

**Green Tip of the Week:** During this transitional time of the year we empty our storage areas, sheds, garages, basements, drawers and closets to make room for season appropriate items. PCUUC members have a grand opportunity to direct unwanted items to The Sparrow’s Nest re-sale shop, or, as you know you can simply bring your items to church on any given Sunday and offer it to the PCUUC Auction Fundraiser team. See Steve Wanshek, Rich Fendrych and Mike Merritt or contact [Fundraising@PrairieCircleUUC.org](mailto:Fundraising@PrairieCircleUUC.org). **BUT** – what do you do with textiles that are worn beyond wearable such as old towels, socks, T-shirts, underwear and linens? SWALCO comes to the rescue!



**Clothing and Textiles Recycling** - It is estimated that nearly 85% of all clothing and textiles end up in landfills in the U.S. today. The EPA estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing each year. Textile and clothing waste is a significant problem in our country. It is estimated that anywhere from 5-10% of all waste that is sent to municipal landfills is comprised of textiles. These items are often very dense and consume significant landfill space.

With those statistics in mind, and a goal to increase recycling, SWALCO is establishing a new community-wide program where clothing and textiles can be collected for recycling. The program will accept new, gently used, used or unwanted/worn, women’s, men’s and children’s clothing and textiles. All fabrics will be accepted. Even clothes or textiles with stains or holes will

be accepted. The great news too, is that almost 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.



**SWALCO Drop Off Locations:**

<http://www.swalco.org/Collections/Clothing%20and%20Textiles/Pages/default.aspx#>

Drop Off Locations	
Fox Lake	Village Hall 66 Thillen Dr., Fox Lake, IL
Grayslake	Public Works Facility 585 Berry Ave., Grayslake, IL
Gurnee	Fire Station #2 6581 Dada Dr., Gurnee, IL
Mundelein	Park District 1401 N. Midlothian Rd., Mundelein, IL
North Chicago	Public Works Facility 1421 Renkin Ave., North Chicago, IL
Prairieland Disposal and Recycling	21988 N. Pepper Rd., Lake Barrington, IL
Round Lake	Village Hall 442 N. Cedar Lake Rd., Round Lake, IL
Round Lake Beach	Public Works 911 Lotus Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL
Round Lake Park	Village Hall 203 E. Lake Shore Dr., Round Lake Park, IL
Vernon Hills	Public Works Facility 490 Greenleaf Dr., Vernon Hills, IL
Warren Township Highway Department	Highway Department Township Building 17801 W. Washington Ave., Gurnee, IL (Use the Almond Rd. entrance)
Wauconda	Public Works 302 Slocum Lake Rd., Wauconda, IL
Zion	2828 Sheridan Rd., Zion, IL (Behind City Hall/Old Fire Station One)