

Make everyday Earth Day - Green your Choices - Save Resources - Be Happy



May the Sunshine Light Up Your Life!

Solar panels have decreased in cost and increased in efficiency. They add value to a home while reducing energy costs! They provide energy, even on an overcast day. Based on the angle of the roof, they generally perform best in the Spring and the Fall but they generate electricity year round. In Illinois it is possible to sell excess energy to ComEd through net metering. For more information on solar, visit our website page on [solar energy](#).

[Visit Our Website](#)

Electronics Collections Update

Tuesdays & Fridays, 6am to 11am

Lockport Public Works
17112 Prime Blvd
Lockport, IL

The Lockport City Council and Will County Board recently approved an intergovernmental agreement to restore FREE electronic recycling service to Will County residents. **Please bring your drivers' license. Limit 2 TVs per vehicle.** Closed all other days and times. Be aware that illegal dumping during closed hours will be prosecuted. The County is working with public and private sites to open more permanent locations with the same restrictions in order to comply with the provisions of the recently bid recycling contract. One-day collection events will also be offered.



FRONT-DOOR TV Collection Service now offered by A-Team Recyclers for \$60
Please call 800-600-3608 to schedule an appointment.

Textile Collection May 2-6

Mon-Fri, May 2-May 6 8:30am-4:30pm
Fri, 6am-9am WJOL Scott Slocum
County Office Building
302 N Chicago Street, Joliet

The Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division will host its annual textile collection event this week with assistance from USAgain and WJOL AM1340. Collection bins will be available during normal business hours on the first floor lobby of the Will County Office Building. Items accepted include gym shoes, boots, shoes, pants, shirts and dresses as well as drapes, tablecloths, blankets, and towels. Items with stains, broken zippers, rips or missing buttons will be accepted for recycling. Cotton and polyester can be recycled into other items, such as insulation for homes, sound proofing for vehicles and much more!



The WJOL morning crew will be on-site on Friday, May 2 from 6am-9am to give local schools and businesses dropping off items a shout out for their recycling and reuse efforts! Goodwill will be on site on Friday to provide donation receipts for both textiles and home items such as lamps, picture frames, DVDs, utensils, plates, bikes, books and much more! Donate on Friday!.

[Textile Event Info](#)

Solar Energy in Will County

This home, located at 2949 Ferro Drive in New Lenox, cost just over \$13,000 to install after incentives. The panels and connection to the grid was done through [Carlson Solar](#). The home is expected to generate more power than it needs during the day (unless running air conditioning) and that excess power goes to ComEd that offsets any power the home pulls through [net-metering](#).



[Link to Carson Solar](#)

See the baby Bison at Midewin

Mark your calendar for May 7 to see the Bison herd and several recently born calves at Midewin. The National Park is hosting an Expedition with shuttle buses leaving from Elwood City Hall and from North Water Street at Van Buren in Wilmington, starting at 9 a.m. and departing every 15 to 20 minutes until 4 p.m.



[News Article Announcement](#)

Document Destruction / Bluestem

Bluestem Earth Festival - May 21, 2016 10am - 3pm
University of St. Francis
500 Wilcox Street
Joliet, IL, 60435



Something for everyone from children's activities to educational booths featuring heirloom plants, crafts and local honey, live music, and free ice cream. Over 70 exhibitors, workshops, activities, and live demonstrations. Bluestem partners with the Lions Club to offer Eyeglass, wheelchair and crutch collection. Will County to offer a document destruction event!

[Document Destruction Details](#)

Consider an Electric Car - More Places to Charge every year!

Auto makers continue to offer more plug-in hybrids and more fully electric cars. The miles both can travel on a single charge continue to increase and the places to plug them in are increasing as well! Check out the locations in and around Will County on our new EV page!



[EV Info](#)

Keep Mosquitoes from Biting You

A 2015 study compared a variety of repellents, organic and chemical, including fragrances and body lotions to determine which work the best at repelling mosquitoes. While OFF Deep Woods insect repellent VIII (25% DEET) was most effective upon application, Cutter lemon eucalyptus insect repellent was one of the two most effective at the four hour mark. Click below for all the results.



[NPR Story on Mosquito Repellents](#)

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Business Recognition



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Virtual Tour
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EV Charging



Commuter Options



Community and School Garden Program



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Solar Info



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Upcoming Events

Textile Collection
Joliet
May 2-6

Bison Exhibition
Elwood/Wilmington
Midwin
May 7

Bluestem Festival
Joliet
May 21

Document Destruction
Joliet
May 21

Earth Day Festival
Homer Glen
May 21

Document Destruction
Bolingbrook
May 21

**Book ReUse &
Recycling Event**
Joliet
June 3,4,5

**Really, Really
FREE Market**
Plainfield
August 6

Additional Events
to-be-announced



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