

# General Recycling Guidelines

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<p><b>Paper</b></p> 	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Plastic</b></p> 	<p>Plastic containers numbered 1-5 and 7. Caps can be left on empty bottles. Labels do not need to be removed.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Metal</b></p> 	<p>Includes clean aluminum, tin and steel cans, foil trays and empty aerosol cans. Labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Glass</b></p> 	<p>Rinse glass bottles and jars to include clear, amber, blue and green glass. Labels do not need to be removed.</p>	<p>Do NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bake ware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window or auto glass.</p>

## Recycling

- 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 directly at (800) 244-1977 to obtain a larger recycling cart.
- Recycling carts are the property of Groot and shall remain with the residence.

## Appliances/White Goods

- All large appliances are to be collected as white goods by Groot on Wednesdays at no additional charge. Residents must contact Groot at least 24 hours in advance at (800) 244-1977 to schedule a collection.
- White goods include: refrigerators, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, ranges/ovens, washers, furnaces, dryers, boilers, and dishwashers.

## 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/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.

## Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

- The *Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act* (SB2313) bans certain electronic products, including televisions and computers, from being disposed of in landfills. For a complete list of products, visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) and select electronics recycling.
  - Groot offers curbside collection of up to six electronic items for a fee of \$45.00. There is also a \$15.00 fee per television, in addition to the \$45.00 fee. Collection must be prepaid and scheduled in advance by calling Groot at (800) 244-1977. Fees are subject to change.
  - 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 Green Pages and SWANCC Community Programs.

## 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 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.

## Household Chemical Waste

Household chemical waste collections are conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA webpage includes information concerning the collection program, along with a complete schedule of upcoming collection events. For more information contact the IEPA Waste Reduction Unit at (217) 785-8604 or visit [www.iepa.state.il.us](http://www.iepa.state.il.us).

## \*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](http://www.swancc.org) or contact (847) 724-9205.

## \*SWANCC Community Programs

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](http://www.swancc.org) or contact (847) 724-9205.



## Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling Program



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### Refuse, Yard Waste & Recycling Program Reference Guide

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

#### Curbside Service

- New single family, townhome, and two flat residents must contact the Village of Palatine Utility Billing at (847) 359-9082 to set up an account for service.
- Move in/out refuse collection: contact Environmental Health at (847) 359-9090 to schedule collection.
- Groot performs all residential refuse and recycling collection for the Village.
- All refuse must be placed in secured plastic bags, not to exceed 50 pounds, for collection.
- Only refuse and recycling carts provided by Groot are permitted for use.
- An unlimited amount of bagged refuse and yard waste may be placed at the curb for weekly collection. No stickers are required.

#### Collection Schedule

- Refuse, yard waste and recycling (refer to yard waste section for available months) are collected once a week.
- If a holiday falls on a week day or Sunday, collection may be delayed by one day.
- Holidays that may effect service are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day or Christmas Day.

Village Ordinance designates when refuse, yard waste and recycling can be placed at the curb.

- Refuse, yard waste and recycling shall be placed at the curb no later 6:30 am on the collection day.
- Refuse, yard waste and recycling shall be placed at the curb no earlier than:
  - 7:00 pm the night before collection during Daylight Savings Time
  - 4:00 pm the night before collection during Central Standard Time

If properly placed materials have not been collected by the end of the regularly scheduled collection day, call Environmental Health within 24 hours at (847) 359-9090.

#### Refuse Cart Rental Program

- Residents may rent a 95-gallon refuse cart directly from Groot for a fee. The 2016-17 annual rental fee is \$33.00. Fees are subject to change. Only refuse carts provided by Groot are permitted for use.
- Fee payment to Groot will be required prior to cart delivery.
- Use of a 95-gallon cart is optional. Residents are NOT required to rent a refuse cart.
- Residents with 95-gallon carts will continue to receive unlimited refuse collection. Additional refuse outside of cart must be bagged.
- Smaller sizes of 65-gallon and 35-gallon carts are available for households that generate minimal amounts of refuse.
- Carts sizes can be exchanged once, additional exchanges requires a \$25.00 fee from Groot.
- Please keep the refuse cart four feet apart from other carts at the curb and away from mailboxes for automated collection operations.
- To order your cart or to request an exchange, please call Groot directly at (800) 244-1977. Please do not call the Village to order.

#### Bulk Items

- One bulk item (too large to be bagged) may be placed at the curb weekly for collection, for no additional charge.
- Examples of bulk items: mattress and box spring, sofa, furniture, barbeque grill, lawn mowers, snow blowers (gas and propane tanks must be removed), bicycles and exercise equipment.

#### Construction/Remodeling Refuse

- Up to 2 cubic yards of 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.

### How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to provide you with a quick and easy reference to the refuse, yard waste and recycling 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.

Questions or comments should be directed to:

Village of Palatine  
Environmental Health Division  
(847) 359-9090  
[www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us)

For Additional Information:

Groot Industries  
(800) 244-1977  
[www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com)

Solid Waste Agency  
of Northern Cook County  
(847) 724-9205  
[www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org)

- Bags or bundles shall not exceed 50 pounds 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 pounds per bundle.

#### Yard Waste

- Weekly collection of 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 pounds.
- Branches or limbs 4 inches in diameter or less and less than 60 pounds 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.

#### Unacceptable Materials

- Earth, rocks, sod, concrete, tires, propane tanks, commercial remodeling refuse, tree limbs and stumps/logs that exceed 4 inches in diameter, electronic waste, medical waste, or other materials not permitted by law.
- Household chemical wastes including aerosol and oil based paints, paint thinners, antifreeze, gasoline, pool chemicals, solvents, mercury, insecticides and herbicides.
- \* For resources on disposal of unacceptable materials, refer to the sections titled Special Pick-Ups 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 at (800) 244-1977.
- Includes unacceptable materials and construction refuse in excess of 2 cubic yards.
  - A Groot supervisor can perform an estimate for collection upon request.
  - Missed pick-ups or pick-ups not on your regular collection day will require an additional charge.