

# ENVIRONEWS

### Earth News from the Will County Land Use Department

Resource Recovery & Energy Division (RRE)

County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant

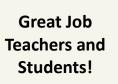
#### **Students Create Environmental Projects** at St. Dennis Lockport

Spring / Summer 2021

Under the direction of teacher Ami Young, students designed water towers, sound instruments and energy projects from reused materials.









#### **Congratulations Earth Kids' Schools** 2020-21

**Richland-Crest Hill** Elwood School-Elwood Holy Family-Shorewood Milne Grove-Lockport Irene King-Romeoville Ludwig-Lockport **Butler-Homer Glen** Andrew High School-Tinley Park Lockport High School Interact Club-Lockport Lincoln-Way Central-Environmental Club New Lenox



Joliet Montessori-Crest Hill Lupine Montessori-Lockport Carl Sandburg-Joliet Cunningham-Joliet **Three Rivers-Channahon** St. Dennis-Lockport Nelson Prairie Aces Club-New Lenox Haines Aces Club-New Lenox Spencer Schools Aces Club-New Lenox Tyler School Aces Club-New Lenox Hermansen-Romeoville Frankfort Square-Frankfort Chelsea-Mokena



# Will County Earth Kids' Pledge

Let's reduce, reuse and recycle at school and at home!

Create positive change in our communities and take part in these fun earth activities.

Earn an Earth Flag by completing the first 2 tasks and 2 optional activities. Receive a 3' x 5' Earth Flag for year one and an award ribbon each year in the program.



Students view a live or electronic presentation by Will County. Titles include: Recycling, Composting, Solar Energy, Towards Zero Waste and Monarch Butterflies.



**Connect your electronic** 

platform to Will County educator by appointment !

Recycle 2 materials such as: Plastic bags, drink bottles, aluminum or steel cans, paper, or cardboard.

#### **OPTIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:**

-Perform two waste free lunch days.

-Do a school waste audit with Will County Educator.

-Use both sides of classroom papers.

-Create an outdoor learning space and garden. Container gardens will also work.

-Design a trash to treasure project out of reused or found objects.

-Create a nature photography fair sending the best 3 student photos of either weather, animals, insects, plants or water to jokeefe@willcountygreen.com by 04/01/22.

-Compost in an indoor worm bin or backyard composter. Worm bins provided by Will County.

-Complete a water or energy conservation project.

School Name		
School Address	City	Zip
Contact Person	Phone Nur	nber
Contact E-Mail		
Grade levels involved in activities		
Your 3 favorite dates for a presentation are:		
Get started by returning this form by November 1, 2021. Send by either:		
fax 815-722-3410		
email jokeefe@willcountygreen.com or		
U.S. Mail to: Will County Land Use-RR & E, Suite 100,58 E. Clinton St., Joliet, IL 60432		
Attn: J. Ø'Keefe		

## **OUTDOOR COMPOSTING 101**

The Will County Land Use Dept. RR&E Division and the Forest Preserve District of Will County are teaming up to offer Composting 101. The workshop will take place on Sunday July 11th – from 10:30am until Noon at the Plum Creek Nature Center, 27064 Dutton Rd. in Beecher.

It is a FREE event for ages 18 and older.

You must register to attend the event.

Learn how to achieve optimal decomposition using "greens," "browns," air and moisture. The Compost Trail Exhibit at Plum Creek will model six composting units that have successfully been used in residential backyards. Will County composting regulations will also be discussed. Lastly, learn how to make an easy and inexpensive backyard composter from a common garbage can.

Registration closes when full or on July 9th.

www.reconnectwithnature.org/News-Events/Event-Calendar/July-2021/Compost-101



