunately, I don’t have a direct contact there, but if you send them a note and tell them what you’re looking for, I’m guessing they can direct you from there. <https://www.wm.com/enterprise/k-12-education/k-12-solutions/index.jsp>

(check the next few pages for other recycling options...)

Other Recycling Resources

6-pack Can Rings

The Ring Leader Recycling Program (www.ringleader.com) will send you everything you need for collecting and shipping the rings back. Otherwise they can go directly into single stream recycling.

Batteries

Rechargeable batteries should be able to go back for recycling at any place that sells them such as Target, Radio Shack, some Wal Marts etc.

Unfortunately, there is no place locally that accepts the regular batteries right now (it's very expensive to recycle them, so it's cost prohibitive). You may have to throw them in the trash, or check out Earth 911 (<http://search.earth911.com/>) to see if there are any nearby collection facilities or other options.

Building Materials & Furniture

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis ReStore resells donated building materials and home supplies, raising money to build more homes while keeping reusable items out of area landfills. (314) 371-0400

Used furniture and other household goods can always be donated to your local Goodwill. Additionally, Restore Décor is a resale shop for gently used furniture and home accessories. 100% of their net proceeds support the ministries of their parent organization, Faith Coalition.

- Restore Décor contact: Dana Adams - restoredecorwardsville@gmail.com
- Work: 618-977-5651

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Collected cell phones are taken to a recycler who in turn pays the non-profit company, Cell Phones for Soldiers. Cell Phones for Soldiers use the funds to purchase calling cards for American soldiers to call home. Each cellular phone recycled gives a soldier nearly thirty minutes with loved ones. Phones are dropped off at local AT&T stores and a variety of other area businesses. Check their website by typing in your zip code. www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com. There is also postage paid return stickers on the website if you choose to return by mail. Green School Coordinators may also bring cell phones to the **May 10, 2016 Earth Flag Celebration**.

Composting

St. Louis Composting, Inc. is the region's largest producer of STA-Certified Compost, Mulch Products, and Soil Blends. They accept yard waste and food waste.

- Contact: Sara Ryan - sryan@stlcompost.com
- Work: (636) 861-3344

Electronics

Local Electronics Recycler: CJD E-Cycling, 5257 IL State Route 157, Edwardsville, IL.

Phone: 618-433-9200; Fax: 618-433-9368

cjd.ecycling@gmail.com

<http://www.cjdecycling.com/>

- **Earth 911:** Have household hazardous waste, batteries, cell phones or other items that you're just not sure how or where to recycle? Try the searchable database on this site to find the nearest collection location <http://search.earth911.com/>
- **Amazon Trade-in Program:** Accepts such a wide variety of products, from old DVDs to Wi-Fi routers, in exchange for **Amazon** gift cards. The process starts on the program's website, amazon.com/trade-in, where you can find out which items the retailer will buy (non-tech items can be sold, too.) Once you identify what you want to trade, the company will supply you with a free shipping label; you pack everything up and drop the packages off at a U.P.S. mailbox. A few weeks later, after Amazon has inspected each item, you should receive Amazon store credit.
- **Gazelle:** Gazelle (<https://www.gazelle.com/>), buys and sells used electronics, to sell. The company will give you a quote based on the condition and age of the item. They will give you the option to receive a free box with packing materials or to print out a free shipping label so you can pack and ship yourself. Once they receive and inspect the item, you should receive your money via PayPal, the popular payment service. In the event that a product is unusable and Gazelle declines the purchase, the company offers to recycle it responsibly free through its [partner CloudBlue](#).
- **Best Buy:** Has a [nationwide recycling program](#) that it started about six years ago. The stores invite shoppers to drop off electronics, including televisions, batteries, ink cartridges and power cables, at kiosks or the customer service desk. Best Buy teams up with responsible recycling companies like [Electronics Recyclers International](#) and [Regency Technologies](#). Most gadgets can be dropped off for recycling free at Best Buy, though some states require consumers to [pay a small fee](#) to recycle certain items, like old TVs.

