



GREEN GIFT GUIDE

LOCAL STORES

www.itsourearth.com

Located in downtown Wheaton, this store is full of great gift ideas. They will also take your old items including juice pouches, fabric remnants, men's neck ties, record albums, cash registers, adding machines, non-electric typewriters, corks, floppy disks, American Flags, aluminum can tabs, bottle caps and other vintage items. Check with them before you throw away your vintage fashion and collectibles

www.tenthousandvillages.com

Located in downtown Glen Ellyn, Oak Park & Evanston

www.wholefoods.com

Gift baskets with a purpose – we recommend the Local Flavors Basket, Giving Basket & Blessings Basket. They also sell **Earth Chocolates** made from dark chocolate and grain – nice treats for your office Green Team.

www.greenepot.com

Located in Chicago, this is the best green building supplies & hardware store we can recommend. They carry LED lightbulbs

www.healthygreengoods.com

Located in Evanston, go to this store for organic beds & baby clothes

www.savvygreenshop.com

Eco-friendly products in Naperville

www.ecopromotionsonline.com

An online retailer, based out of Vernon Hills, promoting a full line of environmentally responsible products. They sell everything from apparel to technology to paper products.

www.consolidatedprinting.net

National leader in environmentally sound printing practices, located in Chicago

www.mimisorganicexchange.com

A local business and arts network committed to socially, environmentally & spiritually sustainable products & services

BABY PRODUCTS

www.allnaturalbaby.com

Organic baby clothes & accessories

www.babysoyusa.com

First company to create a line of newborn clothing made from soybean fiber



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www.comfybummy.com	Cloth diapers, diapering essentials, baby essentials, mothering essentials located in Naperville, IL
www.fleurville.com	PVC- and Teflon-free diaper bags made with recycled content
www.gdiapers.com	Eco-Diaper to flush, compost or toss
www.greentogrow.com	BPA- and phthalate-free baby bottles
www.grow-kids.com	This modern kids' clothing and furniture boutique, located in Chicago, will give you 10% off your purchase of non-sale items if you bring in a paper bag of clean (ie. without glue and dry) paper which can be recycled.
www.newbornfree.com	Natural, BPA-free, baby products
www.underthenile.com	Organic cotton clothes & safe toys, in case your little ones chew on them.

BUILDING PRODUCTS

www.bioshieldpaint.com	Natural, chemical-free paints, stains, flooring, finisher
www.borealislighting.com	LED lighting manufacturers and installation specialists
www.chicagolandbestroof.com	Interlock roofing systems offer steel roofs with 50 year warranties.
www.chicagometalroofing.com	Steel roofing for the Chicagoland area, with 50 year warranties
http://delta-institute.org/rebuildingexchange/	Salvaged building materials available at low cost
www.deltalokusa.com	Green alternatives to concrete & stone with systems made from recycled materials
www.eagleoneproducts.com	Recycled plastic lumber products used for golf courses, hotels and restaurants
www.ecobulbplus.com	Many retailers are selling this new CFL bulb containing lower amounts of mercury, lead, cadmium, and other hazardous substances (lower levels than European RoHS standards). Sold in recycled packaging.
www.environbiocomposites.com	Environmentally-sound panel products



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www.gipo-rpi.com	Reprocessed plastic lumber for agriculture, building & marine industries
www.glasstile.com	Building materials made from recycled content glass
www.greenbuildingsupply.com	Natural & non-toxic building supplies
www.htgreen.com	For greener spaces and schools
www.horiganufp.com	Horigan Urban Forest products are high quality recycled lumber from a Chicago urban forest. Contact them, if know about trees that need removal
www.ilsolarlite.com	daylighting experts providing products for the home, as well as solar attic fans
www.jclichtco.com	Low-VOC and VOC-free paints in Wheaton
www.ledliquidatorsinc.com	LED lighting & bulbs
www.murco.net	Salvages fixtures, appliances & materials prior to building demolition
www.nuwool.com	Eco-friendly cellulose insulation
www.plasteak.com	Recycled plastic lumber & products
www.plasticlumber.com	Recycled plastic lumber products & recycling receptacles
www.proliner.com	Reprocessed & recycled content thermoformed products
www.realgoods.com	Solar and Wind power systems, energy saving tankless water heaters, and general home goods
www.restoreelgin.org	Building reuse center benefitting Habitat For Humanity Northern Fox Valley
www.scrantonproducts.com	Partition products for lockers, bathrooms & vanities made from recycled content
www.stone-design.com	Eco friendly countertop made from recycled glass and concrete
www.yemmhart.com	Building materials with recycled content
www.wattmanledlamp.com	LED Lamps & lighting for buildings



