



NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 17, 2018

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY OFFERS ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION AT SYSTEMWIDE LOCATIONS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

eWorks Electronic Services providing collection assistance

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is hosting Electronics Recycling Collection locations to mark the celebration of Earth Day 2018.

The Electronics Recycling Collection is free of charge and Tollway customers are invited to drop off items at six Tollway oases pavilions and at the Tollway's Downers Grove headquarters on Monday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon or until the trucks are full.

The Tollway is partnering with eWorks Electronic Services based in Elk Grove Village, a not-for-profit that supports workers with developmental disabilities.

“At the Illinois Tollway we regularly work to integrate recycling into maintenance and operations to save expenses and help to preserve resources, so we invite our customers to join our efforts and think green for a day by recycling unused electronics,” said Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman. “Additionally, by working with eWorks to manage the collection, we are able to support employment opportunities for people with disabilities.”

The 2018 Earth Day Electronics Recycling Collection will accepted items including: PCs, printers, scanners, mouse, keyboards, telephones, answering machines, fax machines, cell phones, pagers, postage machines, VCRs, DVD players, stereo equipment, joy sticks, video game players, cameras, camcorders. Items that will not be accepted include: televisions, monitors, large appliances, hazardous and chemical waste materials, batteries, smoke detectors or wooden speakers.

Electronics Recycling Collection will take place at [Tollway](#) locations including:

Illinois Tollway headquarters

- Tollway truck will be located near the front entrance at 2700 Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove

Lake Forest, O'Hare, Hinsdale Oases

- Tollway truck will be located in the parking lots on the northbound side of the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294)

Chicago Southland Lincoln Oasis (South Holland),

- Tollway truck will be located in the parking lot on the southbound side of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80)

Belvidere Oasis

- Tollway truck will be located in the parking lot on the eastbound side of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)

DeKalb Oasis

- Tollway truck will be located in the parking lot on the eastbound side of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

More information about electronics recycling opportunities visit www.epa.illinois.gov

Because transportation in Northern Illinois impacts people in so many ways, including quality of life, cleanliness of air and water supplies and the character of local neighborhoods, the Illinois Tollway's leadership is committed to fostering environmental responsibility and sustainability in everything the agency does. The agency seeks to minimize the environmental impact of roadway construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials and is committed to using renewable energy and green technology, as well as adopting research initiatives and best practices to reduce energy use and costs.

About eWorks

eWorks provides secure and environmentally safe electronics recycling and remarketing services. Established in 2009 eWorks provides assets disposition services for global and national corporations, municipalities, schools and local residents. eWorks offers state-of-the-art collection, data destruction, tracking, and reuse solutions as well as a diverse labor force, where more than 60 percent of the workers have a developmental disability.

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

#