

Green Team

January 7, 2011

Recap:

- Currently in the process of updating County buildings to greener standards
- Energy data analysis for DOE Grant: Square footage of building, year built, # of daytime employees, # of computers, # of copy machines
- Resources for employees & residents: <http://www.willcountygreen.com/>
- Support from management & co-workers will make this program a success
- Recycle bins & green ideas for employees & offices: please see attached
- Ways to measure our recycled items & how to keep them separate from regular garbage
- Meeting dates: 1st Friday of every month at 10:00am in the County Board Room

Attendees:

Larry Walsh	Jim Ellis	Pam McGuire
Nick Palmer	Tong Zhou	Kurt Sangemeister
Curt Paddock	Brenda Hamby	Eric Wesel
Dean Olson	Marta Keane	Rita Weiss
Tricia Panagiotopoulos	Pat Fera	Nate Romero
Lynn Behringer	Anastasia Tuskey	Susan Flessner

Please read the Mission Statement. Think it needs some improvements or a change of words to better suit the Green Team?! Let us know at the next meeting!

Mission Statement

Provide ideas and policy recommendations to the County Executive and the County Board to make Will County government more energy efficient and conservation oriented. This will be accomplished by working with County Departments and Office Holders to establish achievable goals to reduce energy, waste disposal and water consumption, making Will County more sustainable and a model for other communities.



Discussion Challenge for January:

Is there something that you and your team have identified or determined within the office that could be more energy efficient? What are the steps you plan to take to implement a green solution? **Can County staff be of assistance?**

Please share the information below with your office.

This information can also be found on the Will County Intranet/ Miscellaneous/ Items that can be recycled

Please Recycle Paper (at your desk):

- ♻️ White & Colored Office Paper (staples are okay – but save the paper clips for reuse)
- ♻️ Stationary, Letterhead or Greeting Cards
- ♻️ Junk Mail & Envelopes (with or without windows)
- ♻️ Post-It Notes
- ♻️ Shredded Paper
- ♻️ Worn or Tattered Manila Folders (reuse the one in good shape)
- ♻️ Worn or Tattered Interoffice Envelopes
- ♻️ Softbound Outdated Reports
- ♻️ Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs & Outdated Telephone Books
- ♻️ Paperboard / Chipboard (tissue boxes, supply item boxes)
- ♻️ Frozen Food boxes
- ♻️ Corrugated Cardboard boxes (please flatten)
- ♻️ Paper Wrap (from a ream of copy paper – excessively waxy covers are NOT accepted)
- ♻️ Unsoiled Paper Lunch Bags

Recycled paper uses 55% less water, reduces water pollution by 35%, reduces air pollution by 74%, and...



Please Recycle (in break areas):



- ♻️ Aluminum Cans (empty liquid before placing in the bin)
- ♻️ Soup & Coffee Cans
- ♻️ Glass Bottles
- ♻️ Plastic Bottles



Recycle me and I'm back on the store shelf in six weeks and made of 51% recycled aluminum, saving the energy equivalent of 6 ounces of gasoline!

Please Discard (these items contaminate the recycling process)

- ♻️ Plastic Report Covers
- ♻️ Plastic Ring Bindings (remove from report, the paper can then be recycled)
- ♻️ Paper or Paperboard contaminated by food
- ♻️ Used tissues, paper towels, napkins, etc.
- ♻️ Carbon Paper
- ♻️ Photographs
- ♻️ Hanging File Folders (remove metal hangers, folder can then be recycled)
- ♻️ Plastic Wrap

Everyone uses items made from recycled paper everyday, from newspaper to tissues and much more!