Used Eyeglass Collection

The [Lions of Illinois Foundation](#) and the Madison County Green Schools Program are sponsoring a recycling program for eyeglasses. At the conclusion of the collection, the eyeglasses will be collected at the **May 10, 2016 Earth Flag Celebration**. Contact Kim at kspetzing@co.madison.il.us for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste

Earth 911: Have household hazardous waste, batteries, cell phones or other items that you're just not sure how or where to recycle? Try the searchable database on this site to find the nearest collection location <http://search.earth911.com/>

Key Recycling

The [Lions of Illinois](#) takes any type of keys to be recycled. The money raised is used in Illinois to pay for partially-sighted children to undergo special low-vision examinations with glasses, monoculars, stand magnifiers and other equipment being provided absolutely free to these students. The keys may be brought to the **May 10, 2016 Earth Flag Celebration**. Contact Kim at kspetzing@co.madison.il.us for more information.

Markers

[Crayola ColorCycle](#) allows students in K-12 schools across the United States and parts of Canada to collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. For more information, visit <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>

Miscellaneous Stuff You're Just Not Sure What to Do With and/or Classroom Supplies....

St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center, Inc.'s mission is to awaken people to their creative potential through cooperative effort, while promoting an ethic of conservation and reuse of valuable industrial by-product and personal home reusable discards. SLTRC accepts donations and also offers creative reusable resource centers open to the public and also offer field trips and teacher workshops.

- Contact: Susan Blandford - sltrc@sbcglobal.net
- Work: (636)227-7095

Printer/Ink Cartridges

Madison County Schools have the opportunity to collect printer cartridges and ink jet cartridges on their own. Local stores like Office Depot offer recycling programs, but be sure you are aware of the requirements. Some options include:

- If your school or district has a contract with an office supply company, check with them. They often offer ink cartridge recycling as part of their services.
- Office Max, Office Depot, and Best Buy will only accept the smaller inkjet cartridges and will often max out at the number they will accept per month. You will receive in-store credit for recycling there.
- Funding Factory will send you the boxes for recycling the cartridges; the website says they accept all inkjet and toner cartridges, as well as cell phones and other items.
<http://www.fundingfactory.com/>
- Recycle 4 Fundraising, similar to Funding Factory accepts all ink cartridges and cell phones.
<http://recycle4fundraising.clientrecycling.com/>
- Cartridges for Kids, again will accept cell phones, inkjet and laser cartridges.
<http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/>

Plastic Film Recycling

Trex Company, Inc collects various plastic bags. Trex will supply each participating school with three cardboard collection boxes and other materials to assist with collection of plastic items such as grocery bags, plastic retail bags, plastic cereal bags, bread bags, shrink wrap & dry-cleaning bags.

- Contact: Stephanie Hicks - shicks@trex.com
- Work: (540) 542-6494

Shoeman/Shoe Collection

Shoeman Water Projects picks up donated used and new shoes year-round from businesses, churches and schools. Once collected, the shoes are given a second life when they are exported to retailers in the developing world. The resale of shoes provides jobs and affordable footwear. Funds generated from the export of shoes provides well drilling rigs, water purification systems, and hand pump repair bringing clean, fresh water to those who thirst. www.shoemanwater.org

Madison County will hold two shoe drop off days during the 2015-16 school year

- November 14, 2015; 9-10:30 am
- April 9, 2016 (Tab Top Tally Day); 9-11 am

- Contact: Nick Lintner - nick@shoemanwater.org
- Work: (636) 751-8197

TerraCycle

TerraCycle offers national programs (Brigades®) to collect previously non-recyclable or hard to recycle waste. While some programs have a cost, most of their Brigades offer free shipping as well as a donation for each piece of garbage that you collect. [Sign up](#) to collect one or more of the waste streams listed, or [find out more](#) about how the Brigade programs work and which are open (there must be an opening to participate in a brigade) by going to the website. www.terracycle.net

Text Book Recycling

Central Paper Stock, located near Lambert Airport, will accept textbooks.

(<http://www.centralpaperstock.com/>) If you have a large number of books, they may come pick them up from you; otherwise, someone will need to deliver the books to them for recycling.

- Contact: Marty McKay - marty@paperrecycler.com,
- Work: (800) 451-6646 – Marty's ext is 105

Used Clothing

What can be done with children's clothes that they have recently outgrown? Or adult clothes that are "out of fashion?" How can a school turn clothing into money and still reward those that are less fortunate? Companies are available for drives and 24/7 drop-off containers at your school such as [usagain](http://www.usagain.com/) <http://www.usagain.com/> or Goodwill.