



September 5, 2015 – Thrifting Around Town

Savers (Chain, closest to Des Plaines is Golf and Milwaukee)

9840 N Milwaukee Ave
Glenview, IL 60025

- Books are on the expensive side (compared to other stores) but are in good shape
- Reasonably priced and very nice jewelry
- Offers a stamp card rewards program which mails out coupons, as well as an email list
- Tuesdays are Senior Day
- Often has holiday sales for 50% off
- Has carts and fitting rooms

Maryville Community Thrift Shop

1150 N. River Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

“The Maryville Community Thrift Shop, stocked with clothing and small household items, is located on the Maryville Des Plaines Campus. All proceeds benefit the Maryville Crisis Nursery. The Thrift Shop accepts donations of any new or slightly used clothing, small household items, toys and books.

Thrift Shop Hours:

Monday – Friday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.”

- Lots of clothes! And very inexpensive
- Lots of china and cups available, sometimes even full sets

THRIFT on Oakton

1659 E Oakton St, Des Plaines, IL 60018

- Good quality furniture for relatively cheap prices
- Cool vintage finds available, especially in front cases

- Local business, not a charity

Once & Again Boutique

50 E. Northwest Highway

Des Plaines, IL 60016

- Proceeds help the Frisbie Senior Center
- Offers 50% off on the last day of the month, and they are open Sundays
- Nice big book section, lots of selection

Wings Resale Store

8349 W Golf Rd Niles

Thrift shop supporting victims of abuse

- Has no bathroom
- Benefits victims of abuse
- Good place to go for jewelry and clothes
- Books are well-sorted and easy to browse
- Offers delivery for large items!
- Has sales periodically
- Won't sell an item that is missing a price tag, so make sure it's got one before you go to pay

Avenues to Independence on Touhy and Oriole

- Benefits developmentally disabled adults
- Well-organized
- Has small appliances that typically work

Village Thrift (chain)

4898 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640

4027 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

4635 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

2043 W Roscoe St, Chicago, IL 60618 ← Jackie's pick

2032 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL

3301 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL

- Huge selection, but not always very organized (clothes are organized by color and type only)
- Rock-bottom prices

- 50% off everything on many holidays
- Lots and lots of kids and baby clothes
- Lots of toys and books
- Be extra sure to check for rips and stains, because they don't always!
- NO fitting room
- Not for charity

Salvation Army (chain)

10 W Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

- Lots of books and magazines
- Has a plus-size section
- Not as well-lit as some stores, double-check items to make sure they are what you want
- Often has whole sets of china and dishes

Unique (chain)

7530 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60645

3748 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

- 50% off Mondays!
- Well-organized clothes
- Size of stores vary by location

Goodwill (chain)

1521 Lee St, Des Plaines, IL 60018

900 W Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

- Clothes are well-organized by size and color
- Can be a little more expensive than some stores, but things tend to be in good shape
- Good quality furniture
- Good place to go for sporting equipment
- Lots of cooking utensils and kitchen supplies
- Discount days: Wednesday is Senior day, Tuesday is Military day, and Student day is Saturday (the latter two need IDs). Sundays and Mondays, a certain color tag is on sale for 50% off.
- Has fitting room and carts
- Has a plus-size section

Tried and True Tips

- WASH everything you buy! Even if you purchased it at a store that pre-washes things, it will still feel and smell better after a wash in your own laundry.
- Jewelry can be washed with alcohol to sterilize it, especially earrings.
- Want to find something specific for cheap? Go thrifting often! These stores have new merchandise more frequently than “new” stores. Pick a day of the week, and check out the same store on that day. You’ll be more likely to find what you’re looking for.
- Use the buddy system! Let friends know what kind of thing you’re looking for (e.g. a stroller) and keep an eye out for what they’re looking for, too.