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

53rd Anniversary of Earth Day

Signs of hope surround us this month with daffodil and crocus flowers coming into bloom, trees and bushes beginning to green and grass becoming nearly iridescent from Spring rains. It is the best time to celebrate the Earth, to plant a tree, start a garden, participate in a recycling collection program. Read about an abundance of events offered to educate as well as recover resources. Be sure to tell friends and family so everyone has a chance to participate and share your green efforts with us through our social media!

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FREE Electronics Collection

Electronics - only electronics, will be collected on Saturday, April 8 in Shorewood/Joliet near the intersection of Rt. 59 and Black Road. This is that Saturday morning event you have been waiting for, a chance to clear out the broken or unwanted devices cluttering your home and kick off the spring cleaning! We are accepting up to 2 TVs per vehicle, monitors, laptops, tablets, computers of all kinds and their attachments, including ear buds, hand held game controls, cell phones, landlines, power tools, blenders and curling irons; even electronic keyboards. 8am to Noon, No Appointment Necessary!



Saturday, April 8
304 Gregory Ct,
Shorewood, IL 60404
8am - Noon

GREEN Job - Apply by April 3

Will County is taking applications now for a Renewable Natural Gas Facility Project Manager in the Resource Recovery and Energy division to be responsible for overall management of the County's RNG facility and associated pipeline. This includes operations oversight efficient landfill gas production, regulatory compliance, maintenance, safety, security, budget management, revenue and expense monitoring, along with contract management. Please visit our Job Listings by [clicking here](#). Apply by the end of day on April 3.



April 11 - EV Info in Shorewood

Curious about Electric cars, trucks or bikes (motor cycles and bicycles)? Have you heard about the electric buses being made in Joliet/Channahon by Lion? Do you want to try one but worry about range or think you might start with a plug-in hybrid? Wondering where you'll fuel the vehicle or how it performs in the cold verses the hot weather? Join Will County's Marta Keane, on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30pm inside the Shorewood Troy Public Library, 650 Deerwood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404 to get these questions and more answered.



Shorewood-Troy Library
[Register Here](#)
April 11 at 6:30pm

In-Person Home Energy Tips

Take a mid-day Earth Month activity break and join RR&E's Energy and Conservation Specialist, Briana Moore, at the Plainfield Area Public Library for a lunch time presentation on the value of energy efficiency and some tips for reducing energy use at home. The presentation is entitled, "Conserving Energy in the Home" and will be held on Wednesday, April 19, from noon to 1:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room at the Plainfield Area Public Library, located at



15025 S Illinois St. Everyone interested is encouraged to [register online here](#) or by calling the Plainfield Public Library at 815-436-6639.

Home Energy Conservation Tips
Plainfield Public Library
Wed, April 19: Noon - 1:00 pm

JJC offers Electric Vehicle Event

Join Senator Rachel Ventura on April 15 at JJC to see and hear about Electric Vehicles. A presentation on how fueling them may be easier than you think, and a display that will include a Lion Electric Bus, Lion Electric Truck, Ron Tirappelli Ford Mach E, and a F-150 truck, along with several models from Darcy dealerships. A food truck will also be on-site for refreshment needs.

This is your opportunity to see the latest innovations, learn about pricing, service (hint - EVs require less service), along with range and refueling. See you on the main campus, near the automotive program center.



Save the Date: April 15
JJC's *EVE 23*
10am-3pm

Earth Day on April 22 in New Lenox

The Village of New Lenox in conjunction with Pachamama Alliance CoHearts is excited to be hosting their second annual Earth Day Celebration in the New Lenox Village Commons. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Information conservation, electric vehicles, wind turbines, coral reefs, food waste, plastics, and composting. Several areas will offer hands-on demonstrations. There will be fun, free activities for children such as the chance to make your own bird feeders and nature collages! Come to talk with experts and gather resources for your sustainability efforts!



Saturday, April 22 11am-3pm
199 Veterans Parkway
New Lenox, IL 60451

Turn Your Business Green

Local manufacturers can learn proven techniques to improve industrial operations and ROIs for green projects through **free, confidential, no-obligation** training from the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center at the University of Illinois. Organizations in aerospace, automotive, chemical, metal, and food and beverage manufacturing, as well as suppliers and supporting industries, are eligible to increase resource use efficiency, competitiveness, and profitability through participation in the Technical Assistance Program. [Learn more here.](#)



FREE Training

Source Reduction Tools designed to drive profitability, grow revenue, and reduce environmental impacts

Order Now: Rain Barrel or Compost

Make a difference that saves you money while helping the environment. Purchase a Rain Barrel and/or Compost container through the Will County and The Conservation Foundation program partnership. Put those spring rains to use in your garden instead of using metered tap water and cut back on fertilizer by making your own with a compost bin! You may **order them on-line by April 30** and pick them up at one of our events. Choose your pickup location when choosing your item(s):
May 6 - Homer Glen
May 12 - Joliet
May 13 - Wilmington
June 3 - Naperville
(The online ordering for these products is extended to May 26 for Naperville pickup!)



Link to
[WillCountyGreen Order Event Calendar](#)

Prof. Rafac goes to Washington

Joliet Junior College's Sustainability Coordinator and Architecture/Construction Management Professor, **Maria Anne Rafac**, was one of 60 people from across the country and the only person from Illinois invited to a two-day summit on national sustainability efforts across campuses and the communities they serve. Representing IGEN, the Illinois Green Economy Network, Maria was honored to be a part of such an historic undertaking, sharing what is happening across Illinois community colleges with other attendees, federal leaders and over 700 online viewers. Among the many topics discussed, was the role local colleges can play in addressing climate adaptation solutions in partnership with the cities and counties where they are located.



