

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



Green Options Continue to Grow!

From special events to everyday habits, there are a variety of ways to protect our water, air and land resources. Start composting, use your bike for an errand or clean out the garage - donating and properly disposing of the contents. Here are a few suggestions to green your Season!

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Homer Glen

Saturday, September 24 - 8am to 3pm
Village Hall Parking Lot
14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen



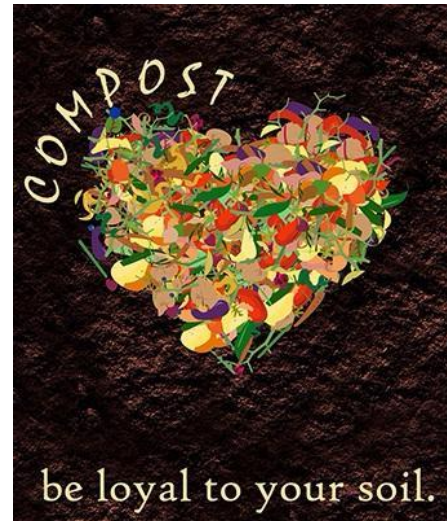
Homer Glen is partnering with Will County to offer all Will County residents a free drop-off for hazardous household chemicals, such as paint, pesticide, fertilizers, motor oil, oil filters, old gasoline and oil/gas mixes, any automotive fluid, items containing mercury, and much more. Click below for the full list and flyer!

[Link to Event Details](#)

It is Simple to Start Composting

September and October are the best months to start composting because the leaves create a great base. A compost can be as simple as leaves, twigs and grass clippings or it can include some food scraps. Either way, it offers a way for you to naturally recapture the nutrients your trees and lawn need. As the leaves, twigs and grass degrade, they become a soil-like substance that you can spread generously on garden beds or lightly on the lawn, allowing these nutrients to return to your soil! Please click the link for instructions. (Parents - composting also offers fun science fair experiments.)

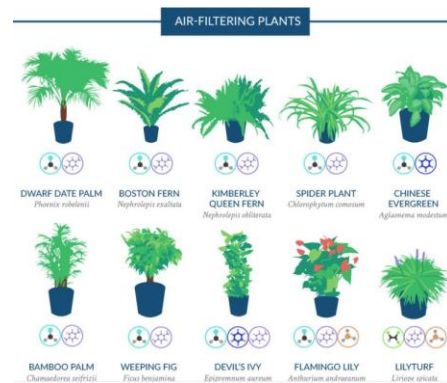
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Indoor Plants Clean the Air

Soon we will be closing our windows against the cold and we want to keep our indoor air clean. NASA has researched the best plants to do just that and offers a list of them, several with a gift for removing a variety of everyday pollutants, such as benzene, found in tobacco smoke, glue, and some furniture wax. Other plants may absorb ammonia, found in some window cleaners, floor waxes, smelling salts, and fertilizers. Some of these plants, while great for the air, may be toxic to cats and dogs so place them carefully.

[Link to a full list](#)



Solar Tour - FREE - Sat, Oct. 1

This annual tour offers an opportunity to informally visit innovative green homes and buildings to see how solar energy can be used efficiently. The tour is inspiring as real people offer their experience installing and living with solar.



This is a unique chance to see affordable and practical technologies, many in local neighborhoods, that benefit the environment and are part of the solution to our nation's energy problems. If you are considering solar energy, please consider visiting a business or home participating in the Solar Tour to learn more.

[Sign Up for the Tour](#)

Schools Encouraged to Donate Food

A new law intended to encourage schools to donate food, HB5530, was signed on July 15 and is immediately effective. The Food Donation for Schools and Public Agencies prohibits schools and public agencies from signing contracts that restrict unused food from being donated to food pantries or soup kitchens! Let's face it, kids are picky eaters and sometimes they prefer to be more social, leaving many items untouched. Instead of sending those foods to the landfill, they can be donated or composted!



[Link to Law](#)

Pumpkin Pitch paired with Paper Shredding at Lewis

For the third annual pumpkin collection, Will County is partnering with Lewis University to liven the event with the help of the Physics Students. They have graciously offered to build a catapult for all pumpkin participants to use to get their pumpkin into the collection container and **composted!**

In addition to the thrill of pumpkin pitching, Will County is offering a document destruction event! Residents will be able to bring sensitive paperwork with bank or social security numbers to have the materials shredded on site.

Saturday, November 5 from 9am to Noon!



FREE Electronic Recycling Options

Under the new contractual situation, the County and many partners are finding ways to provide drop-off services for electronics with less but more convenient hours. While more communities are reviewing options, the following are currently open:

City of Lockport Public Works

Tuesday & Friday Only, 6am to 11am

17112 Prime Blvd, Lockport.

Village of Peotone Police Department

First and Third Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm
208 E. Main Street, Peotone.

New Lenox Township

Second and Fourth Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm
1100 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox.

Village of Romeoville Public Works

First and Third Tuesday Only, 5pm-7pm
615 Anderson Drive, Romeoville.

Front-Door Service, offered independently by A-Team Recyclers for \$60
Please call 800-630-3608 to schedule an appointment.



[Link to list of accepted Electronics](#)

Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

[Styrofoam](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Thermostats](#)

[Traditional Drop-Offs](#)

[Tire Recycling](#)



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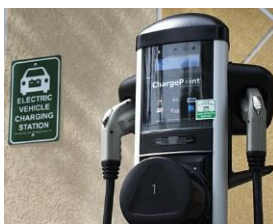
GREEN Business



Join the School
Earth Flag
Program



Virtual Tour
Tour Recycling
Sites



EV Charging



Commuter Options



Community and
School Garden
Program



Farmer's Markets
and Fresh Food
Options



Solar Info



Wind Info



Water Conservation



Geothermal Info

Upcoming Events

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection Event**

Homer Glen
September 24

**Food Collection &
Document
Destruction Event**
Manhattan
September 24

Solar Tour
various
October 1

**National
Medication
Take-Back Day**
Various Locations
October 22

**Pumpkin Pitch and
Catapult
with Shredding**
Lewis University
Romeoville
November 5

**America Recycles
Day
Photo Contest**
November 15

Additional Events
to-be-announced

