

Gov. Agencies & Organizations

Beyond Pesticides
beyondpesticides.org

Circular Economy
ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/circular-economy

Energy Star
Energy efficiency
energystar.gov

Environmental Defense Fund
edf.org

Environmental Working Group
ewg.org

Faith in Place
Empowers people of all faiths to be environmental leaders
faithinplace.org

IL Energy Resources
illenergy.com

IL Environmental Protection Agency
epa.state.il.us

IL Recycling Association
illinoisrecycles.org

IL Solar Energy Association
illinoissolar.org

Keep America Beautiful
kab.org

Leave No Trace
lnt.org

Let's Go Solar
letsgosolar.com

Midwest Grows Green
midwestgrowsgreen.org

Midwest Wind and Solar
midwestwindandsolar.com

National Recycling Coalition
nrrecycles.org

National Resources Defense Council
nrdc.org

National Zero Waste Council
nzwc.ca

Organic Consumers Association
organicconsumers.org/usa

Plastic Pollution Coalition
plasticpollutioncoalition.org

Take 3
Pick up trash
take3.org

The Recycling Partnership
recyclingpartnership.org

U.S. Department of Agriculture
usda.gov

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
epa.gov/osw

U.S. Green Building Council
usgbc.org

World Wildlife Fund
wwf.org

Zero Waste Chicago
zerowastechicago.org

Unique Material Programs

Aluminum Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
rmhccni.org/get-involved/pop-tabs

Corks
recork.org

Crayons
crazycrayons.com

Funding Factory
Ink and toner cartridges
fundingfactory.com

Markers
Recycle
crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx

Matthew Ministries
Empty prescription pill bottles
m25m.org/pillbottles

Programs to Help Others

All for Good
allforgood.org

Books4Cause
Donate reading & college books
books4cause.com

Bridal Boutique By New Name
Donate/purchase bridal gowns for funds to help trafficked females
bridalboutiquebynewname.org

Cards for Hospitalized Kids
Make a card to lift a spirit
cardsforhospitalizedkids.com

Plastic Film Recycling
plasticfilmrecycling.org

Shoe Box Recycling
Shoes
communityrecycling.biz/programs/shoebox-recycling

Sneakers 4 Funds
sneakers4funds.com

Trex Lumber
Plastic bags/school program
Email: shicks@trex.com
trex.com/recycling

Terracycle
Chip bags, juice pouches and more
terracycle.com/brigades

Free The Girls
Donate bras to help empower girls in developing areas
freethegirls.org/bras

Glass Slipper Project
Donate formal dresses and accessories
glassslipperproject.org

The Kindness Rocks Project
Put an uplifting message on a rock
thekindnessrocksproject.com

Share Your Soles
Donate gently-worn shoes
shareyoursoles.org

Traveling Tutus
Donate danceware & shoes to help children worldwide
travelingtutus.org

Closing the Loop



Recycling options can be found in the *Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory*. The guide lists opportunities for books, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials. The directory can be found at swancc.org.



Environmental Days to Observe

Earth Hour
March
earthhour.org

Earth Day
April 22
earthday.org

International Recycling Day
April
www.bir.org

Arbor Day Foundation
Last Friday in April
arborday.org

National Environment Week
April
neefusa.org

Screen-Free Week
May
screenfree.org

Reuse Opportunities

Chicago Rebuilding Exchange
Reclaimed items
rebuildingexchange.com

Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange
Swap. Donate. Inspire
creativechirx.org

Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse
Reclaimed items
evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org

Fat Llama
Borrow or rent almost anything
fatlama.com

FreeCycle
Offerit/take it
freecycle.org

International Compost Week
May
compostfoundation.org/icaw

World Environment Day
June
wildlifealliance.org

National Pollution Prevention Week
September
p2.org/p2-week

World Clean Up Day
September
worldcleanupday.org

America Recycles Day
November 15
americarecyclesday.org

Freegan
Waste reclamation
freegan.info

Give Back Box
Donate gently-used items & select a charity
givebackbox.com

ReStore Chicago
Habitat for Humanity
restorechicago.org

SCARCE
Books and office supplies
scarce.org

The Douglas Center
Art from the Heart gifts
thedouglascenter.com

The Waste Shed
Connects supplies with artists and teachers
thewasteshed.com

School Programs & Resources

Character Counts
charactercounts.org

Eco Schools
nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx

Facing the Future
facingthefuture.org

Green Schools Alliance
greenschoolsalliance.org

Green Education Foundation
greeneducationfoundation.org

Green Schools National Network
greenschoolsnationalnetwork.org

Green Ribbon Schools
ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html

Green Schoolyards America
greenschoolyards.org

Recycling Trade Associations

Aluminum Association
aluminum.org

American Forest & Paper Association
afandpa.org

American Chemistry Council
americanchemistry.com

Can Manufacturers Institute
cancentral.com

Green Teacher
greenteacher.com

National Science Foundation
stemteachingtools.org

Population Connection
populationeducation.org

Project Learning Tree
plt.org

Roots & Shoots
International youth program
rootsandshoots.org

Story of Stuff
storyofstuff.org

Video Project
Documentary Films
videoproject.com

Zero Waste Schools
sevengenerationsahead.org

Carton Council
recyclecartons.com

Glass Packaging Institute
gpi.org

National Association for PET Container Resources
napcor.com

Steel Recycling Institute
recycle-steel.org

The Eco-Cleaning Guide, Eco-Friendly Marketplace and Eco-Landscaping Guide can be found at swancc.org



Food Recovery

Feeding America
feedingamerica.org
mealconnect.org

FoodBus
Grants to purchase refrigerator at school
foodbus.org

FoodRescue
Software for data collection
foodrescue.net

Food Too Good to Waste Program
Guide and toolkit
epa.gov/sustainable-management-food

Food Recovery Network
foodrecoverynetwork.org

Composting Resources

The Organics Recycling Authority
biocycle.net

Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
illinoiscomposts.org

Compost & Garden Products

Abundant Earth
Can 'O Worms
abundantearth.com

Biodegradable Products Institute
bpiworld.org

Ecovative
Mushroom Packaging
ecovativedesign.com

Flowerfield Enterprises, LLC
Educational materials
wormwoman.com

Food Waste Alliance
foodwastealliance.org

Greater Chicago Food Depository
chicagofoodbank.org

Mindful Waste
mindfulwaste.org

NRDC Campaign
savethefood.com

Northern Illinois Food Bank
solvehungertoday.org

Think.Eat.Save
thinkeatsave.org

USDA Food Waste Challenge
usda.gov/oce/foodwaste

U.S. Composting Council
compostingcouncil.org

Cornell University Waste Management Institute
cwmi.css.cornell.edu

Gardens Alive!
gardensalive.com

Gardening for Youth
kidsgardening.org

Green Mountain Technologies
Earth Cube and Earth Tube
compostingtechnology.com

Wisconsin Redworms
608-647-2008
wisconsinredworms.com