

**Spotlight on  
Illinois Recycling  
Association Award  
Winners**



**St. Mary Nativity School** in Joliet won the Statewide Honor of being chosen as the **Outstanding School Recycling Program for 2014** by the Illinois Recycling Association.

St. Mary Nativity School is one of the Will County Earth Flag schools. They offer students and faculty collection containers throughout the building and recycle approximately 61 pounds of paper per week. The recycling student team meets during lunch recess and has grown to 53 members. The school held a clothing collection drive for Earth Month and participated in TREX's Plast Bag Recycling Contest. They were very successful, collecting 450,000 bags and winning a recycled plastic bench from TREX.

**Bike More!**

The Active Transportation Alliance offers comprehensive tips and advice on how to incorporate bicycling into your work commute or simply to run errands without using a car. While winter makes bicycling a challenge, why not try it now? Some employers are offering incentives to employees that bike or use mass transit. Since it is exercise, it has health attributes as well as energy and pollution reduction benefits.



Will County works with a variety of stakeholders to increase biking opportunities. The State of Illinois now includes bike path installation on State Roads while Park Districts, the Forest Preserve, County Executive's Transportation Planner, the Land Use Department and Highway Department work to enhance safety for both bicyclists and pedestrians. For more info on Will County's opportunities, visit our [Bike and Transit](#) page on [WillCountyGreen.com](#) and enjoy the outdoors.

**Save Energy, Save Money!**

With the warm weather upon us, it is a great time to try drying clothes in the back yard. This "old-fashioned" technique saves you electricity when the cost of power is at its highest level of the year.



The Illinois Recycling Association chose **REXAM**, a beverage can recycler for the **Outstanding Business Recycling Program** of the year. One of the reasons they won, was thanks to the efforts of **Kids Korner** in **Channahon**, which was sited for their participation in the company's Great American Can RoundUp and has recycled more cans than any other school in the state for the past two years!

If you know of a school or a business working to recycle, compost, reduce waste or energy consumption - let us know.

Email us at [recycling@willcountygreen.com](mailto:recycling@willcountygreen.com)

## Mark Your Calendar 2014

**Saturday  
June 14**

**HHW & Electronics  
& Shredding Event  
Elwood**

**June 14-20  
Bike to Work Week in  
Illinois**

**Friday  
June 27**

**Farmer's Market  
Presentation on Food**

If you really want to use your dryer, considering upgrading to an energy efficient model. Look for the Energy Star label to help choose a highly efficient electric, gas, or compact dryer. Dryers meeting the Energy Star standard use a variety of technologies to help save energy such as improved dryness sensors, heat pumps to recapture hot air, and "smart grid" connectivity with participating power utilities. For more info, click [go.usa.gov/8UYF](http://go.usa.gov/8UYF)

## HHW & Electronics Collection - with Shredding from the Village of Elwood!

*Saturday, June 14*

*8:00am-3:00pm*

*West End Park's Parking Lot  
26453 S. Deer Run Drive*

*Elwood, IL 60421*



Will County is offering our third collection of household chemicals to help you make your home safer for yourself and family. We worked with the Village of Elwood, Jackson Township and the Fire District to offer this HHW, Electronic and Document Collection Event!

This event accepts:

\* Oil-Based Paints and Stains, Spray Paint, Aerosol Paints \* Paint Thinners \* Solvents \* Drain Cleaners \* Old/Unwanted Medication \* Cleaning Products \* Rechargeable Batteries, Automotive/ Boat Batteries \* Mercury & mercury items \* Pesticides \* Lawn & garden chemicals and fertilizers \* Motor Oil, Used Oil Filters, Old gasoline, Antifreeze, All Automotive Fluids \* Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) \* Pool Chemicals \* Driveway Sealer

11am-1pm  
Joliet

Friday  
July 18

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

Friday  
August 15

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

Saturday  
September 13  
Sharefest 2014  
New Lenox

Saturday  
Oct 4  
HHW & Electronics  
Collection Event  
Homer Glen

Tire Recycling  
Event  
Date and Location to be  
announced

Electronics that are broken or simply unwanted. These include:



