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

An Olympian Effort

Gold, Silver or Bronze, the environment is always a winner when you recycle, grow a garden, plant a native, donate items for reuse, or conserve water and electricity. If your business or organization is looking for ways to reduce utility fees, read the C-Pace article below. Be sure to de-clutter by making an appointment for Recyclepalooza and learn an array of information from The Conservation Foundation youtube channel to make your land more beneficial for all. For those curious about alternative fuels, we have an event featuring one of our very own County Board members and a staff member offers an in-person outdoor compost lesson in Joliet to help both the novice and experienced.

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Alternate Fuels

Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition is hosting a webinar about renewable fuels and their emissions-reducing benefits for powering vehicles of all sizes, including passenger vehicles, medium and heavy-duty fleet vehicles. Please join us on **Friday, Aug. 6 at 11 AM** for a special webinar presentation.



Presenters include:

- Ted Barnes, Director, Research & Development, GTI
- Marianne M. Mintz, Energy Systems Analyst, Argonne National Laboratory
- Jason van den Brink, Ozinga Energy
- Marc Rowe, Trillium, A Love's Company
- Robin Lanier, Renewable Gas Director, Southern Companies/Nicor
- Rachel Ventura, Board Member, Will County

Examples of renewable fuels include renewable natural gas (RNG), biofuels (e.g. vegetable oil used as fuel, ethanol, methanol from clean energy and carbon dioxide or biomass, and biodiesel) as well as electricity and hydrogen fuel (when produced with renewable processes). Renewable fuels have gained in popularity due to their health benefits, sustainability, low contributions to the carbon cycle, lower amounts of greenhouse gases, and ROI potential.

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Funds for Commercial Properties

Commercial property owners countywide can now tackle the initial cost barriers of certain capital improvements through the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program. Launched this year by the Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Land Use (RR&E), the Center for Economic Development (WCCED), and the Illinois Energy Conservation Authority (IECA), Will County's C-PACE program offers fixed-rate interest, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, and resiliency projects on commercial and industrial properties. Up to 100% of hard and soft costs can be financed and repaid over the lifetime of the project as a voluntary assessment on the property's tax bill. For more information, please visit [Will County C-PACE](#) and [IECA C-PACE page](#).



Composting Workshop on Aug. 11

RR&E is offering a Composting Workshop on Wednesday, August 11th at 6pm at the Joliet Library on Black Road. This Composting 101 event is FREE and geared to adults but allows children. Learn how and why to achieve optimal decomposition using "greens," "browns," air and moisture. This outdoor event on the library lawn has a backup plan to move indoors if the weather is bad. The program will cover:

- Basics of backyard composting and vermicomposting
- How to make your own compost bin
- How to get maximum decomposition



[Registration](#)

EVENT DAY: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021
START TIME: 6:00pm
Joliet Library
3395 Black Road
Joliet

- Local rules that may apply

[Register now by clicking here.](#)

Recyclepalooza is Back!

Thanks to volunteer support from Sharefest, we are offering our amazing recycling collection the second Saturday of September as we have every year since 2007 (except last year). We will accept Electronics and Household Hazardous items, along with much more! Wood, included treated lumber, scrap metal, foam plastic (Styrofoam), Clothing in good condition, Toys for donation, small home goods for reuse, including cookware. American Flags will be taken for ceremonial destruction. Blankets and donations for the Animal shelter also being accepted. Make your appointment at www.willcountygreen.com/



Saturday, September 11, 2021

[Appointment Required](#)

New Lenox
8am to 3pm

Electronic Recycling wins Gold

Electronics contain a surprising amount of valuable metals, including gold, as it conducts better than any other substance at normal temperatures. Citizens of Japan pitched in to donate their leftover tech to help make this year's Olympic metals.



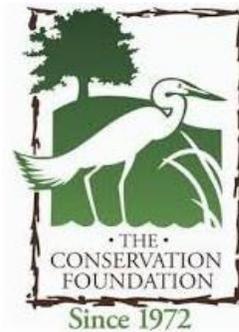
Recycle or Donate Lego toys

If your children have outgrown their Lego blocks, be sure to donate them. Many charities will gladly accept them and if you prefer to box them at home and mail them in for reuse, please know that the company will cover shipping and give them to children in need. [Visit Lego](#) for more information on this program or drop them off to the charity of your choice.



YouTube isn't a Waste of Time

From the birds and bees to the butterflies and growing a garden on a wall or container, The Conservation Foundation has webinars to share. [Click here](#) to choose one that fits your interests. Since 1972 The Conservation Foundation has been dedicated to saving land and waterways. They offer in-person programs in DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties for residents, businesses and other organizations.



Natives Add Beauty Downtown

The City of Joliet planted lovely perennial Coneflowers and Black-eyed Susans along the parking lot east of the old courthouse. These natives are easy to grow and provide food to a variety of pollinators. Consider adding some to your yard or along a parkway.



Be Inspired - Green Home Tour

The 9th annual Green Home Tour is FREE and available through your computer. Be inspired by people that have increased their home's efficiency while also making it more comfortable and livable. The Illinois Green Alliance invites you to [register](#) for any and all of their webinars running in August and September.



Paper Shredding Success

A variety of organizations and elected officials offer Document Destruction events where confidential papers are shredded and then recycled. Will County partnered with Love Monee in July to collect from over 103 vehicles over 2 hours. Volunteers assisted with unloading. An additional shredding event will be offered in November 6, at Lewis University in Romeoville.



Buy Recycled Content Items

If you find yourself buying school or business supplies, close the loop and buy recycled content items. Mead makes a variety of recycled content notebooks, composition books, filler paper and binders that are made with materials recovered from home and commercial collection programs. If your store doesn't offer items, please ask. Search websites for recycled products. We are not truly recycling until we purchase items with recycled content.



Recycled Notebooks,
Filler Paper,
Basic D-Ring View Binder

Facebook Fan Asks about Thermostat Recycling

Old thermostats have mercury in them, making them an item we accept at Household Hazardous Waste collections (one-day events and regional facilities). We also accept them during normal business hours at the County Land Use office where remodeling and building permits are processed. Digital thermostats that malfunction are accepted at all our electronics collections.



Upcoming Events

Sept 11: Recyclepalooza in New Lenox
Sept 25: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Event in Homer Glen
Nov 6: Triple Dipper: Pumpkin Pitch with Document Shredding and Electronics at Lewis University in Romeoville
Nov 15: America Recycles Day
December 1-January 31: String Light Recycling



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on willcountygreen.com



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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