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CLOTHING, BAGS & ACCESSORIES

www.bluelotusblankets.com	Reusable bags & blankets
www.directaccessintl.com	Clothing & specialty items made from recycled products
www.earthfashions.com	Apparel, blankets & accessories made from eco-yarns
www.earthfriendlygoods.com	Eco-fashion, footwear, accessories, home & pet products
www.ecosandals.com	Fashionable footwear made from recycled tire treads to support a volunteer-run Kenyan business cooperative
www.hipandzen.com	Eco-fashion & accessories
www.ipledgeeco.com	Hip organic cotton t-shirts printed with water-based inks
www.korustreet.com	Earrings, necklaces and bracelets made from handmade paper, which has been paper dyed with all-natural vegetable dyes. Their purses and bags are made from recycled plastic bags, inner tubes and car seat belts.
www.nau.com	eco-friendly active wear and outdoor clothing
www.organicclothes.com	Maggie's organics, specializing in organic apparel and stuffed animals
www.organikrevolution.com	Designer organic clothing, based in Chicago
www.patagonia.com	Fleece products made with post consumer recycled plastic
www.rawganique.com	Organic cotton linens & hemp clothing, even suits and dresses
www.recyclemeorganictees.com	organic cotton T-shirts printed with eco-friendly dyes & inks
www.recycledproducts.com	Clothing, corn mugs & promotional products printing
www.rei.com	Outdoor & recreational clothing made from soy, organic cotton and recycled materials
www.resails.com	Bags, apparel & accessories made from boat sails
www.shirtsofbamboo.com	Bamboo clothing, accessories & home goods
http://shop.littleearth.com/	Purses & belts from repurposed license plates, jerseys, signs and more



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www.splaff.com	Sandals, belts & handbags made from recycled race car tires and bicycle inner tubes
www.stringtheoryarncompany.com	Earth friendly & fair trade yarns located in downtown Glen Ellyn
www.teamblonde.com	Located in Forest Park, this store carries jewelry and Vy & Elle products made from repurposed billboard advertisements. They also run an eco-spa.
www.vulcanabags.com	Eco-friendly fabrics and bags made from recycled tire rubber

COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

www.americanexcelsior.com	Animal bedding & packaging from biodegradable wood fibers
www.biodegradablestore.com	Wide selection of food service containers
www.ecoproducts.com	Food service products & household products
www.huskietools.com	vermi-composting bins similar to a rectangular worm condo
www.nfpc.com	biodegradable, compostable plates, cups, bowls and containers
www.trellisearth.com	Biodegradable food service containers

COMPOSTING

www.composters.com	Our favorite worm bin is the Worm Condo. Check out their other great green lawn & garden items.
www.cityfarmer.org	Great resource for composting & worm suppliers
www.garderners.com	Compost receptacles & worm bins
mcwormworker@comcast.net	Soil Exchange, Inc. Local seller of red wiggler worms and vermicompost
www.rolanka.com	Coconut fiber products used for sedimentation control, soil bio-engineering, erosion control & wetland restoration



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www.vermico.com

Vermiculture & vermicomposting resource site

www.wormwoman.com

Worm composting resources

FARMS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

www.audisacres.com

Audi's Acres Natural Farms located in Plano

www.cantigny.org

honey made locally from Cantigny Park Beekeepers

www.erehwonfarm.com

Elburn organic farm with a CSA

www.janesbeesweethoney.com

honey made locally in Northern Illinois

www.greenearthinstitute.org

Naperville organic farm with a community-supported cooperative and also teach on sustainable farming methods

www.tomatomountain.com

certified organic farm in Madison, Wisconsin

FLOORING

www.americaninternationaltile.com

Terra Green tile

www.chicagotileinstitute.com

Brann Clay flooring & Terra Green tile

www.ecofriendlyflooring.com

Sustainably grown bamboo, cork & wood, as well as reclaimed wood flooring & reclaimed metal & glass tiles.

