

Featured Recyclable



Wood Scraps

Most wood pallets are clean, free of paint and stain, with only a few nails holding them together. When businesses discard them they usually find reuse options. There are also recycling options.

Markets for clean wood have existed for years. Today, markets for wood are increasing and some include painted, stained and even, treated lumber.



At this year's Sharefest, Will County is offering collection of all types of scrap wood through K. Hoving, a company that will reuse and recycle the wood. This company works with contractors to recycle many construction and demolition materials,

Sharefest includes HHW & more Recycling



*Spencer Trail School Parking Lot
1701 Spencer Road, New Lenox
Saturday, Sept. 8th 9am-3pm*

Since 2007 the Village of New Lenox churches have joined together to offer a long list of ways for the community to assist one-another and the environment. This year continues in that spirit with volunteers being sought to pick up litter, donate blood, be part of a job fair, perform a small home repair or donate to the food pantry. Will County is proud to be part of this event and offers a special thank you to the New Lenox Township for their financial partnership in paying for a one-day collection of hazardous products. Clean out the clutter in your home, including items to donate or simply discard:

- Household Hazardous Materials (Motor Oil, Paint, Pesticides, Driveway Sealant, Mercury, Fluorescent Lights, etc.)
- Electronics (TV, Computer, VCR, Printer, Camera, etc.)
- Foam Plastic (meat trays, block, clamshells, no peanuts)
- Wood (plain, painted, stained, treated, with or without nails)
- Scrap Metal (keys, hangers, siding, brake rotors and drums, chassis parts, pipes, wires, metal rods, broken hinges, etc.)
- Clothing, home goods (furniture ReUse, drapes, blankets, etc.)
- Books

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including carpet, drywall and shingles.

At Sharefest, there shall be a container for participants to place any type of wood inside. Any wood that cannot be reused or recycled will be used to generate energy as biomass - this is considered a "greener" method of energy production than coal and oil fuel.



If you have broken fencing, rotted decking, a railing that needs replaced, scraps from a remodeling project or any other unwanted construction wood, bring it to the **SharefestCollection** Event on **Sept. 8, 2012** 8am-3pm

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Don't Forget

Plastic Bag Challenge

Trex is a leader in producing alternative wood products. They make decking and furniture from a unique combination of reclaimed wood and plastic. Trex uses approximately 200 million pounds of used polyethylene and an equal amount of hardwood sawdust annually. Each year since 2006 they have been challenging schools to collect film plastic (grocery bags, dry cleaning covers, toilet paper plastic wrap). The winning schools are awarded a bench made from Trex and each participating school receives a Trex birdhouse. This year, Will County is adding the competition to our list of options for schools to choose from to meet our Earth Flag requirements. To learn more, visit the [Bag Challenge](#) page.



ReUse: Blade Sharpening

Ever try cutting a piece of paper or fabric only to have your scissors fail miserably? Cut the lawn and see a variety of pieces that survived the mower blade? Or, found your chain saw not up to the task the storm created? Save some money and aggravation by taking your items to a sharpening service. Rich's Sharpening Service is easily found on the internet; it is a local mobile business, fully licensed and insured, since 2009. The owner, Rich Mikula, visits Farmer's Markets, fabric stores and more offering great ways to make your blades last. Visit www.richssharpenservice.com or call 815-302-5757 to find out where Rich will be cutting!



Frankfort is Charged

The Village of Frankfort utilized a grant from the State to install an electric car charging station at its Breidert Green parking lot in the downtown area. More cars, such as the Chevy Volt and PlugIn Prius, are being purchased and drivers will need alternative charging locations. "This charging station demonstrates the support that we believe our residents have for energy efficiency, for a positive ecological image," stated Mayor Jim Holland in late June. While electricity is generated from a combination of nuclear, coal and natural gas, the car's use of it, compared to petroleum, seriously reduces air pollution and saves energy resources.



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Household Hazardous
Waste & Electronics
Collection
at Sharefest

New Green Business Star



Ashley's U-Pick-A-Part

While this family owned business is green by nature, offering used parts for vehicles in a clean and easy to shop environment, they recently applied to be recognized by the County for a variety of green energy saving efforts. Here is a partial list of their everyday practices:

- Consolidate printers to reduce toner cartridge use & save energy
- Prompts posted for employees to turn off lights when not in use
- Casual attire includes layers for easing thermostat settings
- Recycle cardboard, aluminum, plastic bottles and scrap metal
- Use low -flow toilets
- Conduct leak tests quarterly to reduce water
- Printing vendor must use vegetable-based inks on printed items
- Low and No-VOC cleaners are used in the offices

This represents only some of the many green efforts made by Ashley's with many of these practices being done for economic, as well as environmental benefits. Ashley's is located at 1102 Collins Street in Joliet. If your business is doing these things, they should apply for recognition from Will County and be an example to others. Every effort makes a difference. Let more people know the effort you are making by joining the Green Business Star program.

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