






General Recycling Guidelines

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Paper 	Includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, cardboard boxes, aseptic cartons to include milk, juice and soup containers, cereal/food boxes and paper egg cartons. Flatten all boxes.	Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers. Do NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper or paper soiled with food, wax or foil.
Plastic 	Plastic containers numbered 1-5 and 7. Caps can be left on empty bottles. Labels do not need to be removed.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Do NOT include #6 PS Polystyrene (Styrofoam), plastic bags, utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hoses, or pools.
Metal 	Includes clean aluminum, tin and steel cans, foil trays and empty aerosol cans. Labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Do NOT include fire extinguishers, propane or helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries, or auto parts.
Glass 	Rinse glass bottles and jars to include clear, amber, blue and green glass. Labels do not need to be removed.	Do NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bake ware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window or auto glass.

Recycling Collection

- Acceptable materials as listed above shall be placed in the Groot recycling cart.
- No sorting of acceptable materials is required.
- Please do not place refuse in the recycling cart.
- Rinse all materials to remove food residue before placing in the recycling cart.
- Carts with unacceptable materials will not be emptied.
- Residents may increase the size of their recycling cart to 65-gallon or 95-gallon size cart at no charge. Call Groot to obtain a larger recycling cart.

Appliances/White Goods Collection

- Effective 1/1/2020, all large appliances are to be collected as white goods by Groot on Wednesdays at a charge of \$20. Collection must be prepaid and scheduled at least one business day in advance of collection by calling Groot.
- White goods include: refrigerators, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, ranges, ovens, washers, furnaces, dryers, boilers and dishwashers.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

- Illinois-adopted legislation bans certain electronic items, including televisions and computers, from being disposed of in landfills. For a complete list of items, visit www.swancc.org and select electronics recycling.
- Effective 1/1/2020, Groot offers the option of curbside collection of E-Waste of up to five electronic items, including televisions (under 50 lbs.), for a fee of \$20. Televisions in excess of 50 lbs. will require an additional \$50 fee per unit. Collection must be prepaid and scheduled at least one business day in advance of collection by calling Groot.
- SWANCC provides options and resources for the recycling of electronic products. This includes permanent collection locations and seasonal one-day events. Many retail stores also have drop off programs.

* For resources on electronic recycling, refer to the section titled SWANCC Community Programs and Green Pages.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste collections are conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA website includes information on one-day and long-term collection facilities. For more information, including a list of acceptable and unacceptable wastes, contact the IEPA Waste Reduction Unit at (217) 785-8604 or visit the IEPA website and search household hazardous waste.

Plastic #6 PS

Polystyrene should NOT be placed in your recycling cart. It comes in expanded (fluffy) and rigid (clear) forms. Examples of polystyrene include packing foam or peanuts (Styrofoam), food containers, plastic tableware, disposable cups, CD and cassette cases. According to industry experts, #6 PS plastic is not easily recycled because it is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants and can cost more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of competitive markets and high transportation costs.

* For resources on polystyrene recycling, refer to the section titled Green Pages.

Plastic Bags and Film

Plastic bags and film should NOT be placed in your recycling cart. The thin plastic can become tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facility. Film includes wrapping from toilet paper, newspaper bags, bread bags, sandwich bags. Many local grocery stores and retailers have drop off boxes conveniently located for recycling plastic bags and film.

Latex Paint

- Latex paint can be recycled for a fee at participating hardware stores such as the Palatine Ace Hardware located at 239 E. Northwest Highway (847) 358-8100.
- Latex paint that is completely dried up can be disposed of as refuse. Mix paint with an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sand, or saw dust until no liquid is present. Place dried cans at the curb for collection with the lids off.

* For resources on paint recycling, refer to the section titled Green Pages.

Back Door Collection

Residents have the option to have Groot collect their refuse and recycling at the back door of their premises once per week for an additional fee. Contact the Village of Palatine Utility Billing for fees and to set up service.

*SWANCC Community Programs

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is an intergovernmental agency whose mission is to provide residents in the region with a variety of waste management services, programs and resource materials, to include collections for special materials that cannot go into the curbside recycling program or should not go into the garbage due to toxicity or recoverability. SWANCC offers residents a number of community drop off programs including battery recycling, compact fluorescent light bulb recycling, document destruction events, electronics recycling, holiday lights, mercury thermometer disposal and prescription medications and sharps disposal. For information on locations and drop off details, visit www.swancc.org or contact SWANCC.

*Green Pages

SWANCC provides the *Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory*. This is a useful resource for residents to divert materials from the landfill. Green Pages feature sections for disposal and recycling of many items such as motor oil, gasoline, batteries, polystyrene, paint, propane tanks, tires and electronics. Information is also provided for residents seeking outlets for items they no longer need such as books, clothing, sporting goods, toys and other materials. To access the Green Pages visit www.swancc.org or contact SWANCC.



The Village of Palatine, in cooperation with Groot, is pleased to provide this reference guide for the refuse, recycling, and yard waste program. Please keep this guide in a convenient place for future reference. For additional information, please visit www.palatine.il.us and select refuse, recycling, and yard waste information.

