



## Spotlight on Shredding Paper



Occasionally each of us receives bank statements, bills or credit card statements that contain confidential information. These papers should be kept with care.

Many people today are concerned about identity theft, which can happen when a person's social security number, credit card information, medical insurance, and banking information falls into the wrong hands.

Identity Theft most often occurs when we purchase an item. It can also occur when we complete applications, fill out forms, or are otherwise requested the information. [Click here for prevention ideas.](#)

Some people are concerned that it is not safe to recycle

## Denny's Achieves LEED & Proves Going Green Saves Money!

Will County Executive Larry Walsh joined Joliet Mayor Tom Giarrante and others to recognize Denny's for earning LEED certification in June. This makes the restaurant one of a few dozen eateries worldwide to be so recognized!

According to the US Green Building Council the restaurant at 2531 Plainfield Road is the first restaurant in Will County to earn the certification. A Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. Only 38 restaurants in the world are LEED-certified.



Owners Joe and Susan Terrell said LEED guidelines were used in every phase of construction, including the use of recycled materials and responsible recycling of all waste materials generated during the project. Energy efficient appliances as well as many water and energy conservation innovations were included in the building.

Joe Terrell estimates he is saving \$20,000 per year in utility charges. "These changes have been both economically and environmentally advantageous for our restaurant," he said. "We are proud to be doing our part for the environment."

To learn more about Denny's specific efforts, please see their [power point presentation on our website.](#)

confidential material. The risk would be someone seeing the material in your garbage or recycling container. Care should be taken when discarding confidential documents. Tear, cut or shred items before recycling them.

If you are very concerned, consider placing torn items in two different paper bags and placing the bags at the curb over the course of two weeks.

Always recycle shredded paper in paper bags to keep it from blowing loose. While your identity is still protected, the paper becomes a litter nuisance.

If you have a large amount and don't wish to purchase an electric shredder, you may take your documents to a "Shredding Event."

These are offered occasionally by banks, tax service firms and local governments. Please know these events are an expense to the host. All paper from shredding events is recycled.

**Mark Your  
Calendar  
2014**

**Friday  
July 18**

## Buy Recycled & Used - Save Resources!

A recent presentation from a State purchasing agent revealed how the State of Illinois and many units of local government, including Will County and our communities, utilize the State bidding process to purchasing "greener" materials and save money!



The State bids a wide array of products from rock salt to copy paper. Municipalities, Townships, Counties, Park Districts and more have the opportunity to purchase items from the State Bid or on their own to get the best economical deal that meets each situation. Recently Will County purchased two C-Max vehicles using the State Bid.

Other items commonly purchased by State Agencies and others include: Retread tires, 10-30% recycled content paper, recycled content plastic can liners, recycled envelopes, recycled content toilet paper, paper towels, refilled printer cartridges, re-refined motor oil, compostable/biodegradable vegetable-based food service plates, recycled latex paint and much more.

If each business started requesting these recycled content and environmentally preferable items, we would increase demand and strength markets for the items we place in our recycling bins. Ask your school, church, office or the stores you shop in, if they offer or use these products.

## 2nd Annual Really, Really FREE Market

*Saturday, August 2*

*10:00am-3:00pm*

*Plainfield United  
Methodist Church  
15114 S.Illinois Street*



Farmer's Market  
Presentation on  
Recycling &  
Cleaning Green  
11am-1pm  
Joliet

Sat & Sun  
July 26 & 27  
Greenbuild Home  
Tour

Saturday  
August 2  
Really, Really FREE  
Market  
10am-3pm  
Plainfield

Friday  
August 15  
Farmer's Market  
Presentation on  
Composting  
11am-1pm  
Joliet

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

Saturday  
September 13

*Plainfield, IL 60544*

The Plainfield United Methodist Church Green Team, in cooperation with the Friendship Baptist Church, the Village of Plainfield and Will County is offering their second FREE MARKET. Unlike a Flea Market where a variety of goods are sold, this market offers all items for FREE. There is no admission fee, and donations are being accepted in advance at three locations:

PUMC, 15114 S. Illinois Street - Mon-Thur 8am-4:30pm  
Friendship Baptist, 15801 S. Rt 59 - Mon-Thur 9am-5pm  
Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport - Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm

Items accepted for donation include all types of clothing and shoes in reusable condition, all working small appliances, electronic devices, toys, books, home goods, utensils, glassware, lamps, dishes, towels, linens, etc.

Everyone is invited to donate and to participate in the FREE Market. Consider it an opportunity to reduce clutter and know that one person's trash is another person's treasure!

## Green Energy = Clean Energy Funding



The Clean Energy Trust announced the formation of the Illinois Clean Energy Fund, a revolving equity fund that offers **\$4.6 million to grow early-stage clean energy businesses in Illinois**. The initiative combines state and private sector investments to help clean-energy startups create new jobs while contributing to a more sustainable energy future.

The fund will award convertible notes initially ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 to early-stage Illinois-based companies working in renewable energy, energy efficiency, smart grid, next-generation transportation and water resource management. Returns generated by the awards will be reinvested into more of Illinois' emerging clean energy businesses.

Eligible clean energy companies must have an established funding source and commercially available products and services. They will receive mentoring from Clean Energy

Document  
Destruction  
9am-11am

**Park Forest**

**Saturday**

**Oct 4**

HHW & Electronics  
Collection Event  
**Homer Glen**

**Saturday**

**Oct. 25**

HHW & Electronics  
Collection Event  
8am-3pm  
**Peotone**

**November 15**

America Recycles  
Day

**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

Trust advisers before pitching their business plans to a panel of independent judges, who will make the final award decisions this fall. Interested companies should visit <http://info.cleanenergytrust.org/illinoiscleanenergyfund>.

Clean energy already employs 97,000 people in Illinois. This fund will expand growth in the sector by supporting the best clean energy startups being created by Illinois labs, universities and entrepreneurs. For more information on doing business in Illinois, visit [www.illinois.gov/DCEO](http://www.illinois.gov/DCEO).

## Prevent Mosquito Bites and Breeding!

Mosquitoes are not just annoying, they may also carry disease such as West Nile Virus. Their peak breeding season is during the summer months when they take advantage of standing water.



There are things you can do around the house to prevent the spread of mosquitoes and decrease bites. Eliminate standing water - don't allow water to stand in a pet bowl or on a pool cover in your yard. Make it a habit to regularly clean and empty excess water from pools, pool covers, hot tubs, gutters, bird baths, and flower pots. Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings or garbage bins to limit standing water. Ensure that screens, windows, and doors have a tight fit and are free of holes; this can prevent mosquitoes from flying into your home and can further limit your exposure to mosquitoes.

Consider limiting your time outdoors when mosquitoes are the most active, at dawn and dusk. When you are outside, wear loose fitting, light colored clothing featuring long sleeves, long pants, and socks.

If you want to use a natural repellent, look for items that contain essential oils as "active ingredients" such as:

- neem oil
- geranium oil
- tea tree/melaleuca oil
- lavender oil
- rosemary oil
- catnip/catnip oil
- peppermint oil

Conservation Foundation to offer residents Rain Barrels and Compost Bins year 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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- cedarwood oil
- cedar oil
- citronella oil
- lemon tea tree oil
- lemongrass oil
- eucalyptus oil
- lemon eucalyptus oil
- sage
- wormwood

(Some information in this article was from Midwest Pesticide Action Center [www.midwestpesticideaction.org](http://www.midwestpesticideaction.org) )

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