



Chicago Conservation Corps Speakers Bureau
Recycling Presentation
7 "Must Have" Talking Points

THEME: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink: these are important first steps for waste reduction.

1. **Reduce** the amount of waste output, **Reuse** materials as often as possible, **Recycle** every time and **Rethink** materials traditionally seen as waste.
2. Between 1960 and 2008 the amount of waste each person creates has almost doubled from 2.7 to 4.5 pounds per day. (US EPA)
3. Chicago's Blue Carts and Drop-Off Locations are the main way Chicagoans can recycle.
4. Chicago accepts the following plastics for recycling: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7.
5. **The Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Facility (HCCRF)** accepts batteries, CFL's, house paints/thinners/aerosols, lawn and garden chemicals, cleaning products, computers, TV's and cell phones.
6. **Chicago Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance** created plastic bags recycling drop-offs at grocery and drugstores.
7. Batteries can be recycled at all Chicago Public Libraries.

Tips for Adapting Presentations for Table Events

The presentation outlines have been designed for a more formal community presentation. Adapt the activities in the outline so that you can still engage your audience and inspire action.

Rethink Recycling Activity

- Place the recyclable and non-recyclable materials on the table.
- Using poster board, write out questions from *Rethink Recycling Activity* and leave space for responses.
- Ask the participant to choose one item to evaluate.
- Instruct the participant to list their responses on the poster board.
- As the responses are entered, use the information in the toolkit to educate the participants about recycling options and opportunities in Chicago.
- At the end of the day, your board will represent the wealth of information that was shared about recycling.