



Fall into Green in November

Before celebrating Thanksgiving, consider participating in one or more of the many green opportunities offered in Will County. From catapulting a pumpkin to visiting a bison, and cleaning out some hazardous chemicals from your home, there is plenty to attend. Turn back the clock and add some insulation to your attic, while keeping an eye on those leaves!

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Catapult a Pumpkin and Shred Paper

Saturday, November 4, 2017 9am to Noon

Lewis University
1 University Parkway - Parking Lot W
Romeoville, IL 60446

Pumpkins and gourds will be collected the Saturday after Halloween for COMPOSTING. Prizes will be offered by the Will County Farm Bureau, and educational information provided by the Univ. of Illinois Extension Office. In addition, the Lewis University Physics Club will be on hand with a CATAPULT to add some fun and excitement!



Document destruction will also be offered to all residents. Confidential paperwork only will be shredded on-site. Anyone bringing a pumpkin or gourd will be given a chance to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses.

Household Hazardous Waste Event in Channahon

Saturday November 11, 2017 8am to 3pm

Families of Faith Church
24466 W. Eames/Rt. 6
Channahon, IL 60410

Residents are welcome to drop-off Household Hazardous Waste at the last one-day collection of 2017. Please bring any unwanted auto fluids, hazardous chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, cleaning products, pharmaceuticals, mercury containing items and more. For a complete list, please visit our [calendar of events](#).



County Leaders Tour Solar in Joliet

The County Executive's office, County Board, and staff visited IKEA's new warehouse in Joliet that boasts nearly 3MW of rooftop solar capacity, the largest rooftop installation in Illinois. This impressive array will feed the grid in the coming weeks, while offsetting a portion of the building's electrical demand via net-metering. Continental Electrical Construction Company and SoCore led the solar tour, discussing their increased solar participation in Illinois and the use of local union labor to get the job done well.



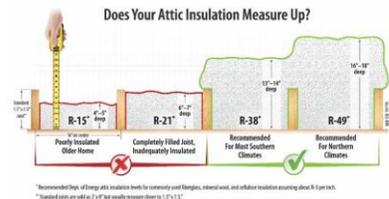
Schools Learn about their Waste

Eight schools located in Joliet, Mokena, Plainfield, Romeoville and Tinley Park have had waste audits this year through the Earth Flag program. They have discovered an abundance of single use items, from packaging to cutlery and want to reduce the waste. The Environmental Educator is assisting schools with finding compostable options and returning to washable, reusable approaches when possible.



Make your home cozier, insulate your Attic!

Save money year round, increase the insulation in your attic. 90% of American homes are under-insulated! As winter approaches, it's a perfect time to add some insulation to your attic. Find out how you can Rule Your Attic -- to save energy, save money, increase your home's comfort, and reduce pollution. <http://Energystar.gov/ruleyourattic>



See the Bison at Midewin on Nov 4

Spend the day learning about the US National Mammal! Go on a motorized tour to spot our local bison herd. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions, discuss prairie restoration, bison ecology and Midewin's history and mission. Tours leave from the Welcome Center at 10:00, 11:30, 1:00 and 2:30. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water, snacks and binoculars! Registration for tours is required. Please call the Welcome Center at 1-815-423-6370



Recycle Mercury Thermostats

Will County and the Illinois EPA are offering mercury thermostat recycling at the Land Use office, located at 58 E. Clinton Street, Joliet. Open 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Fridays, except holidays. We also accept them in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs.



Visiting the Will County Office Worms

For over 15 years, the Resource Recovery and Energy office has had worms! These are red-wiggler worms that eat the employees' banana peels and apple cores. They live in a bin, filled with shredded paper, a small amount of soil and the compost they help to make! They never try to escape or make any noise. They simply, quietly, reproduce while munching on food scraps. Recently, they visited children at the Joliet Historic Museum's Halloween event. They also visit schools!



Keep the Storm Drains Open

Leaves can be fun but they can also cause concern. Be sure to mow yours so they fertilize your yard or gather them to compost. If you see them blocking a storm drain, clear them away. Even a small amount of rain can back up if the drainage is blocked.

Don't let **THIS**.....turn into **THIS**



Businesses Invited to Join the Better Buildings Challenge

Will County joined the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge in 2012. This FREE program brings recognition on the local, state, and national level for buildings that want to reduce their energy consumption. Participation offers a variety of resources and technical support. This opportunity is open to both private and public sectors and includes participants such as Ulta, Inc., McDonald's Corporation, Walgreens, Hyatt Hotels, Sears, UW Health, and more across all industry categories. Email sbluemer@willcountygreen.com for more info today!



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Water Conservation



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Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Pitch & Document Shredding

Lewis University
Romeoville
Sat, November 4
9am - 1pm

Time Change Set Clocks Back

Nationally
Sun, November 5
2am
(change the Smoke Alarm batteries)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Families of Faith
Church Parking Lot
Channahon
Sat, November 11
8am - 3pm

America Recycles Day

November 15

