

Make everyday Earth Day - Green your Choices - Save Resources - Be Happy



Cleaning Out and Going Solar

If you have bags of unwanted clothes, we have the collection event you have been awaiting! If you don't like those high energy bills, we have a way for you to learn if Solar is the answer for your home. In addition, you can tune into virtually tour some amazing "energy efficient" homes and pick up the tips you need to tweak your house. If you just want credit for the good "green" deeds you do, we have the contest for you! Enjoy this month's Green Will County News!

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Textile Collection Week: July 13-17

Have you been busy de-cluttering? Do you have clothes or small home goods that you don't want or need any longer? Will County had to postpone our annual collection held in May but now we have enlarged it. We will have a truck in the parking lot each day to accept clothing, blankets, drapes and shoes in any condition. In addition, we will also accept small home goods in resale condition.

Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
302 N. Chicago St, Joliet.

WJOL morning crew will provide a live broadcast on Friday, July 17 starting at 5:30am! Click for more details!



[Thinking about Solar? Info on Group Buy](#)

Will County is partnering with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for the second year in a row to offer homeowners information on solar. The virtual presentations are free to attend and, if after learning the incentives currently available and the advantage to purchasing as a group, or if you want an evaluation of your home, it is provided at no additional cost or obligation. Please [click to learn more!](#)



Make Every Day Earth Day!

If you haven't signed up, click now to join in the celebration of the [50th Anniversary of Earth Day](#). This contest opened in March and despite some in-person event cancellations related to COVID, this party for our planet has reached over 300 participants. With over a dozen raffle prizes each valued at \$50 or more, don't miss your chance to enter. Earn a point for each effort you make to improve the environment and when you hit 15 points - you qualify to be entered to win! Thanks to donations from A-Team Recyclers, Farmer's Weekly, Heroes West, the Joliet Slammers, the Speedway, Waste Management and the Will County Farm Bureau, not to mention the Forest Preserve and Health Department and RR&E division of Will County Land Use.



Greenbuilt Home Tours

Make time to attend the Green Home Tour - easier than ever before as it is going VIRTUAL! **Wednesdays:**

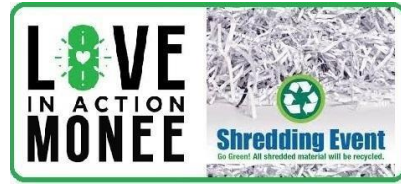
July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 3:30pm attend a web series highlighting green homes throughout Illinois.

The [GreenBuilt Home Series](#) will focus on topics such as **Passive House Design, Deep Energy Retrofits, All-Electric Homes and Wellness + High Performance**. Home presentations will run from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. After the web presentations, there is an opportunity to ask your questions and get advice on your home project!



Confidential Document Destruction Event

Will County is partnering with Provision to offer our second annual Shredding Event in Monee as a way to kick off two weekends of giving back to the community. Due to COVID 19 many of the service projects will not be provided but on Saturday, August 1, beginning at 10am Provision Lab will be hosting a large drive-thru food and clothing distribution event. Mobile Care Chicago will also be offering free dental assistance for children in need and Versiti Blood Mobile will be on hand for those who would like to donate blood.



July 25, 2020 10am-Noon
St. Boniface Parking Lot
5304 Main Street

Water Conservation

We want to encourage everyone to take steps to reduce their water use. Several communities are facing water shortages as they pull from underground sources, while others use Lake Michigan water, which requires energy to pump to our area. The less you use, the lower your utility bill and more for later!



How the Nature Foundation supports the Forest Preserve

The Nature Foundation of Will County is a 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to supporting education, recreation and conservation programs that protect nature and enrich lives in Will County. Formerly Friends of the Forest Preserve, this group provides financial support to the Forest Preserve District of Will County for



nature education programs, natural areas restoration work, art and interpretation initiatives, traveling exhibitions, preserve amenities for the public, and administers several grant programs in support of the Forest Preserve's volunteers. [Click to learn more!](#)

Electronics Recycling Program Update - new sites!

In February of 2016 Will County was forced to close our network of 13 permanent electronic collection sites, done in partnership with cities and townships throughout the area. Two months later, we re-opened with a permanent site in Lockport and a series of recurring 2-hour collection events hosted in cooperation with local governments. There is a limit of 2 TVs per vehicle and an ID is required. Here is a summary of the 8 drop-off sites:



Tues. & Friday Only 6am-11am Lockport P.W, 17112 Prime Blvd. Lockport	1st and 3rd Tuesday 5pm-7pm Bolingbrook Park Dst 301 Recreation Drive Bolingbrook	1st and 3rd Wed. 5pm-7pm Peotone P.D. 208 E. Main Street Peotone	1st and 3rd Thursday 5pm-7pm Channahon Township 25355 S. Center Street Channahon
2nd & 4th Tuesday 5pm-7pm Frankfort Township 11000 W.Lincoln Hwy Frankfort	2nd & 4th Wed. 5pm-7pm New Lenox Township 1100 S. Cedar Road New Lenox	2nd Thursday 5pm-7pm City of Wilmington 1165 S. Water Street Wilmington	4th Thursday 5pm-7pm Manhattan Township 230 Wabash Street Manhattan

Please [click for a list of items accepted](#). In addition, we offer several one-day Saturday events.

Free Assistance Collecting Green Business Data

SEDAC is working on a project to help modernize the collection of environmental data from businesses and organizations. They seek to improve data quality and streamline the process of collecting, analyzing and sharing data. [Click to learn more!](#)



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](#)



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GREEN Business



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

Will County Earth Day 50th Anniversary Passport
Variety of locations
Multiple Days
March 14-Sept 15
Varies

Solarize Chicagoland
Virtual Presentations
Multiple Days
June-August
Varies

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GreenBuilt Hometour
Virtual Presentations
Wednesdays

Love Monee

Activities at
different
Locations in
Monee

**Shredding
Event
Saturday
July 25
9am-11am**

**Back-to-
School
Clothing
Donation**

**Joliet
Monday-
Friday
Aug 10-14
8:30am-
4:30pm**

**Electronics
& HHW**

New Lenox
**Saturday
Sept 12
8am - 3pm**

**Book Reuse &
Recycling Event**

Pilcher Park Nature
Center in Joliet
**Fri, Sat, &
Sunday RESCHEDULED
NOW
Sept 18, 19, 20
9am-4p**



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