

**Save the Date**



**One-Day Collection  
Household  
Hazardous  
Waste & Electronics  
in Channahon  
March 23**



**March 23, 2013  
8:30pm - 9:30pm**

## Award for E-Newsletter

We wanted to share the great news that our subscribers have grown become reliable readers of our newsletter. This was recognized by our media service. We want to express our gratitude to you, our loyal fans, for receiving this honor. Our emails and events are made with you in mind, so thank you for engaging and interacting with us. We welcome your questions and suggestions this year and we look forward to more interactions throughout 2013!



## Household Hazardous Waste & Motor Oil Collection Events paired with Electronics

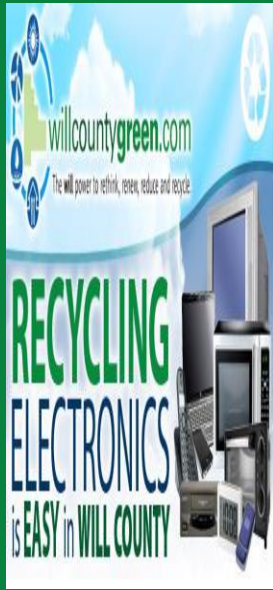


Chemicals stored under the cabinet, in the garage, the storage shed or medicine cabinet can be discarded this Saturday in Channahon. Will County is offering their first Household Hazardous Waste Collection event of the year in the parking lot of **Channahon United Methodist Church, located at 24751 Eames Street.**

The collection is **8am to 3pm** and offers an additional electronics collection. Consider kicking off your spring cleaning this week - just check the lists below to learn the variety of items being accepted for reuse, recycling and proper disposal.

The household hazardous materials list:

- 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



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Household  
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Electronics in Crete  
April 27



Textile/Shoe  
Collection  
May 1 -3  
Live Broadcast with  
Scott Slocum of  
WJOL AM1340

### Featured Recyclable



**Textiles** clothes,  
shoes, more

- Motor Oil, Used Oil Filters, Old gasoline, Antifreeze, All Automotive Fluids
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)
- Pool Chemicals
- Driveway Sealer

The electronics list:

- 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

Latex paint is NOT accepted because it is not hazardous. Most Ace Hardware stores in Will County are accepting it for recycling for a small fee. If you prefer to dispose of it with charge, consider using kitty litter to absorb and harden it. Once it is dried out, it can be placed in the garbage or the hardened paint can be knocked out of the can, and the empty metal can may be recycled. Either way, the lid must be off the can so the collection driver sees there is no liquid.

For more detailed instructions or other recycling ideas, visit [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com). There is a page on Latex paint under the Green Guide tab, a list of stores that recycle paint under the Green Guide Database and detailed information on why alkaline batteries are NOT accepted.

Since 2007 Will County has offered a week long collection of gym shoes. In 2008, the list expanded to all shoes and in 2010, the collection included all textiles. People often wonder why we use the term textiles instead of clothes. The fact is, we collect all clothes but we also accept towels, blankets, table linens, curtains and even, dish rags.

There are many for-profit and non-profit organizations that accept textiles year round. Some only accept items in resale condition while others, accept items with rips, broken zippers, missing buttons, holes or stains. Items in good condition are reused and this saves energy and natural resources.

The items in poor condition are recycled. They may become insulation or padding. Car manufacturers often use recycled textiles for soundproofing in vehicles.

The next time the kids outgrow something, a hole appears in a sock or the gym shoes lose their spring, don't put them in the trash. Donate them and

The next Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection offered by Will County will be in Crete on Saturday, April 27. Please tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers!

## Turn Your Lights Off for One Hour

*Be part of Earth Hour, March 23*

This Saturday, March 23, has been designated Earth Hour. From 8:30pm to 9:30pm residents and businesses are asked to observe one hour of reduced electricity use for lights. Earth Hour began in 2007 when 2.2 million residents of Sydney, Australia participated by turning off all non-essential

lights. The event went global as a way for homes and businesses to raise awareness of the amount of energy we use. Earth Hour 2013 will take place on March 23, 2013 from 8:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., around the globe at each participant's local time.



Harrah's in Joliet during Earth Hour 2011

## Gardening Time!

Spring is in the air and the warm weather around the corner. Once it hits, you'll want to be ready. Get some seeds and start a few in trays now so you'll be ready to put in a garden. Tomatoes, peppers, peas, and twenty other foods can be grown easily in Illinois. For tips, visit the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener website (<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw/willmg/>) or our own fresh food page -

[www.willcountygarden.com/greenguide/farm\\_fresh\\_options.aspx](http://www.willcountygarden.com/greenguide/farm_fresh_options.aspx)

If you can't garden in your yard, consider using pots or window boxes or join a community garden. The City of Joliet Park District has hundreds of plots available and there are hundreds more throughout the County.



know the cotton, nylon,  
polyester and leather is  
being put to good use!

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