www.interfaceflor.com

Carpet & flooring made with renewable & recyclable materials

www.plyboo.com

Bamboo & palm flooring and wall surfaces

www.shawfloors.com

Environmentally-friendly flooring as well as carpet recycling

FURNISHINGS

www.abundantearth.com

Furniture, blankets & rugs made from recycled or sustainably harvested materials



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www.dbfabricators.com	Hand-shaped chair of recycled plastic & recycling receptacles for classrooms
www.eco-furniture.com	Furniture made with eco-friendly practices
www.el-furniture.com	Sophisticated sustainable furniture
www.gaiam.com	Green household products and apparel
www.greenlightconcepts.com	Lamps from recycled traffic lights
www.greensage.com	Sustainable furnishings & materials
www.haginc.com	Office furniture made from recycled content & certified by the Greenguard Environmental Institute
www.homeandplanet.com	Recycled art & stylish accessories
www.kimptonstyle.com	Obtain eco-style from Kimpton Hotels at home
www.macys.com	Rwanda "Journey" fruit bowl, dyed in black and natural raffia, is a part of Macy's Path to Peace collection
www.polywoodinc.com	Recycled plastic outdoor furniture
www.recycledframes.com	Reclaimed wood picture framing for your artwork & pictures
www.shopguava.com	Chicago store that sells vases made from recycled newspaper & magazine
www.underthecanopy.com	Organic furnishings & eco-fashion
www.vivaterra.com	Home décor, apparel, and more, including the Vetiver Laundry Basket woven from the naturally aromatic roots of vetiver grass
www.vivavi.com	Modern green furniture & furnishings
www.wishingfish.com	Stylish vases made from newspapers

GIFTS & CRAFTS

www.1earthproducts.com	Products made from recycled content
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www.arborday.org	Through their "Trees in Celebration" program, give the gift of reforestation. They also ship trees, fair trade coffee & cards
www.beanproducts.com	Natural & hemp clothing, home-goods, gift ideas and more
www.containerstore.com	Eco-friendly containers including baskets made from 100% repurposed newspaper. Look under "Earth Friendly Organization"
www.eco-artware.com	Creative gifts from recycled, reused & natural materials
www.ecoexpress.com	Organic & natural gifts including edibles and arranged gift baskets
www.greenfeet.com	Leave a smaller, greener 'footprint' with these gifts & household goods. Also carries solar powered chargers for small electronics
www.kiwimagonline.com	Organic family lifestyle & parenting magazine
www.koolaidpurse.com	Gifts made from juice drink pouches
www.litterfreelunch.com	No waste lunch options and school fundraising
www.mainefloatrope.com	doormats made from recycled marine rope cast off by Maine lobstermen, as they change the rope they use in order to protect wildlife
www.maplelandmark.com	Natural line of maple-wood toys with no chemical coatings
www.mysigg.com	World-recognized SIGG water bottles, flasks & lunch boxes
www.motherboardgifts.com	Gifts made from circuit boards – binders, clocks, jewelry, frames
www.newdream.org/holiday	Tips to simplify the holidays
www.pedros.com	Green bike care products & tools
www.potterybarn.com	Beachcomber Basket made from natural seagrass
www.recycledplanetstore.com	Choose from hundreds of gifts & home accessories



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www.rei.com	Solar watches & solar-powered chargers for headlamps & hand-held electronics
www.resourcerevival.com	Gifts, awards & promotional items made from repurposed bicycle parts
www.reusablebags.com	Shopping bags, snack bags, water bottles, and the much talked about sandwich "Wrap-N-Mat"
www.shopgreenlife.com	No waste lunch options and school fundraising
www.soyworld.com	Soaps, candles, cleaning supplies & more made from soybeans
www.uncommongoods.com	online store selling unique, green gifts – our favorite is bicycle-chain picture frame

GLASSWARE

www.fireandlight.com	Dinner & gift ware made from post-consumer recycled glass
www.greenglass.com	Recycled glassware

