

Chicago Department of PUBLIC HEALTH

BUREAU OF HEALTH PROTECTION | Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility



CDPH makes it easy to dispose of your household chemicals, old electronics, and other hazardous waste!

All Chicago residents are welcome to drop off accepted materials at the Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility (HCCRF) located at 1150 N. North Branch Street during scheduled operating hours:

- Tuesday, 7am – 12pm
- Thursday, 2 – 7pm
- First Saturday of every month, 8am – 3pm



WHAT MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED?

Accepted	Not Accepted
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household chemicals (e.g., bleach, harsh cleaning materials, drain cleaners)• Batteries (e.g., rechargeable, car batteries, small lead acid, lithium batteries)• Oil-based paints, aerosol paints and paint thinners• Solvents (e.g., mineral spirits, stains, paint strippers, preservatives, sealers)• Compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes• Antifreeze• Motor oil, gasoline, auto fluids• Herbicides, pesticides and insecticides• Propane tanks for BBQ grills• Lead acid batteries• All aerosol cans (e.g., spray paint, hair spray)• Lawn, pool and hobby chemicals• Mercury (e.g., thermometers, switches, thermostats)• Small fire extinguishers• Small non-refillable cylinders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business/commercial sector waste (residential waste only)• Alkaline batteries• Explosives, ammunition, or fireworks• Latex paint, acrylic and water-based paint• Agricultural and institutional waste• Smoke or carbon monoxide detectors• Farm machinery oil• Cement or concrete• Household appliances (e.g., microwaves, toasters, coffee makers, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, humidifiers, blenders, dehumidifiers)• Medical waste (e.g., sharps, needles, lancets, biohazards)• HVAC systems and accessories (e.g., air conditioners, furnaces, filters)• Radioactive materials• Refrigerants/freons• Air conditioners• Tires• Large/business copy machines• Pharmaceuticals



Visit [CHICAGO.GOV/HCCRF](https://chicago.gov/hccrf) for a more comprehensive list of accepted/non-accepted materials, as well as more information on what happens to accepted materials.

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WHAT DO I DO WITH ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED?

Paper and plastic recycling

City of Chicago Drop-Off Center
1758 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60616
312-744-5000

Paper shredding and document destruction

Shred-It Chicago
3811 Rose Street, Schiller Park, IL 60176
855-501-8260

Old fire extinguishers

Accurate Fire Equipment
6750 W. Diversey Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707
773-278-4780

Non-accepted electronics

Staples stores
[staples.com/stores/recycling](https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling)
800-333-3330

Pharmaceuticals

Pharmacies and government agencies
deadiversion.usdoj.gov
medtakebackillinois.org

Latex paint

Got Paint Pickup
medtakebackillinois.org
312-882-7266

Lab grade chemicals

SET Environmental, Inc.
setenv.com
847-537-9221

Fluorescent light bulbs in bulk

EverLights
everlights.com/recycling
773-734-9873

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DISPOSE OF AT HOME?

Sharps

Place used sharps in an FDA-cleared sharps container or a strong plastic container like a laundry detergent or bleach bottle, seal the container, and place it in your household trash.

Latex paint

Add kitty litter, shredded paper, or sawdust to absorb the remaining paint in the can, or pour it into a bag. After it dries, throw the bag or absorbent material and paint can away.



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