Weekly Collection Service

- Single-family dwellings and two flat residences must contact the Village of Palatine Utility Billing to set up an account for service and for information on the scheduled collection day.
- Residents billed bi-monthly by the Village for refuse are eligible for these services.
- All carts, bagged or bundled waste must be placed at the curb or parkway for collection and not in the street.
- Groot performs all residential collection for the Village.
- Refuse and recycling carts are the property of Groot and shall remain with the residence.
- Contact Groot to replace any broken or damaged refuse or recycling carts.

Collection Schedule

- Refuse, recycling, and yard waste (refer to yard waste section for available months) are collected once a week.
- Holidays that may effect collection service are New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, or Christmas Day. Check the Village website for the current Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule.
- Refuse, recycling, and yard waste shall be placed at the curb no later than 6:30 am on the collection day.
- Refuse, recycling, and yard waste shall be placed at the curb no earlier than: 7:00 pm the night before collection during Daylight Savings Time or 4:00 pm the night before collection during Central Standard Time.
- If properly placed materials have not been collected by the end of the scheduled collection day, call the Environmental Health Division within 24 hours to report any service

Refuse Collection

- Residents must use Groot refuse carts for weekly refuse collection. Only carts provided by Groot are permitted for use.
- Residents may place additional refuse in bags next to/on top of cart. Each bag or bundle shall not exceed 50 lbs.
- Effective 1/1/2020, residents may request to change the size of their 95-gallon refuse cart to a 35–gallon or 65-gallon cart from Groot for a \$30 delivery fee. Contact Groot directly to request an exchange.
- Fee payment directly to Groot will be required prior to cart delivery.

Bulk Items

- Bulk items (refuse too large to be bagged) may be placed at the curb weekly for collection for no additional charge.
- Examples of bulk items include furniture, mattress and box springs, sofas, furnishings, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, counter tops, bicycles, exercise equipment, swing sets, barbeque grills, lawn mowers and snow blowers. Any gas and propane tanks must be removed.
- For collection of oversized bulk items (bulk items greater than 50 lbs. or 4 feet in length) contact Groot to schedule a pick up at no additional charge.
- When disposing panes of glass or mirrors, tape glass to prevent shattering or break the glass and place in a sealed box for collection.

Construction Refuse Collection

- Up to 2 cubic yards of construction or re-modeling refuse may be collected for no additional charge.
- Refuse from do-it-yourself projects only. No refuse from commercial contractors.
- All loose refuse shall be bagged or bundled.
- Bags or bundles shall not exceed 50 lbs. in weight.
- Bundles of refuse shall not exceed 4 feet in length or 2 feet in diameter.
- All rugs, carpeting, and padding shall be bundled and taped in rolls 4 feet in length or less and not to exceed 50 lbs. per bundle.

Move Out Refuse Collection

- Residents who are moving out of their homes have the option to have Groot collect all refuse and bulk items placed at the curb on their regular collection day. For oversized bulk items, contact Groot in advance to schedule collection. Please note this does not include white goods, construction refuse, electronic waste or unacceptable materials.

Yard Waste Collection

- Weekly collection of unlimited bagged yard waste and bundled brush is available April 1 through the first full week of December.
- All yard waste must be placed in two-ply brown paper bags. Bags shall not exceed 60 lbs. No stickers are required.
- Branches or limbs 4 inches in diameter or less and less than 60 lbs. must be secured with biodegradable cotton twine or rope.
- Bundles of yard waste shall not exceed 4 feet in length or 2 feet in diameter.
- Christmas trees/wreaths may be placed at the curb on your regular collection day.

Materials Not Collected

- Earth, sod, rocks, concrete, commercial re-modeling refuse, stumps and logs that exceed 4 inches in diameter, tires, liquid wastes, propane tanks, excluded wastes, hazardous and toxic wastes, explosives, potentially infectious medical waste or other materials not permitted by law.
- * For resources on disposal materials not collected, refer to the sections titled Special Pick-Ups, Household Hazardous Waste and Green Pages.

Special Pick-Ups

- Special pick-ups for items not included in weekly collection may be scheduled for an additional charge by calling Groot.
- Includes materials not collected and construction refuse in excess of 2 cubic yards.
 - A Groot supervisor can perform an estimate for collection in advance upon request.
 - Missed pick-ups or pick-ups not on the regular collection day will require an additional charge payable directly to Groot.

This guide is designed to provide you with a quick and easy reference to the refuse, recycling, and yard waste services available in the Village of Palatine. General information on refuse and yard waste disposal is found on the first foldout. The inside foldout contains a complete reference guide for recycling. Only single family dwellings and two-flat residences with a Village of Palatine Utility Billing account for refuse are eligible for weekly collection and services.

How to Use This Guide

Questions Should Be Directed To:

Village of Palatine
www.palatine.il.us
Environmental Health Division
(847) 359–9042
Utility Billing
(847) 359-9082

For Additional Information:

Groot Industries
www.groot.com
(800) 244-1977
Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC)
www.swancc.org
(847) 724-9205

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