Recycling, Shredding, and Pumpkin Smash Event

Saturday, November 7, 2026
8:00 a.m. – noon

Ross Ferraro Town Center
960 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream

Open to all DuPage County residents



Electronics • Textiles • Paper Shredding • Pumpkins

Fees apply for TVs and monitors.
Remove decorations from pumpkins before drop-off.

Hosted by the Village of Carol Stream

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Location: Ross Ferraro Town Center (960 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream)

The Village of Carol Stream partners with eWorks, SCARCE, Accurate Document Destruction, Flood Brothers Disposal, and DuPage County to host a Pumpkin, Textiles, Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event. Taking place on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at Ross Ferraro Town Center (960 N. Gary Ave.) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., this event is open to all residents of DuPage County.

By recycling pumpkins, you can help to reduce the methane released from landfills and return important nutrients to the soil. Please remove any decorative additions like wax, yarn, and googly eyes to make the pumpkins safe for composting.

Thank you to DuPage County for providing partial event funding.

Electronics Recycling

While most qualifying electronics will be recycled for free, there is a fee for televisions and monitors.

Under 21 inch screen = $25.00 per unit
21 inch screen and over = $35.00 per unit
Prepay online: http://recycling.eworksesi.org/ (Checks are NOT accepted)
For questions or assistance regarding payment, contact eWorks at: (217) 364-7472.

Accepted: Computers, laptops, servers, computer monitors, televisions, printers, facsimile, scanners, VCR & DVD players, video game consoles, cell phones, cable & converter boxes, satellite receivers, keyboards, holiday string lights, wires, and small household appliances such as microwaves, toasters, and vacuums.

Not Accepted: DVDs, Video and audio cassettes, large home appliances/white goods, i.e. stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, large stereo speakers (extra-large wooden-box speakers), batteries. Hazardous waste (Mercury-containing devices, thermostats, thermometers, smoke detectors, fluorescent tubes, and lightbulbs.)

Electronics recycling is facilitated by: *eWorks Electronics Services Inc.*

For more information about electronics recycling, as well as additional drop-off locations and other local collection events, visit:

- eWorks website
- DuPage County Recycling page

Textile Recycling

Clothing and textiles dropped off for reuse and recycling should be dry and placed in a plastic bag.

Accepted: All clothing including tops, bottoms, socks, outerwear, underwear, accessories, paired shoes (tied or rubber banded together), suits, swimsuits, jeans, jackets, coats, sweaters, athleisure, athletic wear, sneakers, boots, dresses

Not accepted: Wet items, pet beds, pet blankets, soiled items, kitchen supplies, hard items, sharp items, wood, office supplies, hard toys, glass items, tools, car seats (accepted at Burr Ridge for a fee), figurines, games, strollers, metal items, dishes, lamps, blinds, wrapping paper, puzzles, plastic items, rugs, carpet.

Textile recycling is facilitated by: *eWorks Electronics Services Inc.*

For more information about textile recycling, as well as additional drop-off locations and other local collection events, visit:

- eWorks website
- DuPage County Recycling page

Paper Shredding

Paper documents, including contracts, personal finance documents, payroll records, tax records, resumes, bids & quotes, medical information, cost estimates, blueprints, faxes, memos, legal documents, and financial records.

Shredding Guidelines:

- Paper must be **dry, clean, and loose**.
- **Greeting cards will NOT be accepted for shredding.**
- Remove metal clips, plastic sleeves, folders, and binders. **Small staples are okay.**
- Items containing metal, cell phones, electronics, or other non-paper materials will not be accepted.
- Bring paper in **paper shopping bags or cardboard boxes only. No plastic bags.**
- Limit of **six (6) bags or boxes per person**.

Paper shredding is facilitated by: *Accurate Document Destruction, Inc.*

For more information about paper shredding, visit the Accurate Document Destruction website or email Deanna Jones at djones@shredd.net.

Pumpkin Smash

By recycling pumpkins, you can help to reduce the methane released from landfills and return important nutrients to the soil. Please remove any decorative additions like wax, yarn, and googly eyes to make the pumpkins safe for composting. Residents can toss pumpkins in the bin themselves, or let event volunteers and staff handle it for them.

Traffic & Parking Information for Event & Fountain View Guests

To ensure a safe and efficient event, all traffic must enter Town Center (both for the Recycling Event and for Fountain View Rec Center) from **Lies Road onto Fountain View Drive**. **No vehicles will be allowed to enter from Gary Avenue.** Event traffic will also exit via Lies Road, except for guests leaving the Fountain View parking lot, who may exit onto Gary Avenue.

A site map with traffic information will be posted soon.

Please follow all posted signs and volunteer directions. Plan extra travel time, as traffic may be heavy during event hours. Thank you for helping us keep the event safe and smooth!