HEALTH & BEAUTY PRODUCTS

www.abbeybrown.com	Chicago West Loop shop selling organic, natural soaps and body products
www.albabotanica.com	Natural health & beauty products without harmful ingredients
www.aveda.com	Aveda has now launched specialty stores called their Environmental Lifestyle Store & Spa located in Oakbrook and Schaumburg. You can also recycle your plastic bottle caps with this store, which are recycled into Aveda product packaging.
www.fruits-passion.com	Beauty products & home accessories made from natural Ingredients. Website offers refills to reduce waste
www.kalyx.com	Ekotec toothbrush with replacement heads; herbs, food & personal care
www.margienaturalbeauty.com	100% natural & locally made skin & body care products



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www.pangeaorganics.com	Organic health & beauty products
www.preserveproducts.com	Preserve toothbrush & other household products. Preserve offers mail-in recycling for their products
www.terressentials.com	Certified organic bath products
www.yoreganics.com	online store selling health & beauty products free from synthetic chemicals, dyes, and other harmful ingredients

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

www.ccrane.com	Wind-up radios, LED light bulbs & flashlights
www.ecos.com	Green cleaning products
www.excaliburelectronics.com	Solar and crank radios & flashlights, & LED products
www.foreverflashlights.com	No batteries or bulbs with LED lighting
www.greenhome.com	Environmental "superstore"
www.imperialtankless.com	Tankless water heaters
www.java-log.com	Fire logs made from coffee grounds
www.letsogreen.biz	Green cleaning supplies, compostable garbage bags, and low flow showerhead adaptors. Green products for homes and businesses
www.mychinet.com	yes, our mother's chinet plates now carry two lines, classic white and casuals, which are made from 100% preconsumer recycled content and are biodegradable in your home composter
www.newwaveenviro.com	Better Water Bottle, made from 100% corn resin, with a carbon-based filter which removes chlorine and organic contaminants. This water bottle will provide 90 refills and will biodegrade in a commercial compost within 80 days.
www.recyclestore.com	Catalog of recycled products to buy as a wholesaler or individual consumer



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www.seventhgeneration.com

Leading brand of household goods, green cleaning products and environmental products & they now has a gift shop online – visit their blog for a link to their store.

www.windupradio.com

Solar-powered radios & flashlights, LED lanterns & flashlights

OFFICE

www.greenearthofficesupply.com

Pre- & post-consumer recycled content office supplies

www.hermanmiller.com

Green manufacturer of office furniture

www.lindenmeyr.com

Lindenmeyr Munroe Paper has the highest quality & selection of recycled-content paper

www.memorysuppliers.com

we recommend their biodegradable 'corn' USB flash drive

www.necartographics.com

Envelopes & stationary made from outdated topographic maps

www.signaturemarketing.com

Business promotional & gift eco-products. Recycled piggy banks, mugs from recycled electronics, live evergreen trees in tubes

RESTAURANTS, FOOD & MORE

www.aquamantra.com

spring water sold in 100% biodegradable & 100% recycled (non-PLA) bottles

www.breadfromtheheart.com

Local Organic & Fair Trade Bakery

www.bwsnackery.com

Glen Ellyn restaurant constantly pushing themselves to be even greener. They buy local, completed the Earth Flag Certification, has provided environmental education to their staff and ready to start food scrap composting in 2010.

www.esutras.com

Chicago store selling certified organic herbs, spices, essential oils, vegetable oils, natural ingredients and botanicals

www.herballyyoursvinegar.com

local business in Willow Springs selling herbs, artisan products and healthy recipes



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www.ivyofwheaton.com

Wheaton restaurant supporting all types of green initiatives by buying locally-grown foods, energy-efficient lighting, reusable-ware and ready to start food scrap composting in 2010.

www.pizzafusion.com

Naperville pizzeria concerned with the environment by supporting organic agriculture through their organic menu and their operations designed to support the preservation & improvement of the environment.

