

## **Recycling in the Village of Wilmette**

*Please let your kids help with the recycling!*

### **The following items are recyclable in the Village of Wilmette:**

- **All plastics stamped with a number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7** in the recycling symbol.
- **Aluminum foil/trays**, rinsed clean.
- **Milk and juice cartons** (gable top containers).
- **Juice boxes** (aseptic packaging). (Juice bags, however, are not recyclable.)
- **Newspapers and all inserts, including glossies.**
- **Mixed paper and junk mail** (envelopes with plastic address windows are accepted).
- **Magazines, catalogs and telephone books.**
- **Corrugated cardboard and chipboard, i.e. boxes for frozen food and cereal boxes** (flattened, no larger than 2' x 2').
- **Aluminum and tin cans**, rinsed clean.
- **6- and 12-pack rings.**
- **Steel cans and containers.**
- **Aerosol cans** (empty).
- **Glass bottles and jars**, rinsed clean.
- **Old car batteries** (not cracked or leaking).
- **Used motor oil** (placed in a clear plastic jug).

**Note that recyclables in Wilmette may be commingled in the recycling bins!**

### **The following items are not recyclable in Wilmette:**

- **Plastic bags** are not accepted for curbside recycling. However, many grocery stores accept plastic bags marked with a 2 or 4 in the recycling symbol, including many shopping bags, and bags used to package food and mail-order clothes.
- Soiled fiber materials (**used paper towels, plates and pizza boxes**) cannot be recycled.
- **All caps and lids from containers or cans** should be removed and discarded.

## Other Recycling Resources

- McKenzie will be collecting the following items during the 2009-2010 school year, and the school gets money back for some of these items:
  - Juice bags (not juice boxes; they can be recycled at the curb).
  - Used printer cartridges.
  - Old cell phones.
  - Crayons.
- Our Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County at [www.swancc.org/greenPages/greenpages.html](http://www.swancc.org/greenPages/greenpages.html) has an abundance of information about items that you might not know could be recycled, such as CDs and cosmetic containers.
- ComEd will remove your old appliances and pay you \$25 for them. See [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com).
- [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) has networks of people who give away items that they cannot use to someone who can. Members can also request items that they need. Wilmette has a local group, as do many towns around our country. Examples of items from Wilmette's freecycle: new printer cartridges that were purchased in the wrong size, National Geographic Kids magazines, furniture, grills, and Ravinia tickets.
- Carpeting, holiday lights, and many other items might have more life in them. See [www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/tips-techniques/recycle-anything-00000000006117/index.html](http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/tips-techniques/recycle-anything-00000000006117/index.html).
- The Village of Wilmette has information about how to safely dispose of prescription medicines, CFLS, small electronics, automotive materials, computers, and chemicals. See [www.wilmette.com/departments/greeninitiatives/recycling.aspx](http://www.wilmette.com/departments/greeninitiatives/recycling.aspx).
- [www.terracycle.net/brigades](http://www.terracycle.net/brigades) will pay schools to collect cookie wrappers, juice bags, soda bottles, yogurt containers, toasted chips bags, corks, Energy Bar wrappers, and Bear Naked bags.
- Crayons can be reused through [www.crazycrayons.com](http://www.crazycrayons.com).
- Elmer's Glue bottles and sticks can be recycled. [www.Elmersgluecrew.com](http://www.Elmersgluecrew.com).
- "Pre-cycling" (buying items that are made from recycled materials and/or that can be recycled when you are finished with them) and "un-shopping" (deciding to shop less, or buying things without excessive packaging) are even better than just recycling.