



## May You Make Green Choices Everyday

Earth Day Every Day continues in May with an abundance of green events and opportunities. Prevent waste by learning how to prepare for severe weather. Declutter by donating usable items and clothes in disrepair to Will County's annual Textile Collection going on right now! Learn a attitude of ways to improve your environmental impact at the Annual Bluestem Earth Festival. Celebrate accomplishments of our business community and share best practices on recycling with friends and family to overcome curbside contamination issues.

[Visit Our Website](http://willcountygreen.com)

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### Clothes for Compost

April 29 through May 3 the Will County Office Building at 302 N. Chicago Street, in Joliet, will be accepting textiles in any condition. Savers of Tinley Park is partnering with the County to accept items in donation condition for reuse and also to take in items that are in poor condition, to be recycled. We urge participants to bring both! In addition, on **Friday, May 3**, small home goods will also be accepted. Will County will be offering all participants 2 sample bags of nutrient rich food scrap compost on Friday! WJOL morning crew will also be on-site greeting people between 6am-9am, Be sure clean out the unwanted items, and bring home some compost for your flower beds or garden!



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### Health & Safety Fair with Severe Weather Training

Consider attending the annual Health & Safety Fair and Severe Weather Training on Tuesday, **April 30** in New Lenox at Lincoln-Way West High School at 21701 Gouger Rd. The fair runs 5pm - 7pm with over 50 exhibitors, including the "Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer" designed to prevent drug



addition, the County Health Dept and the Resource Recovery & Energy Booth. At 7pm, a FREE training is offered on Severe Weather so you know when cloud formations indicate the possible threat of a tornado and what to do. For more info, please click [here](#).

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## Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste in Monee

The last Spring Saturday collection for Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste is on May 11, 2019 in Monee. Appointments are being taken through our website. We will be accepting all types of electronic items, from computers to printers and televisions, including microwaves and VCRs. We will also be taking cleaning and pool chemicals, all types of automotive liquids, lawn and garden chemicals, including fertilizers. We will also accept pharmaceuticals, expired sun screens and LED or CFL lights. Please click [here for the list!](#)

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## Green Transportation

Transportation now accounts for the largest portion of total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and is a major contributor to the Chicago area's air quality issues. [Green Drives](#) - one of the largest clean-transportation conferences held in the Midwest - is a must-attend event for government officials, commercial and municipal fleet managers, corporate sustainability officers, and clean-tech and clean-energy professionals who want to learn how to use cleaner, lower emissions fuels and technologies, while saving money. This one-day conference is in Naperville on Thursday, May 16 and requires registration and a fee of \$75. Please encourage anyone considering vehicles purchases to attend!

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## Native Plant Sale(s)

Both the Forest Preserve of Will County's Foundation and The Conservation Foundation are offering native plants for discounted prices to residents. Be sure to purchase a few to enrich the soil, assist the pollinators, reduce watering, provide food to the wildlife and simply enjoy for their beauty.



***Rain Barrels may also be available for purchase.***

Saturday, May 11 - 8am-1pm  
The Conservation Foundation  
McDonald Farm  
10S404 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville

Saturday, May 18 - 9am-2pm  
Nature Foundation of Will County  
Sugar Creek Admin Center  
17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

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## Learn to Track your Business' Energy, Water & Waste

Are you concerned about your organization's energy, water, and waste usage? Join us to learn how to track consumption and costs using the EPA's FREE EnergyStar Portfolio Manager, a useful tool to identify savings opportunities and help you recognize successes. **Bring your laptop or tablet to the Will County Office Building on Friday, May 17 for this FREE training.** Please register by clicking [here!](#)



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## Will County offers Document Destruction on May 18

If you have some unwanted sensitive documents, items with your social security or bank account numbers on them, you are welcome to witness their shredding in the parking lot at Taylor and Plainfield Road in Joliet on May 18 from 9am to Noon! As soon as you finish, find a parking spot and visit the annual Bluestem Earth Festival at University of St. Francis across the street!



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## Bluestem Earth Festival on May 18

Bring the family for a variety of activities and vendors offering educational information on everything from growing food, eating healthy, recycling, composting, conserving water, adding solar and much, much more! See the details by visiting their website, click [here!](#)



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## Bicycle Trail Expansion

Progress is being made on the Plum Creek Greenway Trail. This is a mostly crushed limestone linear and loop trail and travels 3.15 miles through woodland. Construction at Plum Valley Preserve in Crete is underway and shall add a 1-mile addition to the Plum Creek Greenway Trail. The Forest Preserve anticipates the trail extension being completed by June 2019. Suggested activities include Walking, Biking, Hiking, and Running!



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## Beko US earns ENERGY STAR Partner of Year

Beko US, Inc. is a home appliance manufacturer in Bolingbrook that was selected to receive the prestigious ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition. The company offers customers a wide array of products; including dishwashers, stoves, refrigerators and laundry appliances. Seven of its newly introduced dishwasher platforms achieved **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient**



recognition, this means demonstrated superior energy efficiency performance over their competition! Beko also increased the number of clothes washer models recognized as ENERGY STAR! To learn more about Beko's recognition, click [here](#).

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## Lockport Township Awards Curbside Contract

Last November the residents of Lockport Township passed a referendum authorizing the Township to provide collection of waste, recycling and landscape materials for all of the unincorporated homes. The County assisted in the procurement process; along with a dedicated group of officials and community members. Homewood Disposal (also known as NuWay) was awarded a 7-year contract in April and will



begin weekly refuse and recycling services on July 1 with 6 weeks of free leaf service in the Fall. Residents expect to save nearly \$40 per month, many receiving curbside recycling and leaf services for the first time!

