

Illinois Solid Waste News

The Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association (ILCSWMA) was established in 1993 as a not-for-profit organization for local level solid waste management officials and other interested parties. The Association is dedicated to providing a forum for networking, training and information exchange.

President's Message



It's membership renewal time! We always have a solid response to our first round of renewal requests, so a big Thank You to all who have already renewed your membership for 2024, or have become a first-time member - welcome!

ILCSWMA is a small but mighty organization, with 102 counties comprising our core; along with many other affiliate members, we strive to promote sound solid waste management choices in Illinois. Membership in ILCSWMA has numerous benefits. Our membership rates are affordable and uniquely recognize all employees of your organization as members of ILCSWMA. We provide wonderful professional networking opportunities through regional meetings, annual conferences, periodic training workshops, and facility tours. We use this newsletter to communicate with you timely information and provide our members with well-deserved recognition. Our members are diverse, and their accomplishments are impressive and essential to the health and safety of Illinois.

Thank you for what you do and for supporting ILCSWMA.

Best regards,

Pete

New Battery Recycling Campaign
#KnowBeforeYouThrow Illinois!

Illinois Battery Awareness

www.illinoispsc.org/batteries



Batteries Are Everywhere
#KnowBeforeYouThrow



National
Battery Day
February
18th



Spread the word!

- ✓ Focus = Household Batteries
- ✓ Proper Management
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Resources



February 18, 2024, was National Battery Awareness Day!

Batteries power our lives and are found in every electronic device imaginable. Although batteries are incredibly useful and convenient sources of power, they can pose dangerous challenges.

Legislation is being introduced to provide recycling drop-off services throughout Illinois. A new battery awareness campaign has been developed with collaboration of counties, waste and recycling companies, and battery recyclers to guide residents about proper management, safety, chemistry, and resources for end-of-life user responsibility. There is more information and many ways to share this information at www.illinoispsc.org/batteries.

Renew or Become a Member by February 29

The Association's membership runs January to December, which means it's time to renew or become a member of ILCSWMA. Membership rates remain reasonable because the BOD works for organizations just like yours and knows about budget constraints. **Please renew or become a member by February 29, 2024.** Many thanks for your support and participation!

CATEGORIES:

Full Membership - \$130

This fee includes membership of your entire organization, not just one employee. Full members are eligible to vote on ILCSWMA organizational matters. To be eligible for Full membership, an organization must be a unit of local government; either a county, municipality or township.

Affiliate Membership - \$100

This fee includes membership of your entire organization. Affiliate members include organizations, which are interested in Illinois solid waste management, but are not eligible for Full membership. Affiliate members of ILCSWMA include State agencies, consulting & engineering firms, colleges & universities, Keep Illinois Beautiful affiliates, and community groups.

Retiree Affiliate Membership - \$25

Have you retired from a member organization but want to stay involved and keep informed about solid waste issues in the state? We have a special rate of \$25 for retirees. With this Membership, you will be able to attend conferences at the affiliate rate, in addition to receiving quarterly newsletters and other membership benefits.

Last year's \$1,000 or \$1,500 conference sponsors receive a free 2024 membership, to include:

1. ARXG
2. EERO
3. GDB
4. Groot
5. LRS
6. PaintCare
7. Waste Not

Click on the button below to fill out a form and submit your payment via PayPal or get details for mailing a check. If you have any questions about membership, please email Mary S. Allen at ilcswma@gmail.com.

**2024 Membership
Registration**

Attend the NRC's Recycling Congress for Free!



VIRTUAL
**NATIONAL
RECYCLING
CONGRESS**

March 5-6, 2024

ILCSWMA is offering a complimentary registration for up to twenty-five persons that have renewed their 2024 membership or became a new member by March 1, to the National Recycling Congress' virtual two-day conference. Each registration represents a \$250 value!

Here are highlights of each day:

Day 1: Challenges - The Nuts and Bolts of Recycling

Day 2: Policy and the Big Picture

Conversations will include timely topics including plastic pollution prevention, circular economy, zero waste programs, communication strategies, integrating diversity, equity and inclusion with waste reduction goals, and much, much more! Click [HERE](#) for additional program and speaker information.

Register for NRC Conference NOW

Spring ILCSWMA Regional Meetings Scheduled

Hold the Date!



Twice a year, ILCSWMA BOD's regional reps host informational meetings for members to talk about timely topics and to share information about what is going on in the various counties. Jacob Saffert with **PaintCare** has been invited to present about the upcoming IL EPR Legislation to take affect in January 2025, more information about Paint Care in the next section. Please note the meeting schedule below.

