

## 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](http://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](http://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