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WILL COUNTY OFFERS FREE HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PICK-UP

Will County is announcing a new, convenient electronic recycling service for residents beginning April 1, 2011. This pilot program is a free service offered to all residents with first floor entrances in the following communities, **in their entirety**:

Municipalities

Aurora	Lemont
Bolingbrook	Lockport
Crest Hill	Minooka
Elwood	Naperville
Homer Glen	New Lenox
Joliet	Plainfield

Rockdale
Romeoville
Shorewood
Wilmington
Woodridge

Townships

Channahon	New Lenox
DuPage	Plainfield
Homer	Troy
Jackson	Wheatland
Joliet	
Lockport	

The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 2008, states some electronics materials will no longer be accepted at landfills beginning January 2012. Will County has been actively preparing for this new legislation, establishing electronic recycling sites at numerous key locations across the region.

This program will be the first free household pickup service offered in Illinois. Residents will be able to schedule a pickup of unwanted electronics by contacting Vintage Tech Recyclers:

Telephone: 866-631-1707, *Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00*

or

Email: willcounty@vintagetechnrecyclers.com

Items accepted include: computers, laptops, monitors, printers, televisions, all types of telephones, answering machines, computer mouse devices, keyboards, zip drives, computer cables, string lights, microwaves, fax, scanners, MP3s, PDAs, video game consoles, video cassette players/recorders, DVD players and more. There is a limit of 10 items per service call, but future service dates can be arranged as necessary.





Earth Award Celebration Wednesday, May 11th

To 2010/2011 Earth Flag Participants:

The Will County 2010/2011 Earth Award Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park in Joliet. The park is located at 201 West Jefferson Street. The Celebration will run from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles will give a 40-minute presentation that may include hands-on opportunities for your students. Some school groups bring lunches to eat in the park after the program.

Will County will present your school an Earth Award to recognize your dedication and hard work to reduce waste by accomplishing the following:

2010/2011 Earth Tasks

- 🌍 Enacted a 2-sided paper policy – used both sides of classroom paper whenever possible;
- 🌍 Recycled paper and one additional item (plastic bags, printer cartridges, cans, etc.);
- 🌍 Hosted an Environmental Education Program presented by Will County ; and
- 🌍 Performed one of the following: recycled books, recycled shoes or textiles, held 2 waste-free lunch days, completed a global art project, started a composting initiative, started an environmental club.

Please RSVP to Wyn Hyzer at whyzer@willcountygreen.com or 815-774-7893 to reserve your space, or notify us that your school will not be able to attend. We need to know how many people (students + adults) plan to attend, and if this is your school's first year participating in the Earth Award Program. Seating reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. You may send a representative (administrator or parent) to receive your school's award. If you are not able to attend or send a representative, Will County will attempt to deliver your school's award before the end of the school year.

If you are collecting textiles to be recycled, you may bring them to the Earth Award Celebration that morning. Please place all items (including shoes that are paired with rubber bands) in large plastic bags. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Wyn Hyzer.

Not an Earth Flag Participant?

Get information for the 2011-2012 school year by calling 815-774-7893. Schools must enroll each year for recognition.



Will County 2011 Spring Events

Free for Residents

	Event	Location(s)	Times	Times
	<p><u>Earth Day Fair</u></p> <p>Displays and Activities about the environment</p>	Frankfort Square Park District 7540 W. Braemar Lane Frankfort, IL	One Day April 9th 2011	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
	<p><u>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event</u></p> <p>Oil-based paint, mercury items, chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, old gasoline, oil/gas mixes, medications, etc)</p>	Governors State University 1 University Parkway University Park, IL	One Day April 9th 2011	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
		Bolingbrook Village Hall Parking Lot 375 W. Briarcliff Rd. Bolingbrook, IL	One Day May 7th 2011	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
		Village of Plainfield Public Works Parking Lot 14400 Coil Plus Drive Plainfield, IL	One Day May 14th 2011	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
	<p><u>Greening Business Seminar</u></p> <p>Presentations and Energy Savings Opportunities for businesses (FEE required)</p>	Joliet Jr. College (partnering with Will County) 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL (fee for this event)	One Day May 10th 2011	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Tuesday
	<p><u>Textile Collection</u></p> <p>Sheets, towels, clothes, hats, gloves, all pairs of shoes (Tie or band together)</p>	Will County Office Building 302 N Chicago Street Joliet, IL	One Week May 9-13th 2011	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday
	<p><u>Earth Day Fair</u></p> <p>Displays and Activities about the environment</p>	Homer Glen Earth Day/Arbor Day Konow Farm Homer Glen	One Day May 21nd 2011	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
	<p><u>Earth Day Fair – GR2011</u></p> <p>Displays and Activities about the environment Music & Family Fun</p>	Joliet Library – Black Road Branch 3395 Black Road Joliet	One Day May 21nd 2011	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
	<p><u>Electronics Collection</u></p> <p>Computers, Phones, TVs, VCRs, Video Cameras, Monitors, Printers, Faxes, Cameras, Stereo/Radios</p>	Troy Craughell Elementary Parking Lot (part of GR2011) 3333 Black Road Joliet	One Day May 21nd 2011	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
	<p><u>Book Reuse & Recycling and Document Destruction</u></p> <p>All types of books & confidential paperwork</p>	Joliet Park District's Pilcher Park - Nature Center 2501 Highland Park Drive Joliet	3 Days June 10th-12th	9am –4pm Friday Saturday Sunday

Bring the Recycling Center to Your Classroom!



manual labor for sorting and consolidating materials from an elevated sorting line. After you have viewed the Eagle video, take a look at the Groot video to see a much bigger operation. Groot, a waste and recycling hauler serving several communities in Will County, is a large urban recycling processing center located in the suburban Chicago area. Groot's operation is highly automated, relying mainly on mechanized sorting and consolidation of materials with minimal help from human laborers.

We often have inquiries about tours of recycling facilities. Most nearby centers are not readily equipped to host school groups. But we can bring all the action to your classroom via links available on our new website, www.willcountygreen.com!

Click on the Education tab and scroll down to Virtual Tours. Check out the first short video from Eagle Enterprises. Eagle Enterprises is a relatively small, rural recycling processing center located in Galva, in western Illinois. Eagle Enterprises' operation relies mainly on



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