Northern Region: The meeting for Northern Illinois members and interested persons will be on **Wednesday, March 20**, 2024. Kay McKeen has graciously offered to host the meeting at SCARCE's office, located at 800 S. Rohlwing Rd. Addison, IL 60101. The meeting will run from 10 am to 2 pm and lunch will be provided. If attending, **RSVP to Paul Cooney** at pcooney@oglecounty.org - **before March 15**.

Central Region: The Central Illinois meeting for members and interested persons will be on **Thursday, March 28**, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Heartland Bank in their fourth floor community room, located at 200 West College Ave, Normal, IL 61761. Free street parking is available along Constitution Boulevard, in addition to the parking lot across College Avenue behind the Garlic Press/Medici Restaurant. Parking is also available in the parking deck next to Heartland Bank, with free parking for the first hour and \$1 for every additional hour. This meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided. If attending, **RSVP Katie Vogler** at kvogler@ecologyactioncenter.org - **before Friday, March 22**.

Southern Region: The Southern Region meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 16**. Details of the location/time are forthcoming. If you'd like to get on the registration list, contact ILCSWMA's Southern Rep Aaron Kelley at aaronk@jchdonline.org.

Learn About PaintCare and It's Role in Illinois



Hey, Illinois! We're PaintCare, and we're here to make paint recycling easier starting in 2025.

Who We Are

PaintCare is the non-profit organization created by the paint industry that plans and operates paint stewardship programs in states that pass paint stewardship laws. In Illinois, we'll be offering convenient ways for households and businesses to recycle unwanted paint starting in 2025.

Services We Offer

We operate a network of over 2,500 drop-off sites across our 11 programs to make recycling leftover paint easier than ever for households and businesses. We partner with paint retailers, HHW facilities, transfer stations, recycling centers, and other sites to make paint recycling convenient across the state. It is free to be a drop-off site. PaintCare covers all costs for collection supplies, transportation, and processing the paint. We also provide staff training and informational materials to educate the public.

We also offer a large volume pick-up (LVP) service to encourage those with larger amounts of paint to recycle it. If a business or household has 100 gallons or more of paint, we will go to their location for free to collect the paint. It's really that simple!

PaintCare will be seeking bids for transportation and processing services through a Request for Proposals (RFP). For the most current details, visit paintcare.org/IL.

Program Products and the PaintCare Fee

We accept "architectural coatings," which includes paint, primer, stain, and clear coats. PaintCare accepts both oil-based and latex paint. To learn more about the products we accept, visit our [website](#).

The PaintCare program is funded by the PaintCare fee, a small fee that is assessed on all sales of architectural coatings in program states. The fee funds the entire program. This includes everything from contracting with the local hauler and collecting paint from drop-off sites to developing educational materials to share with customers.

PaintCare will work with partners such as ILCSWMA in the state of Illinois to make recycling leftover paint products more convenient. We have collected more than 70 million gallons of paint for recycling across our 11 programs and know that Illinois can help us recycle even more!



Join the PaintCare Team!

[PaintCare](#) will be hiring 2 full-time program coordinators to help provide these services in Illinois. These positions are remote, located in Illinois, and require frequent in-state travel to visit and recruit potential drop-off sites. The positions will be posted on PaintCare's website [here](#) once available.



Contact Us

We want to hear from you! If you have questions about the PaintCare program or want to learn more, please reach out to our Illinois Program Manager, Jacob Saffert at jsaffert@paint.org.

ILCSWMA's 2024 Conference

There are three inquiries into venue spaces in the Blomington/Normal area for our 2024 conference. We're trying to keep pricing comparable to Starved Rock and it's taking some extra time. Our aim is late October or early November. The BOD will have more information to its membership very soon. Thanks for your patience.

Deadline to Opt-In for Electronics Program

This is a reminder that the deadline to request electronics recycling assistance is fast approaching. Counties that wish to participate in the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program during Program Year 2025 must [opt-in](#) on or before March 1, 2024.

In short, this electronics recycling program is a manufacturer supported program in which

electronics manufacturers help with end of life management for obsolete electronics. This requirement was established under the **Consumer Electronics Recycling Act** (CERA), which was enacted on January 1, 2019. Manufacturers are required to provide funding for packaging materials, transportation, and the subsequent recycling of certain electronic devices. This program could assist your county with protecting human and environmental health, as well as reducing the economic burden of illegal dumping by increasing electronics recycling opportunities in your jurisdiction.

Any questions about the form can be directed to EPA.Recycling@illinois.gov.

