

Creation Care Resources **(updated 5/15/202)**

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
(Genesis 2:15)*

*Inclusion in this resource does not imply endorsement by the First Presbyterian
Church of Evanston, and is provided as a courtesy resource to our community.*

Composting

Chicago - <https://www.wastenotcompost.com/plans>

Evanston - <https://collectiveresource.us/>

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/public-works/services/trash-recycling-and-yard-waste-services/food-waste-dos-and-don-ts>

Compostable food wrap: <https://greatwrap.co>

Compostable trash bags and food storage bags: <https://holdonbags.com>

Resources for Recycling or Responsible Disposal

Beauty packaging

- Drop off empty containers at Nordstrom (including at Westfield Old Orchard, 4937 Old Orchard Shopping Center) and Nordstrom Rack (including at The Shops at Orchard Place, 9625 Skokie Blvd)
Accepting Cosmetic (Empty tubes, tubs, pans, palettes and twist-up containers from all cosmetics), Samples (Trial-size tubes and vials, excluding perfume), Hair care (Empty bottles, tubes and caps from shampoo, conditioner and styling products), Skin care (Empty bottles, tubes and dispensers from cleansers, toners and moisturizers)

<https://www.nordstrom.com/browse/nordstrom-cares/get-involved/nordstrom-beauty-cycle>

Clothes and Textiles

- RECYCLE: Evanston residents - Textile Recycling now available
<https://www.cityofevanston.org/Home/Components/News/News/5760/17>
- RECYCLE: <https://www.retoldrecycling.com>
- DONATE: drop off at Goodwill in Evanston (1916 B Dempster St)
<https://www.amazinggoodwill.com/>
OR Salvation Army in Chicago (2151 N. Devon) and Skokie (4335 Oakton Ave.) <https://satruck.org/>
usable clothes are sold or passed along, and unusable clothes may be redirected for recycling

Clothes and Shoes

- The North Face, Westfield Old Orchard (4999 Old Orchard Shopping Center)
Collect your used apparel and footwear from any brand, in any condition.
Drop your items in the designated bin and earn a reward toward the purchase of The North Face Products.
<https://www.thenorthface.com/en-us/about-us/responsibility/product/clothes-the-loop>

Clothes - Old (Clean) Socks

- Bring your old (clean) socks to the appropriate box in the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston's front desk closet. Our volunteers will send them back to Smartwool's Second Cut project, where they will be made into new products. Read more about the Second Cut project here:
<https://www.smartwool.com/shop/second-cut-project-take-back-mail-in-bag-sw-0000q6>

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

- Community members may drop off their CFLs in zip-style baggies at either of these locations:

Evanston Levy Senior Center

300 Dodge Ave. , Evanston 60202

847-866-2940

Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm

Sat. and Sun: 9am-3pm

or

Ecology Center

2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston 60201

847-448-8256

ecologycenter@cityofevanston.org

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30am-5pm

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/how-to/test-faq-page>

Electronic Waste

- The City of Evanston has partnered with Recycling Avenue, an organization that provides job opportunities for the physically challenged, to collect electronic waste for recycling.
- Community members may drop off cable receivers, cell phones, computer monitors, computers (desktops, notebooks, tablets, laptop) and MP3 players for recycling at the following locations during normal business hours:

Levy Senior Center

300 Dodge Ave

(847) 448-8250

M - F: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat, Sun: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Evanston Ecology Center

2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, IL 60201

P: (847)448-8256

F: (847)448-8805

ecologycenter@cityofevanston.org

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30am-5pm

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Electronic Waste

- Join our First Pres office staff in recycling old small electronics & appliances, cords, and accessories, placing them in the appropriate box in the First Pres front desk closet. We recycle old office electronics at Abt Electronics in Glenview every six months.

Hazardous & Electronic waste

- City of Chicago Household Chemical & Computer Recycling Facility (1150 N. North Branch Street) accepts a range of items, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, solvents, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers and related equipment, to name a few.

A complete list of accepted & unaccepted materials may be found here:

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/inspections---permitting/household_chemicalscomputerrecyclingfacilityaccepteditems.html

open Tues @ 7 am - 12 pm, Thurs @ 2 pm - 7 pm, 1st Saturday @ 8 am - 3 pm (as of 8/2022)

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_communities/svc/s/household-chemicals---computer-recycling-facility-overview.html

- Naperville also has a Household Hazardous Waste Facility, which sometimes accepts Asbestos in limited quantities (check the website for most current info).

<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/>

Latex Paint

- Recycle at John W. Weiss Ace Hardware in Glenview (1560 Waukegan Rd, 847-724-3444) <https://www.acehardware.com/>
\$4 per gallon fee, \$2.50 per quart fee, etc.

Medications

- As part of a program established by the Evanston Police Department (EPD) and the Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation, residents can dispose of unwanted or unused medications in the pill collection unit located in the front lobby of the Evanston Police Department, 1454 Elmwood Ave. The building is open 24 hours a day for medication and prescription drug drop-offs.

The following items are acceptable for disposal:

- Prescription medications, including controlled substances
- Over-the-counter and pet medications
- Samples

- Vitamins
- Liquids and creams

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- Drop off unused or expired over-the-counter or prescription pharmaceuticals at a blue box available 24/7 in the lobby of Chicago Police District 24 Headquarters, 6464 N. Clark (also available at all other CPD District Headquarters)
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/healthy-communities/pharmaceuticals_dropofflocations.html

Mercury Thermometers

- Thermometers can only be disposed by contacting SWANCC directly.

For more information on these SWANCC programs, contact SWANCC (847) 724-9205, info@swancc.org or visit www.swancc.org.

Oral Care Waste

- Return your rinsed and dry toothbrushes, brush heads, toothpaste tubes, floss containers, and floss picks to the appropriate box in the First Pres front desk closet. Our volunteers will return them to Oral-B's Recycle On Us program to find new life as useful items such as park benches, clothes, and more. Read all about it here: <https://oralb.com/en-us/recycling/>

Plastic bag & film and share-a-bag

Plastic film recycling and Share-a-Bag will be available these locations:

- Main Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.
- Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.
- Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St.
- Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.
- Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.
- Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.
- Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St.
- Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St.

At these locations you will be able to recycle all types of plastic bag & film products, which are not recyclable in your normal curbside pickup.

- *At select locations in Evanston you'll find Share-a-Bag bins to help provide members of the community with reusable shopping bags. The Share-a-Bag bins will be located at the same facilities providing plastic bag and film packaging recycling. At the Share-a-Bag bins you can donate extra reusable shopping bags you may have, or pick up a reusable shopping bag if you are in need of one.*
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More Creation Care Ideas & Resources
recommended by our FPCE Community

- Compostable food wrap: <https://greatwrap.co>
- Compostable trash bags and food storage bags: <https://holdonbags.com>
- Eliminate plastic food storage containers; use beeswax bowl covers, reusable ziplock silicone bags, glass containers, and produce bags. Most can be purchased at Target. Produce bags at Aldis.
- Recycle toys----toy exchange for birthdays
- Shop at Eco and the Flamingo, a zero-waste general store in Lincoln Square (4750 N. Rockwell, <https://www.ecoandtheflamingo.com/>)
- Consider cutting out or down on meat products
- Install solar panels
- Use LED lights
- Reduce gas consumption by biking, walking, driving hybrid or electric car.
- Conserve water by not watering the lawn.
- Leave grass and leaf clippings on the lawn for free mulch.
- Reduce water consumption---don't leave water running, lo-flo shower heads, etc.
- Be informed about bills designed to protect those who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.