



Earth Month in Will County

Every day is a chance to make better environmental choices, but April, being Earth Month, is the best time to engage in greening your life. From participating in events to attending presentations to learning about new prospects, there is an abundance of opportunities!

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FIVE Schools with Solar Roofs

At the March County Board Meeting, District 3 Board Member Don Moran joined with County Executive Larry Walsh to recognize Valley View School District for their Solar efforts. Thanks to the efforts of Michael Lopez, five schools within the Bolingbrook & Romeoville area received solar arrays that were installed last year with exciting results. The district is saving money in both the short and long term and providing an example for other schools to follow!



Green Drinks - April 10 - 6pm

Here is a chance to gather with others for a virtual tour of the early season prairies and neighborhoods in Northeast Illinois. The focus will be on native bees and other pollinators, the plants they use, and what to expect. Discussion will include how you can help provide high quality habitat in your area. The presentation is free, food and beverages are available for purchase. The event will be at Aurelio's Pizza in Plainfield.



Ultra Clean Up in Bolingbrook

Ulta Beauty is joining forces with Bolingbrook Park District on **Sunday, April 15** to clean up an area of the DuPage River Trail. They are seeking additional volunteers. The group will be meeting in the parking lots of Indian Boundary Park at 990 W. Boughton Road in Bolingbrook. Please use this [link](#) to register.



Reduce Pesticide Use - April 16

C.A.R.E. is hosting a presentation on natural lawn care to reduce pesticide use. Consider attending this FREE event on Monday, April 16 from 6pm-7:45pm at the Lockport White Oak Library. It is located at 121 E. 8th Street in Lockport. All are welcome!



Recycle Your Bicycle

The Forest Preserve of Will County will be collecting bikes in any condition at the Monee Reservoir from **Tuesday, April 17 through Sunday, April 29**. The bikes will to be given to local recycling nonprofits that refurbish them for youth, individuals with disabilities, and families in developing countries as a mode of transportation. The bikes are redistributed to people locally, regionally and globally. Bikes can be in any condition: new or beyond repair.!



April 19 Health & Safety Expo - Weather Spotter Training

This annual FREE event offers residents a chance to learn more about home safety from fire prevention to stocking the pantry for a severe storm event. Pet safety and evacuation plan information is provided along with environmental and community involvement opportunities. At 7pm everyone that is interested is provided Severe Weather Spotter Training.



Make an Appointment for an Electronic and HHW Event

Celebrate Earth Day on April 21 by cleaning out unwanted electronic devices and hazardous household chemicals. We are utilizing our brand new appointment system and asking everyone that wishes to drop off items, to reserve an appointment time. One appointment per vehicle using a valid email and telephone number. Here is our event lineup:

[Joliet on Saturday, April 21](#)

[Mokena on Saturday, June 23](#)

[New Lenox on Saturday, September 8](#)



Homer Glen on a Saturday to-be-determined (these links will activate this summer)
(Click a hotlink to make an appointment)

Will County's Earns Cash for Energy Efficiency

Last month ComEd and Nicor gave Will County \$63,000 for extra energy efficiency measures in the design and construction of the new Public Safety Complex and Sheriff's Department. Through its New Construction Program, ComEd awards money to projects that go beyond the Illinois Energy Conservation Code (IECC) requirements. The new Public Safety Complex boasts a number of extra energy-efficient measures, including special energy-efficient insulation in the building's roof and walls; energy efficient windows and framing (the windows prevent heat from passing through, thus saving on cooling costs). Other measures include using efficient doors, reducing the number of light fixtures, and installing a 93% efficient natural gas boiler.



Wheatland Township FIRST to pass Curbside Referendum

The Will County Solid Waste Plan calls for increased recycling in our unincorporated areas. One of the best ways to increase services and decrease costs to residents is to offer a single collection contract. Wheatland Township (in Plainfield/Naperville area) has become the first township in Will County to put this question to the voters and it PASSED on the March ballot! The township is pleased and has already bid service. Deb Holscher, Township Supervisor, expressed pleasure over the passage as it will reduce truck traffic, wear on the roadways and provide a higher level of service at a far more economical price!



Time to Collect the Rain

Be prepared for the heat of summer by installing a rain barrel or two in the Spring! During a hard rain, water pours off your roof, across the lawn and into storm sewers. It is unable to soak into the soil. Capturing it in a rain barrel allows you to use it for your garden or lawn later and may help it return to underground aquifers. Also saves you money on watering!



No Clothes or Shoes in the Landfill

Cotton can be recycled many times, polyester is the same as the plastic used to make a 2-liter bottle and nylon is strong enough to withstand several recycling processes. Instead of wasting unwanted clothing and shoes, bring them to be reused or recycled at the **Annual Textile Collection Event**. We accept socks with holes, pants with broken zippers and stained linens! This year, **Savers of Orland Park** is partnering with us to resell the good stuff and recycle the rest! Stop by on **Friday, May 4** to see **Scott Slocum and the WJOL Morning Crew from 5am-9am!** *You may also bring small home goods for donation on Friday!*

April 30 - May 4 8:30am to 4:30pm

County Office Building
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet



Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

[Styrofoam](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Thermostats](#)

[Traditional Drop-Offs](#)

[Tire Recycling](#)



Play a fun game!

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Join the School Earth
Flag Program



Virtual Tour
Tour Recycling Sites



EV Charging



Commuter Options



Community and School
Garden Program



Farmer's Markets and
Fresh Food Options



Solar Info



Wind Info



Water Conservation



Geothermal Info

Upcoming Events

Green Drinks

Pollinator Friendly
Habitats
Aurelio's Pizza
Plainfield
Tuesday
April 10
6pm-8pm

Presentation

Reducing Lawn
Pesticides
White Oak Library
Lockport
Monday
April 16
6pm-7:45pm

Severe Weather Spotter Training & Health & Safety

Expo
New Lenox
Thursday
April 19
5pm-7pm Expo
7-8:30pm Training

Frankfort Park District Earth Fair

Frankfort
Saturday
April 21
8:30 - 11:30am

Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Joliet
Saturday
April 21
10am - 3pm
**By Appointment
Only**

Earth Day

Nationwide
Sunday
April 22

Arbor Day

Nationwide
(plant a tree)
Friday
April 27

National DEA Medication Take- Back

Various
Police Stations
Saturday
April 28
10am - 2pm

Textile Collection Week

(clothing/shoes)
County Office
Building
Joliet
Monday-Friday
April 30-May 4
8:30am - 4:30pm

Bike to School Day

Nationwide
Wednesday
May 9

Bluestem Earth Festival

University of
St. Francis
Joliet
Saturday
May 19
10am - 3pm

Bringing Nature Home Native Plant Sale

(Benefits the Forest
Preserve of Will Co)
Sugar Creek Admin
Joliet
Saturday
May 19
9am - 2pm

Shredding Event

Fountaindale
Public Library
Bolingbrook
Saturday
May 19
11am - 3pm

**Book Reuse &
Recycling Weekend**

Pilcher Park Nature
Center
Joliet
Fri, Sat, Sun
June 1, 2, 3
9am - 4pm

**Electronics &
Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection**

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