

**Featured Recyclable**



**Costumes**  
This is the time of year for dressing up in costumes to pretend to be someone different. Both young and old enjoy the fun and festivities of the season, but there is no reason to spend money on items that will be sent to the landfill when the party ends.

Consider purchasing durable costumes for kids, keeping in mind they will use them throughout the year. Accessories can be made from items already in the house or entire outfits.

## New Green Business Star Commscope



This Joliet manufacturer produces a variety of cable including coaxial, radiating and microwave transportation lines. Their products serve the infrastructure that allows wireless, land line and other communication devices to work. They support recycling of their own products around the globe, but also have an array of "green" practices here in the local area, including:

- Encouraging employees to carpool, bicycle or use Pace
- Encourage suppliers to "green" their practices
- Network their printers, using copiers for printing efficiently
- Donate surplus equipment
- Monitor water and energy use, including quarterly checking of all toilets for subtle leaks.
- Reduce paper use through double-siding, single spacing, & more
- Include Environmental info in all new employee packets

This is only a few of the many efforts Commscope undertakes. Consider implementing some where you work, play or worship. Let us know about your organization's practices by applying for the Will County Green Business Star recognition. Every effort helps.

## Tire Recycling Event

*Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone  
Friday & Saturday, Oct 26 & 27 8am-3pm*



If you have unwanted tires in your yard, shed or garage, please consider recycling them at the first tire collection Will County has hosted in a few years. The State of Illinois used to fund annual tire recycling collection events throughout the State but this event is being paid for by Will County. It is open to Will County residents and farmers only.

- ID with address is required
- Accepted tires: auto, small truck and farm tires (on or off rim)



If everything you need isn't at your fingertips, consider shopping at one of the many second hand/thrift stores. Not only will you save money that can be used for your candy purchases, but you give an exciting life to an old robe, prom dress or hat.

A cape can be made from an old blanket, fancy towel or folded sheet. Be creative if you can and if you can't choose your new items wisely.



When the holiday ends, be sure to donate what you don't wish to keep and recycle homemade items, such as stars made from aluminum foil or wands made from holiday wrap tubes. Whenever discarding any textile item from shoes to drapes,

- NO business tires, industrial tires or off road tires
- NO heavily soiled tires; they will be rejected
- Participants must be able to unload their tires

## Household Hazardous Waste Event

*Beecher Fire Protection District parking lot*

*711 Penfield Street, Beecher*

*Saturday, Nov. 3, 8am-3pm*

Will County's last one-day Household Hazardous Waste and Motor Oil Collection Event is Saturday, November 3rd in Beecher. Will County residents are welcome to bring

unwanted household chemicals such as oil-based paint, stains and varnishes, along with oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, brake fluid, pesticides, fertilizers, cleaning products, mercury and most mercury containing items, pool chemicals, rechargeable batteries, lead-acid batteries, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), aerosol products, lawn chemicals and more. This event is FREE of charge. Learn more. [Click here.](#)



## Repair to practice ReUse

In the 1950s it was common for people to purchase their shoes and take them to a cobbler shop for stretching, mending, new heels or other repairs. Over the years, these small businesses have lost many customers. As the cost of shoes dropped, the care of them became less important and they were discarded when no longer wanted (or donated!). In Will County there remain a handful of dedicated craftsmen serving people's shoe, purse and belt repair needs. Whenever an item is repaired and made to last longer, it is better for the environment. Considering the number of shoes made outside the US, caring for our shoes can also be better for the economy. Whatever fits your needs, always donate any shoes you no longer wish to keep.



remember it can be reused  
or recycled!

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## Washington Township Expands Recycling



Washington Township has been experienced increased participation at the Electronic Recycling Drop-Off they host as a partner in the County's program. The County assisted them by doubling capacity with a second collection container. In addition, the township has added Textile Recycling through their own agreement with USAgain. All this on top of a Traditional Recycling Drop-Off accepts cardboard, paper, bottles & cans year round. *(Facebook fans may already have seen this photo - become a fan today!)*

## America Recycles Day

November 15th is the official date to celebrate recycling. By recycling every day, you recognize the important impact recycling makes. Use this day to share your passion with friends and relatives!



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