ILCSWMA is a Member of the IFSCC



Recently, ILCSWMA renewed its membership to the **Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition** (IFSCC), which is a thriving not-for-profit organization advancing diversion and composting of all organics in Illinois through advocacy, program implementation, market and business development, policy, and outreach.

The Coalition's general meeting is held on the first Monday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. To request the access code to attend a virtual meeting, contact Amy Bartucci at illinoiscomposts@gmail.com. Visit illinoiscomposts.org to learn more about their committies, special events, resources, and more.

Board Spotlight of It's Newest Leadership



Jana Messmore is currently the Director of Environmental Health at the Vermilion County Health Department. She moved to Vermilion County from west central Illinois with the intention of only staying a couple of years, but 17 years later, she is still there. Much of her time with the Department has been spent as the food program supervisor. However, two years ago, she became the Director of Environmental Health and got more involved with solid waste/recycling programs. In 2023, Jana

became a part of the ILCSWMA board as an At Large representative.

Jana received a BS in environmental Science from Illinois College. Initially, she wanted to work at IDNR but there was a state hiring freeze, so she continued her education at the University of Illinois-Springfield. While at UIS, she became a Graduate Public Service Intern at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Public Water Supplies and became more interested in public health. She looks forward to working with the board and ILCSWMA membership to learn more about recycling programs to hopefully bring more recycling opportunities to the residents of Vermillion County.



Katie Vogler, the newest At Large Board Member and has been the Education Coordinator at the Ecology Action Center (EAC) for just shy of 2 years and has been with ILCSWMA for around the same amount of time. Although newer to this role, she is not new to the solid waste world. In 2020, Katie was the Ecology/Sustainability Staff Intern and continued to assist the EAC intermittently until graduation from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2022 where she earned a B.S. in Biology.

While not at work, Katie can be found petting her cats, reading books, or falling off climbing walls. In the summer, after her 9-5, Katie works as a summer camp counselor and lifeguard, teaching environmental education and water safety in Hudson, IL. If you are feeling down, ask her about the fun things kids say, between counseling and teaching children during her day job, she has a lot of great stories!

Katie is passionate about many things (why every office should have a cat, the correct way to say Pee-Can pie, why audiobooks should always be read on 1.5x speed) but she is truly passionate about science communication. Katie became fascinated with this idea after watching *Merchants of Doubt* and hearing Naomi Oreskes speak. In the documentary, Oreskes highlights that scientists are not always skilled at talking to the public, even though they are experts in the information they are trying to relay. Through her role with the EAC and ILCSWMA, Katie wants to make solid waste information accessible to all and (as her job description states) ‘work hard and save the planet’.

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2023 Conference Sponsors



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WasteNot Compost is proud to be the compost collection hauler for the Villages of Riverside and Morton Grove starting in January 2024. Residents will receive exclusive rates for compost collection as part of these official partnerships between WasteNot and the municipalities. If any municipality is interested in WasteNot's municipal service, please reach out to partners@wastenotcompost.com.

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Hey, Illinois!

We're PaintCare, and we're here to make paint recycling easier starting in 2025.

Managing leftover paint will be easier than ever for households and businesses thanks to the paint stewardship program coming to Illinois in 2025. PaintCare will soon make it convenient to recycle leftover paint, stain, and varnish through a network of drop-off sites we'll offer in your state.

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What We'll Do PaintCare will work with partners in the state of Illinois to make recycling leftover paint products more convenient. We have collected more than 67 million gallons of paint for recycling across our 11 programs and know that Illinois can help us recycle even more!

How to Get in Touch We want to hear from you! If you have questions about the PaintCare program or want to learn more, please reach out to our Illinois program manager, Jacob Saffert at jsaffert@paint.org.



Visit www.paintcare.org, call **(855) PAINT09**, or scan the QR code to learn more.



Your ILCSWMA Board Members

Here are the Board Members for 2024:

- Pete Adrian, President
- Kerri Gale, Vice President
- Lisa Woody, Secretary
- Becky Tracy, Treasurer
- Paul Cooney, Northern Region Rep
- Melissa Goetze, Central Region Rep
- Aaron Kelley, Southern Region Rep
- Jana Messmore, At Large Rep
- Katie Vogler, At Large Rep

STAY CONNECTED

Please send in information to share with the membership about a new program, data from a

collection event, or anything pertaining to successful waste prevention initiatives or enforcement. If you are a full member and have others in your department that would like to receive this newsletter, please send an email request to ILCSWMA's administrative coordinator, Mary Allen, at ilcswma@gmail.com.



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