Congratulations and thanks for your outstanding community efforts!

Plant Sale: Nature Foundation

The Nature Foundation of Will County is supporting organization to the Forest Preserve of Will County and each year they raise money through a Native Plant Sale. Native plants offer both beauty and environmental benefits. Pollinators love them, their root systems hold soil in place far better than grass or non-native plants. They also reduce mowing, saving you time and expense. Check out the online sale open now or plan to go in person next month to Isle a la Cache Preserve, 501 E. Romeo Road (135th Street) in Romeoville.



April 1 through April 30
[Online Native Plant Sale](#)
May 20 & 21 in-person sale in Romeoville

Let's Go Geothermal

For the first time, beginning this spring, Will County is partnering with the Citizens Utility Board, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and Geothermal Alliance of Illinois to dig into ground source heat pumps! Free educational Geo-Power Hours will provide information on all things



geothermal, from how the systems operate to the environmental benefits and expected costs and savings. A group buy opportunity will also be available for interested homeowners and businesses to secure more competitive rates on system installations. Learn more about the [Grow Geo program](#) and sign up for a virtual or in-person [Geo-Power Hour](#).

Register for these upcoming free **virtual** Geo-Power Hours:

- [Wed, April 5, 7:00 – 8:00 PM](#)
- [Thur, April 27, 12:00 – 1:00 PM](#)
- [Tue, May 9, 12:00 – 1:00 PM](#)

PACE - CTA Unlimited Ride Pass

Traveling throughout Chicagoland area is easier and more affordable than ever. All newly purchased passes, including 1-Day and 3-Day unlimited-ride passes will be accepted on Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and, now, Pace Suburban Bus. These enhancements build on the 7-Day and 30-Day pass price reductions and free transfers between CTA services that launched in fall 2021 and the new Regional Connect Pass launched in summer 2022. These new pass integrations are intended to make regional transit trips easier by offering seamless interconnectivity between the CTA and Pace, and in some cases, even making travel more affordable than before.



In early 2022, all three regional transit systems – CTA, Metra and Pace – introduced the new Regional Connect Pass, which when coupled with Metra’s new “Super Saver” monthly pass, provides Chicago area residents unlimited rides on all three systems – at a reduced cost and with greater flexibility.

NAPA is Energy Star Partner

The [National Asphalt Pavement Association \(NAPA\)](#) has introduced its climate action plan to help curb the effects of climate change. The member-driven and expert-defined research and implementation roadmap—[“The Road Forward: A Vision for Net Zero Carbon Emissions for the Asphalt Pavement Industry”](#)—calls on the U.S. asphalt community to advance technologies, products and processes to achieve Scope 1, 2 and 3 net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This effort, combined with others, including encouraging NAPA to



Goals include:

- Advance the use of recycled and innovative sustainable materials in all asphalt pavement mixtures.

become Energy Star Partners, has earned NAPA the honor of being chosen as an **Energy Star Partner of the Year!**

- Engage with upstream suppliers to accelerate emission reductions in the material supply chain.

Refillable Blueland Products

Interested in reducing single-use plastic packaging on your body soaps, shampoos, and more? A brand recently hit Target shelves that began as mail order in 2019 and became Climate Neutral Certified in 2021, called Blueland. They offer products made from environmentally responsible ingredients and offered in refillable packaging, often made from glass and paper. For a full list of their environmental certifications, please [click this link](#).



Will County does not endorse any product in our effort to increase awareness of alternatives.

Facebook: Document Destruction

It is tax filing season and many people think of shredding unwanted paperwork after completing their taxes. While we don't offer a shredding event at this time, there are some offered by banks, state representatives and accountants. We recommend tearing paper in half, placing one half in one paper bag and the other half in the other paper bag (this also works if you have a home shredder). Staple the bag closed and place one bag in the recycling cart each week. Most identity theft occurs online or when using credit/debit card. Be careful with items containing social security, bank account, or medical account numbers.

3 STEPS FOR CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION



1. Tear items with social security or bank account or medical account numbers on them.
2. Place one half in one paper bag and the other half in another paper bag.
3. Fold the bags or staple shut, place one in your Recycling Cart each week.

Identity theft is a concern to everyone. It often occurs on line. Be careful but be confident that paper taken at your curb is washed, de-inked, and recycled safely.



Upcoming Events

April 1: Recyclepalooza with HHW in Joliet (appointments closed)
 April 8: Electronics Recycling in Shorewood
 April 11: Electrify Your Ride in Shorewood
 April 13: Solar for All Webinar
 April 15: JJC EV event
 April 19: Home Energy Efficiency Tips in Plainfield
 April 22: Earth Day
 April 28: Arbor Day (plant a tree)
 April 30: Order Compost Bins and/or Rain Barrels for May Pickup dates
 May 6: Electronics & HHW Collection in Homer Glen (appointments open)
 May 8-12: Textile Collection in Joliet
 May 13: Electronics & HHW Collection in Wilmington (appointments open)
 May 20: Bluestem - new location
 May 26: Order Compost Bins and Rain Barrels for June 3 pickup in Naperville
 June 2-4: Book Reuse and Recycling Event in Joliet
 June 13: Slammers Baseball with Water Conservation Theme & prizes



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on willcountygreen.com



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Cleaning Alternatives



Donate Items



Composting



C-PACE Program



Reporting Data



Sustainable Infrastructure



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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