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Kane County Recycling Center - Aurora

Kane County is opening a new permanent Recycling Center in Aurora for electronics, appliances, clothing, and scrap metal. The goal is to provide convenient electronics recycling for all residents by having a Recycling Center in the Southern (Aurora), Central (Batavia), and Northern (West Dundee) regions of Kane County.

Location: 911 N Lake St., Aurora, IL **OPENING:** Monday, June 21st, 2021.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8am – 4pm, year-round.

Accepted items:

• Appliances: toasters, blenders, microwaves, etc. (No Freon containing devices)

• Electronics: Accepted Items List

• Scrap Metal

• Textiles & Clothing: Accepted Items List

• Most items are free to recycle. See "Costs" for TVs & monitors.

Costs: (editors you must please print this information about there being a cost for TVs and Monitors) Monitors and TVs/Televisions do have a cost to recycle. All other electronics are free to drop off.

- \$25 fee for screens under 21 inches (measured diagonally)
- \$35 fee for screens 21 inches or over (measured diagonally)

Payment guidelines:

- Online: You may <u>pay online</u> in advance for any TVs or monitors and **bring your printed receipt** with you. You will need to show the printed receipt.
- Card: You can pay by credit card at the time of delivery.
- Cash: Cash must be the exact amount. Change will not be given.

Why is there a fee on TVs and Monitors? Electronics are banned from Illinois landfills and must be recycled. TVs and monitors contain lead and/or mercury and must be processed as hazardous material, a more expensive process that makes the consumer-based fee a necessity. The fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler – eWorks Electronics Services, a non-profit located in Elk Grove Village that employs people with developmental disabilities – to help cover their costs to recycle these items. You are helping a good cause and responsibly, legally disposing of your used electronics!

Data security: All data stored on computer hard drives will be completely erased or destroyed under the highest security (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements). They use the BLANCO data erasure software and the Department of Defense Standard 7-pass kill disk. This applies to all Kane County Recycling Centers and events, as well as the Naperville site which is also managed and served by eWorks.

Host Partner:

Vet Tech US, is also a non-profit organization dedicated to a long-term and prosperous relationship with communities in need. They support individuals and initiatives dedicated to promoting community development, prosperity, and innovation, which is part of the reason why they have partnered with the County and eWorks to host the new recycling center at their facility in Aurora.