



Spotlight on America Recycles Day Contest for Non-Profits



Will County is interested in learning about the many "green" practices our non-profit community has already adopted! We want to recognize these efforts and, if useful, reward them with a set of iPad2 devices.

The Contest is open to all non-profit organizations within Will County and the rules are simple. Complete the application found on our website and return it by November 1, 2014. The entries will be scored and the two found to be both "green" and able to utilize the iPad2 devices the best will win!

While we realize that not every non-profit may need an iPad to assist them in their mission, they may find it useful in other ways. Regardless, we will

Become a Battery Recycling Drop-Off!

A FREE program is available through a Will County and Call2Recycle partnership. Any business, church, school or government office is eligible to become a battery recycling drop-off for Rechargeable Batteries. The supplies are provided free of charge. This program makes battery recycling easier for everyone.

More people are using rechargeable batteries now, than ever before. They are in all our handheld devices, cell phones, computers, and power tools. They last longer than "disposables" which saves resources, so more people are switching to them for children's toys, cameras and other devices.



Since they are made of recoverable heavy metals, it is important to recycle them when they stop holding a charge. Be part of making recycling easier and join the Will County Battery Recycling program today!

Will County-New Lenox SHAREFEST!

Sharefest brings the Community Together!
 Saturday, **September 13**, 8am-3pm at Spencer School, 1711 Spencer Rd, New Lenox!



Since 2007 A growing group of volunteers has been working to offer an extremely unique and amazingly widespread community event that encompasses recycling, litter clean up, food drives, clothing and book reuse, health care, wellness tips and safety issues. While some people may choose to give

recognize everyone that applies on our website. In addition, if they have some great "green" practices to share, we will profile them right here in our newsletter.

Share this opportunity with non-profits you like and invite them to be part of our inaugural America Recycles Day Green Non-Profit Contest!

Drop-Off Sites Available Weekly

(click to see locations and hours of operation)

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Latex Paint Recycling Retailers](#)

[Medication Take-Back](#)

[Electronic Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Traditional Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)

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blood, others are giving clothes, books, shoes, non-perishable food, or they are seeing a medical professional for dental care, blood pressure checks, and cholesterol screenings. Many volunteers and participants bring items to be recycled!

Will County, with funding assistance from New Lenox Township and the Village of New Lenox, offers a Household Hazardous and Motor Oil Collection Event. A wide variety of chemicals



used for the lawn, garden, home repair, cleaning, and auto maintenance are accepted.

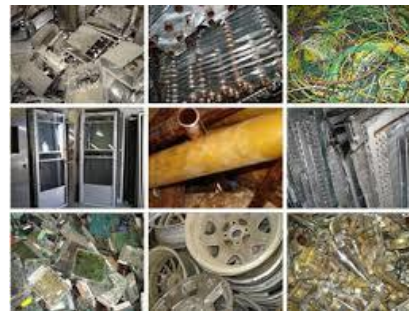


Additional recycling opportunities are provided by Vintage Tech for Electronics. Everything from cameras to computers,

printers to iPads, cell phones to power tools and much more!



DART will have a trailer to take foam plastic (think meat trays and Styrofoam cups) for recycling.



All American Recycling is providing a scrap metal dumpster for unwanted metal that isn't taken curbside, such as hangers, bent nails, car parts, pipes, broken wrenches, metal doors and more. Any financial

proceeds from the scrap are donated to Sharefest for future projects.

**Saturday
September 13**
Sharefest 2014
8am-3pm
New Lenox

**Saturday
September 13**
Document
Destruction
9am-11am
Park Forest

**Saturday
Oct 4**
HHW & Electronics
Collection Event
Homer Glen

**Thursday
Oct. 15**
Best Operational
Practices for a
Recycling Drop-Off
Joliet

**Saturday
Oct. 25**
HHW & Electronics
Collection Event
8am-3pm
Peotone

November 15

K Hoving, a local recycling firm, began offering wood recycling at Sharefest in 2012. This includes plain, painted and treated lumber, wood and scraps.



For the second year, Will County is funding wall-to-wall carpet and padding recycling. (Rolls should be less than 5 ft in length without nails or tacks - participants will need to assist in unloading their vehicles).

In addition, Sharefest works with Goodwill and USAgain to offer clothing and household item reuse opportunities. Do you need kids clothes, some shirts to wear while painting, something formal? All types and sizes are donated and put out for the taking, without any fee. Whatever remains at the end of the day is donated for others to reuse and items that can't be reused are recycled.



Blankets and towels are always needed by animal care organizations. Leashes, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, Dawn detergent, hand sanitizer, paper towels, large garbage bags, spray bottles, and more are always welcome but a special area will be available at Sharefest for the PAWS organization to accept items.



Bicycles offer exercise and alternative transportation to work or school. Get your bike checked or donate it at Sharefest. This year



RECYCLE -A- BICYCLE

America Recycles Day

2015

March 28
Earth Hour
8:30pm-9:30pm

April 22
Earth Day
45th Anniversary

April 24
Arbor Day

May 30
Bluestem Earth Festival
10am-4pm

Conserve Water



Rain Barrels and Compost Bins for sale through Conservation Foundation

Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Land Use has partnered with the Conservation Foundation to offer residents Rain Barrels and Compost Bins year

Metalurgical Psycle Lab will be onsite to keep your bike running well!

Sharefest fills other safety needs with a **Health and Safety Fair** in the gym from 9am-1pm. Exhibitors offer a variety of information and answer questions.



Heartland Blood Center will have the mobile collection vehicle available to take

donations. Every donor will receive a \$5 AMC movie gift card!



Don't stop there - consider sending a care package to our Troops! It can be as simple as a letter or a treat for those serving overseas! Visit sharefestnewlenox.org for suggestions.

A variety of food will be accepted for replenishing our Food Pantries. Collections will be at the Walmart and onsite!

Any funds raised through donations at this event are used by Sharefest volunteers to do small repairs for residents with limited resources or suffering disabilities. Please visit the Sharefest website for more information on all of the above and much, much more at www.sharefestnewlenox.org

Volunteers are stilled needed for Saturday's events!!!

Services Available at Sharefest



Saturday, Sept. 13

10:00am-2:00pm

Spencer

1711 Spencer Road

New Lenox, IL 60458

School

For those with little or no health insurance or simply struggling financially, consider stopping in for a FREE dental exam, eye exam and haircut! Several local professionals are donating

round. Now is a great time to purchase one or both to enhance your conservation efforts. Enjoy watering the lawn or garden during a drought or fertilizing your plants with compost from lawn and food scraps!

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their skills to improve the health of the Will County community!

If you are in need of legal advice, stop in for a FREE private consultation offered by local attorneys.

Document Destruction in Park Forest



Will County is partnering with the Village of Park Forest to offer residents a document destruction event on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9am to 11am at the Farmer's Market area, near the intersection of Cunningham and Liberty. There is a limit of 2 boxes per person and only paper that is considered confidential should be shredded. All shredded paper will be recycled after the event.



See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)