www.wildtreeherbs.com

natural gourmet culinary blends

SERVICES

www.gasprint.com

Graphic design & printing services company that offers eco-friendly printing choices and paper

www.getorganizedbygeorge.com

Organizing & de-cluttering services aimed at reducing & reusing and preserving resources

www.greenerlaundry.com

Green laundry service based in Chicago

www.iesgreen.com

provides home energy assessments and solutions with a focus on your health, comfort, air quality and energy efficiency

www.solarevco.com

Solar electric, multi-passenger vehicle company based in Northbrook

www.zeroevents.com

plan your next eco-friendly, socially-responsible event with their services

YARD, LAWN & OUTDOOR

Please be mindful of the lead content in most garden hoses. For more info, go to www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-lead-free-garden-hose.htm and **buy white hoses which are marked 'safe for drinking' or 'lead-free'**. Some leading brands sold at most retailers include Teknor Neverkink RV and Marine Hose (non-toxic), Swan Marine/Camper, and Better Homes & Gardens Kink-free Garden Hose. These manufacturers might have hoses which are not lead-free, so **please read all packaging before buying your garden hose**.

A few local retailers which sell lead-free hoses include Ace Hardware and West Marine in Lombard.

www.cantigny.org

Rain Barrels for local pickup

www.s-c-a-r-c-e.org

630.545.9710

ecoed@sbcglobal.net



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www.cleanairlawncare.com

Green lawn care services based in Evanston, IL

www.eartheasy.com

Sustainable living products from lawn care to LED's

www.jackssmallengines.com

If you're using machines that run on gas, the eco-friendly option is to find a spill-resistant nozzle for your gas can. The Smart Fill gas can is perfect for your lawnmower, snow blower, auto, boat, or RV.

www.myneuton.com

We highly recommend this electric lawnmower. Running gas lawnmowers for 1 hour releases as many pollutants as driving 300 miles.

www.pizzo.info

Native plant species for your home

www.planetnatural.com

Organic lawn care items & heirloom seeds

www.wellspringltd.com

Online local distributor of GeoMelt Products – including GeoSalt & EcoSalt. This sugar-beet based accelerator of road salt to help melt your roadways.

www.nutoys4fun.com

Playground equipment & surfacing made from some recycled content

GIFT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Donations or Membership to organizations that work to sustain and improve the environment – individual or family memberships are typically available. Some local organizations include:

www.s-c-a-r-c-e.org

SCARCE (Coming Soon: Buy a SCARCE T-shirt)

www.cantigny.org

Cantigny Park & Garden

www.saretcharitablefund.org

Saret Treasures of Hope – located in Glen Ellyn & Villa Park

www.workingbikes.org

Working Bikes Cooperative

www.brookfieldzoo.org

Brookfield Zoo

www.wheatonparkdistrict.com

Cosley Zoo

www.mortonarb.org

Morton Arboretum

www.lpzoo.org

Lincoln Park Zoo

www.activetrans.org

Active Transportation Alliance

www.s-c-a-r-c-e.org

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www.sheddaquarium.org

Shedd Aquarium

www.conservationfoundation.org

The Conservation Foundation

OTHER GREEN GIFT IDEAS

- ❖ Tickets to a play, movies, ballet, art exhibits, or a sports game
- ❖ Gift certificates for grocery stores or your favorite restaurant
- ❖ Commuter passes
- ❖ Reusable lunch box
- ❖ Cloth shopping bags
- ❖ Cloth napkins
- ❖ Battery charger
- ❖ Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- ❖ Energy-saving appliances
- ❖ Bamboo products – towels, placemats, bowls - available at most national retailers
- ❖ Homemade gifts and crafts
- ❖ Offer a gift certificate for a homemade meal or a free day of babysitting, gardening, painting or repairing
- ❖ For the holiday season:
 - reuse wrapping paper, packaging cartons and shipping materials for your gifts or get creative with useful wrapping – like hiding a piece of jewelry in a pair of mittens.
 - chip the Christmas tree – many municipalities will collect old tannenbaum and turn it into mulch for free
 - check with your municipality to see if they provide a recycling service for Christmas trees
 - consider buying a tree which can be planted later
 - buy holiday cards made from recycled paper or make your own creative cards reusing paper or using recycled paper
 - compost food leftovers – if every American composts just one uneaten tablespoon of mashed potatoes, we could divert 16 million pounds of waste from landfills