- Personal Computers (PCs), Laptops, Monitors, Keyboards, Electronic Mice, Modems, Hard Drives, CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives, Cords, Cables, USBs, Power Strips, USP (Battery Backups), CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes, Floppies, any computer related items
- Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix, etc.), Copier, Fax, Scanners
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD Players, Laser Disc Players, Blue Rays, Cable and Satellite Receivers, Digital Converter Boxes, Remote Control Devices, Radios, MP3 players, Two-way Radios, Speakers, Stereo Systems
- Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Handheld Devices (palm organizers, games, joysticks, game control devices)
- Cameras, Video Equipment, Projectors
- Microwaves, Digital Clocks, Coffee Makers (no glass), Blenders (no glass), Bread Makers, Fryers, Food Sealing Equipment, Electric Knives, Massagers, Toaster Ovens
- Hair Dryers, Curling or Straightening Irons, Electric Tooth Brushes, Shaving Equipment
- Vacuum Cleaners (no bags), Carpet Sweepers
- Fans, Heaters
- String Lights
- Metal Tools (drills, screwdrivers, saws, sanders, etc.)
- Calculators, Adding Machines, Typewriters, Word Processors, Postage Machines, Paper Shredders

We are also offering folks that have purchased **Rain Barrels and Compost Bins** through our internet partner, the opportunity to pick up the items to avoid a delivery fee! Please see the side panel for all the details on the great new way to green your life!

HHW & Electronics  
Collection Event  
Date and Location to be  
announced

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 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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**Document Destruction** has been added to this event thanks to the Village of Elwood and the Fire Protection District. Take this opportunity to clean out any papers with social security, credit card or other highly confidential information on them. The papers will be shredded and then the ink will be removed through the recycling process. This part of the event opens at **11am** and runs until 3pm.



### Thank You for Making the Book Event an Outstanding Success

The annual 3-Day Book Reuse and Recycling Event was a fantastic success thanks to schools and libraries contributing books, along with many residents.

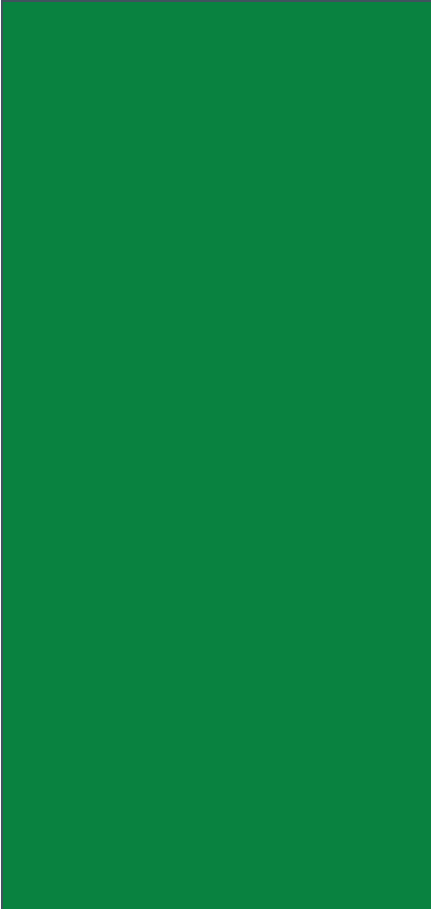
An estimated total of 70,000 books went through Pilcher Park Nature Center during the event. In the end, approximately 9,000 books were recycled and all the others found new homes!



### Stay Safe in the Sun!

Here is the chance to indulge yourself - with sun screen lotion. Consider this a safety tip that also may nourish your skin! Protect your eyes with sun glasses, use ones that have a good SPF rating. Wear a hat to protect your scalp, face and neck. Generously apply sunscreen. As you enjoy days outside and hours of sun exposure, remember to use sunscreen rated 15 SPF or above, liberally, and reapply every couple of hours.





Sunscreen can protect you against skin cancer as well as painful burns. Everyone benefits, regardless of his or her melanin level, especially children and the elderly. The FDA is in the process of changing the labels on sunscreen to make them easier to understand. At the moment, anything with an SPF rating of less than 15 is not proven to reduce the occurrence of skin cancer and anything over 50 SPF is so marginally different, it isn't worth it. In fact, the extremely high ratings tend to give people a false sense of security.

Speaking of a false sense of security - check the expiration date on any sunscreen product before using it. If it's expired, replace it. Take the expired sunscreen and any expired or unwanted lotions to one of our Household Hazardous Waste collection events, the permanent HHW site or a Medication Take-Back partner. More information is available at [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com) under the Event Calendar and under the Green Guide.

Enjoy your summer while protecting both your skin and your health!

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