

Get Rid of Stuff Sensibly

Medicines

The Problem

Medicine that is flushed down the toilet can end up in lakes and rivers, potentially affecting fish and drinking water.

The Solution

DON'T FLUSH! Try bringing medicine to a pharmacy; or find a collection center or collection event.

Electronics

The Problem

Electronic waste contains metals and chemicals that can end up polluting soil and waterways.

The Solution

Find your old electronics a new home, recycle them through the manufacturer or find a collection event.

Aquarium Fish and Plants

The Problem

Fish or aquatic plants that end up in lakes and rivers can push out native species and impact fishing and boating.

The Solution

Find a new home for your pets and plants; or contact a vet or retailer for humane and safe disposal options.

Motor Oil

The Problem

Motor oil can pollute drinking water if it ends up on the ground or in lakes or rivers.

The Solution

Pour used motor oil into a container with a screw-top lid. Then recycle it at a gas station or quick-lube business.

Household Trash

The Problem

Burning trash releases many harmful pollutants that can impact people as well as nearby rivers and lakes.

The Solution

Recycle metal, glass and paper. Compost yard and food waste. Donate useful things. Have the rest picked up by a waste hauler or take it to a landfill.

Dog Poop

The Problem

Germ from dog poop can wash down into streams. These germs can be harmful to water quality and human health.

The Solution

Pick up after your dog! Bag the poop and throw it in the trash.

Websites for more information—

Medicine

Illinois-Indian Sea Grant

www.iiseagrant.org/unwantedmeds/index.html

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.state.il.us/medication-disposal

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
American Pharmacists Association
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers
of America**

www.smarxtdisposal.net

E-Waste

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

www.ecyclingtools.com

Earth 911

earth911.com/electronics

National Center for Electronic Recycling

www.electronicrecycling.org/public

Dog Poop

Green Living Tips

www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/43/1/Dealing-with-dog-poop.html

Dummies.com

www.dummies.com/how-to/content/what-to-do-with-doggy-doo.html

wikiHow

www.wikihow.com/Pick-Up-Dog-Poop

Motor Oil

American Petroleum Institute

www.recycleoil.org

Earth 911

earth911.com/automotive/motor-oil

Illinois Poison Center

www.mhc.org/ipc/FirstAidSafetyTips/RecyclingHP.pdf

Household Trash

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

www.iiseagrant.org/learnnot2burn/index.html

Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

www.cleansweepusa.org

The U.S. EPA Student Center—Waste and Recycling

www.epa.gov/region5/students/waste.htm

Fish & Aquatic Plant

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

www.iiseagrant.org/habitattitude/index.html

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Canada

www.habitattitude.ca/en

Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, University of Florida

aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/node/90