

City of Lake Forest Resident Guide: Where to **RECYCLE** Construction Debris

“Reduce-Reuse-Recycle” is a well known slogan for protecting and caring for our environment. This guide is intended to provide residents of Lake Forest with some useful tips and local contacts for recycling, donating & disposal of construction debris.

Unfortunately, not everything can be re-used, recycled, or donated. In these cases proper disposal is the responsible thing to do.



Please share your useful tips and additional contacts for other green disposal and recycling options with the City and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.
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Donate for Re-Use

Several local organizations accept donations of used or excess building materials. Don't Dump, Donate! See below for details. The following companies accept a variety of different items. Please call or visit the websites listed to guarantee your debris is eligible for donation or to find local organizations that accept donations.

For General Donations of materials:
Habitat for Humanity
habitat.org
847.249.3160

Reuse Development Organization
redo.org

Building Materials Reuse Association
buildingreuse.org/directory/Illinois

The World Vision Storehouse Chicago
773.921.3900

For Vintage Appliances:
Antiqueappliances.com

For Paint Donations:
Earth911.org
1.800.253.2687

Recycle

Chances are you can recycle the debris generated from your construction project. Different organizations accept different types of materials. Contact the following organizations to see how you can help green your job-site clean-up.

****Several local contractors already recycle building materials. Talk to your contractor to see how they can help.****

For General Recycling search:
Earth911.org and www.swalco.org

For worn or damaged Carpets:
Carpet America Recovery Effort
carpetrecovery.org/waste.php

For unusable/unwanted Appliances (10-27 cubic feet):
ComEd
www.jacoinc.net

For Asphalt Shingles:
Shinglerecycling.org

For assorted building materials:
cdrecycling.org - 630.585.7530
cmrecycle.com - 847.578.1066

For Compact Florescent Light Bulbs:
Home Depot (accepted at any location)
SWALCO drop off at 1180 Half Day Road (see www.swalco.org for more information)

Proper Disposal

If no environmentally friendly alternative exists, make sure to properly dispose of hazardous material. Improper disposal is illegal and will harm the environment. Additionally, some other job-site debris requires special disposal. Be sure to follow the rules and regulations noted on the various websites. Take note below.

For General Disposal of Hazardous Material including oil-based paints:
Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
www.swalco.org

For old, unwanted Latex paint
Mix latex paint with a box of cat litter or shredded newspaper and allow to dry completely. Dispose through household trash.

For other large items needing disposal:
City of Lake Forest “Junk” Bins (See rules and regulations at www.cityoflakeforest.com or call 847.810.3542)
Compost and Recycling Center
1381 W. Kennedy Road (Route 60)

For Lumber:
Do not handle baseboards and woodwork that may contain lead paint. (i.e. painted before 1978)
www.epg.go/lead

