

ART SUPPLY EXCHANGES

give and get supplies in the Chicago region

art + design + school supplies

The Wasteshed

a storefront in Chicago that sells reclaimed art supplies at low prices. They accept donations, too. Check out their workshops on mending clothes, making crafts and more.

<http://www.thewasteshed.com/>

Zero Landfill Chicago

provides surplus & outdated architectural and interior design samples for artists and arts educators at semi-annual exchanges in Chicago. Look for interesting fabric, wallpaper, tile, glass, metal, carpet, laminates and more. They also have binders, books, matboard and foamcore. More info: www.zlfchicago.net

Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange (CCRx)

accepts art supplies, office supplies and other materials, then donates them to Chicago teachers. <https://www.creativechirx.org/>

Joe's Garage

an occasional, pop-up art supply exchange for artists, craft-makers, teachers and anyone creating art. <http://animaliaproject.org/art-exchanges/>

Creative Pitch

provides free art supplies to art educators, art therapists and other professionals in need. They offer graphic design supplies including crayons, pens, paper, paint, brushes, canvas, glue, scissors, rulers, clay and more. Donations are accepted. To receive supplies, apply on their website.

www.creativepitch.org

Upcycling Colors

collects used art, craft and school supplies and games (and suitcases!) that they clean, sort and distribute to schools and youth groups around the world. They have several drop off locations in Chicago. <https://upcyclingcolors.org/>

SCARCE

offers a wide range of supplies for schools, including art supplies, paper, furniture and books in Glen Ellyn. Find out about making donations and getting materials for your school:

<http://www.scarcecoed.org/rescue-programs/>

architectural materials

ReBuilding Exchange

sells salvaged building materials, large and small, including lumber, windows, drawer pulls, sinks, faucets, mirrors and lots more-- in Chicago.

www.rebuildingexchange.org

ReStore Chicago

sells donated (often new) building supplies, furniture and appliances-- in Chicago. Sales benefit Habitat for Humanity and their work to build homes in Chicago.

<https://www.habitatchicago.org/restore>

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse

sells a wide variety of salvaged building materials, including lumber, flooring, windows, plumbing and lots more-- in Evanston.

www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org

Horigan Urban Forest Products

sells wood from the urban forest. They have lumber salvaged from storm- and insect-damaged trees; species include ash, maple and other trees with beautiful grain. <http://horiganufp.com/>

useful things & oddities

Repurposed Materials

sells a constantly changing inventory of industrial leftovers and oddities, including flooring from basketball courts, snowfencing, parachutes, bowling shoe sole rubber, giant brushes and more. It's fun to look at their site; they have warehouses in Kankakee and in other states.

<https://www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com/index.php?p=home>

Resource Center

has lots of zero waste programs, including a recycling center. The home of Creative Reuse Warehouse, a resource for finding salvaged art and craft supplies.

<https://www.resourcecenterchicago.org/creativereusewarehouse>

Freecycle

provides an online forum for members to exchange materials for free, with digital communities all over the world. <https://my.freecycle.org/>

Craigslist

provides an online marketplace for people to buy and sell all kinds of things, with digital hubs around the world. <https://www.craigslist.org/about/sites>

Thrift Stores

often have great materials for making art. Check out your local second-hand store!

recycling information

Chicago / Recycle by City

is the City's official recycling information page; it's very helpful and kinda fun. It includes a useful guide (with good photos of what can be recycled), a quiz for testing your knowledge and more. <https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago>

Chicago Recycling Coalition

has been working on improving waste disposal options in Chicago for decades.

<http://www.chicagorecycling.org/>

Earth 911

look up local recycling locations for specific materials. <http://search.earth911.com/>

Terracycle

find options for bulk collection of unusual materials, primarily packing.

<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>

more information is available online at: www.animaliaproject/art-exchanges

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