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## Will County Gets Lucky in Solar Lottery

On April 10, the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) announced the solar farm projects that would be awarded state incentives to construct. Will County saw 7 solar farms receive incentives. While it is unclear whether or not all chosen projects will choose to build, Will County feels prepared to see the awarded projects develop.



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## Recycle Used Razors

This mail back program has a fee but is a partnership between Gillette and Terracycle that offers an alternative to landfilling used "disposable" razors. Businesses, gyms, colleges, cities and community organizations are invited to become public drop-off points if they have the a small budget to dedicate to the shipping costs.

The program accepts all types and brands of razors. For more details, and to learn how easy it is to do it from the privacy of your own home, please [visit their web page!](#)





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## USF Given Grant for Rain Barrels

The University of St. Francis received a grant from American Water for two rain barrels and hoses to improve the sustainability of the garden they created in 2018. Students and faculty grow a variety of food in the garden, donating some to a local food pantry while learning agricultural skills. The grant will allow them to use rain water during dry periods of the season without relying on city supplied water, reducing environmental impacts.



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## ReUse Topic: Repair instead of Replace

Roman's Rolling Repairs has been serving Will County residents since 1990 in Manhattan. People often say, "take it to Roman" when your lawnmower gives you problems or snowblower fails to operate. Roman Styzinski grew up on the farm and began earning a living repairing power tools and outdoor equipment in 1979, before starting his own business. He is open Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and on Saturdays until noon! Repair is often a better environmental choice, using less resources and keeping items out of the landfill longer.



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## Learn and Share Your Knowledge

Do you love gardening? Do you want to learn how to be a better gardener? Would you enjoy sharing your love of gardening with others? Have you considered becoming a Master Gardener, but the in person, all day training didn't work for you? Great News! Will and Grundy residents now have ONLINE SUMMER Master Gardener Training. Check it out <http://go.illinois.edu/summerONLINEmg19>



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## Statewide Recycling Video Info!

A statewide group was formed in 2018 in response to China blocking recyclable materials from their ports. The country didn't want trash being processed there and our recycling wasn't becoming increasingly contaminated. The Illinois Recycling Contamination Task Force group created a [video](#) to remind residents of the recycling basics and let everyone know that recycling is still working in Illinois. Take a minute to watch! Share on your social media or tell your friends. Together we can improve curbside recycling and make certain there is demand for our valuable resources!



Recycling Can Be Easy, If You Do It Right

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## Get Your AC Ready for Cooling Season

It's time to tune up and prepare your home to maximize savings as warmer temperatures are upon us. No matter how new your AC unit is, AC units should be tuned up using a licensed HVAC professional before the start of each cooling season. Regular maintenance keeps your AC unit running efficiently and expands its life. Time to replace? Visit [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com) to check out rebates for residential AC units. Save more by setting the temp at 74 or higher!



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## Join the Circular Economy with a Gym Shoe

Adidas steps into the circular economy with a gym shoe that is made from reusable thermoplastic polyurethane, using a glue that can be removed to improve recyclability! The shoes will be called The Loop and will be made in a fully automated facility that boasts of its superior energy efficiency. Beta testing begins shortly with global release in 2021. Whenever a product is made with recycled contents, designed with recycling in mind, collected for recycling when it is no longer wanted, re-manufactured into a similar product or a different useful product, avoiding waste, it is considered part of the circular economy.



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## 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](#)

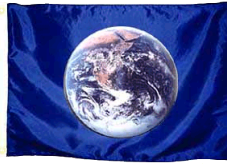


Play a fun game!

**MEMBER**  
Will County Green Business Program



willcountygreen.com  
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

**Textile Collection**  
County Building  
**Joliet**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**April 29-May 3**  
**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**  
Small Home  
Goods/Toys accepted  
on Friday. Bag of  
Sample Compost  
Giveaway

**Native Plant Sale**  
The Conservation

**Green Your Life**  
presentation  
FREE  
White Oak Library  
**Crest Hill**  
**Saturday**  
**May 4**  
**2:30 pm**

**Native Plant Sale**  
Forest Preserve

**Bike to School**  
**Day**  
Statewide  
**Thursday**  
**May 8**

**Document**  
**Shredding Event**

**Electronics**  
**& Household**  
**Hazardous Waste**  
**Collection**  
FREE  
**Monroe**  
**Saturday**  
**May 11**  
**Appointment Required**

**Bluestem Earth**  
**Festival**

Foundation  
Naperville  
Saturday  
May 11  
8 am to 1 pm

Foundation  
Joliet  
Saturday  
May 18  
9 am to 2 pm

FREE  
Joliet  
Saturday  
May 18  
9 am to Noon

University of  
St. Francis  
Joliet  
Saturday  
May 18  
10 am to 3 pm

**Book ReUse &  
Recycling Event**

FREE  
Pilcher Park  
Nature Center  
Joliet  
Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday  
May 31 - June 2  
9am to 4pm

**Water Conservation  
is a Grand Slam  
Event**

Tickets \$8 with code  
"Water"  
Joliet  
Sunday  
July 21  
*Will County & City of  
Joliet offering raffle  
prizes and water  
conservation  
education at the  
Slammers Game*

**LOVE Monee  
Kick-Off 5K &  
Document  
Shredding Event**

FREE  
Monee  
Saturday  
July 27  
10 am to Noon

**Kidsfest**

Joliet  
Saturday  
Aug. 3

**Really, Really FREE  
Market**

Plainfield United  
Methodist Church  
Saturday  
Aug. 3



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