



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

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Make Every Day Earth Day

April 22 is the 54th anniversary of Earth Day! What began as a one-day celebration and recognition of the resources we rely on from our planet became a month-long program of special collections, fairs and educational programs. Still, as we grew to understand that each of us can make Earth-friendly choices each day, the motto of “Every Day is Earth Day” was adopted. Read more to learn about the opportunities available in Will County to truly cherish our natural resources.

Recyclepalooza Joliet: April 27

Will County is trying a new location for this year's Spring Recyclepalooza and Household Hazardous Waste collection events. The events will take place on Saturday, April 27 on Joliet's west side. Accepted items at this event are electronics, household hazardous waste products, Polystyrene foam packaging, scrap wood and metal, as well as donations of clothing, toys, cookware, small home goods, food pantry items, items for military troops, items for an animal shelter, and worn American flags for ceremonial disposal.

Appointments are **REQUIRED** for this event, and volunteers are needed to assist.



Click below to see the full list of items, make an appointment, and volunteer to help with the event.

[Recyclepalooza - April 27](#)

Recycling Fishing Line

The Forest Preserve District of Will County reminds anglers to recycle their fishing line to avoid harming wildlife. The District has installed monofilament recycling tubes at fishing locations to assist with this process. The tubes are emptied by volunteers and the fishing line is sent off for recycling, where it is melted down into small plastic pellets that are used to create new plastic products. Fishing line CAN NOT be recycled in curbside collection or traditional drop-off recycling programs. Please see the forest preserve's website to learn more.



[Recycle Fishing Line](#)

Solar Home Presentation: April 25

The Will County Land Use Department's Resource Recovery and Energy Division invites Will County residents to attend a free informational event on the environmental and financial benefits of solar energy. Will County's Senior Energy and Conservation Specialist will discuss residential solar power at a presentation, where attendees will learn ideal home characteristics, incentive program availability, questions to ask prospective contractors, and other strategies to evaluate whether solar power can help them reduce energy costs.



**Thursday, April 25
6-7pm**

Mokena Community Public Library
11327 195th Stt, Mokena

Registration is encouraged but not required.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Will County is partnering with The Conservation Foundation to offer compost bins and rain barrels made from recovered and refurbished containers. Rain barrels can collect water to use during a drought or simply to slow the flow during heavier storms.

Take a moment to consider ways to green your home or business landscape. Create a flower or veggie garden with a compost bin feature. The compost made may be used on plant beds and at the base of trees and bushes. It helps the soil retain moisture, substantially reducing the need for watering.



Will County's Spring Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale: Order Online by May 5

Rain Barrels: Made from recovered materials \$69.50

Compost Bins: Made from recovered materials \$75.50-169.50

Detailed information on products and attachments on website.

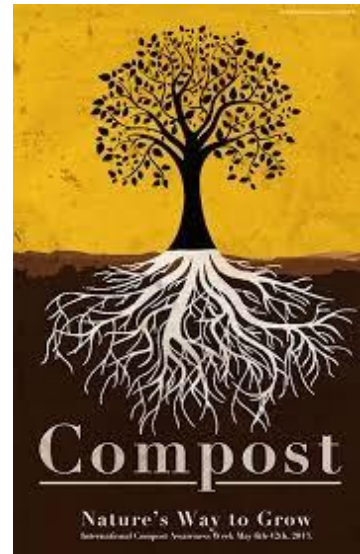
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[Click here to learn more](#)

Compost Awareness Week: May 5-11

May 5 through May 11 is designated as Compost Awareness Week in Illinois. This recognition is intended to promote the benefits of composting and the humus-like soil amendment that composting produces. This soil amendment can be sprinkled on gardens, flowers, trees and bushes providing nutrients and retaining moisture. When planting lawn areas with grass or native seeds, this material is a perfect covering.

Will County participates in compost awareness by selling compost bins and promoting composting. We also offer a [webpage](#) with instructions on back yard composting and indoor vermicomposting (composting with worms).



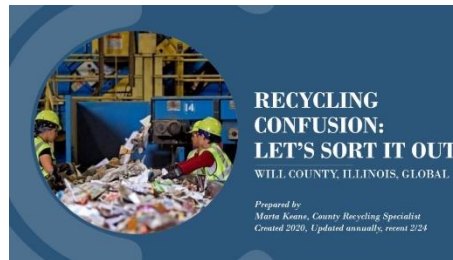
[Compost Information](#)

Recycling Presentations: April 22 and 24

Will County's Recycling Program Specialist will offer a presentation to the public at the C.A.R.E. meeting in Lockport on Monday, April 22 at 6pm and to the Wilmington Garden Club on Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m.

Each presentation will be on the many items recycled curbside and the many more that must be recycled at special collection sites. Over the years, as ways to recover and recycle more materials have grown, what can and can't be recycled can get confusing. Couple that with "wish recycling" – a term for people placing items in the recycling container they hope can be recycled but isn't recyclable – and miscommunication by corporations, and it's clear to see how frustration has increased in the recycling industry.

If your community group, church, Homeowners Association, or business would like to host this presentation on recycling, please contact the Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Will County's Land Use Department.



Monday, April 22

6pm

White Oak Library

121 E 8th Street, Lockport

Wednesday, April 24

1pm

315 N Water St, Wilmington

[Click here to email Will County Green](#)

Textile Collection: May 6-10

Pack up your unwanted, overly worn, torn, faded or outgrown clothes and shoes for the Will County Textile Collection event taking place the week of May 6-10 at the Will County Office Building Parking Lot (302 N Chicago St, Joliet). Will County is partnering with Helping Hands to offer residents a chance to clean out unwanted clothes, blankets, table linens, curtains, pillows and all types of shoes – from gym sneakers to boots. Items in good or poor



Mon-Fri May 6-10

8:30am -4:30pm

condition are also accepted, but must be clean for reuse and recycling. A truck will be in the parking lot during regular business hours – 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Will County Office Building
302 N. Chicago St.
Joliet IL 60432

Home Energy Presentation: April 18

Join RRE's Senior Energy and Conservation Specialist, Briana Moore, in Plainfield to hear about the environmental and financial benefits of energy efficiency. Learn about practical tips, tools, and incentive programs that can help renters and homeowners alike reduce energy waste, save on power bills, and improve comfort indoors. Registration for this event is encouraged but not required.



Thursday, April 18
6:00 - 7:00pm
Plainfield Area Public Library
15025 S Illinois St
Plainfield, IL 60544

Environmentally Safe Spring Cleaning

Will County has promoted [Cleaning Alternatives](#) for years as a way to avoid toxic household products while keeping homes clean and fresh. The EPA has a label for products that are made with safer ingredients to make it easier to identify green cleaning supplies when purchasing products.

The [Safer Choice](#) label is placed on product labels to help consumers and commercial buyers identify products with safer chemical ingredients without sacrificing quality or performance. About 1,900 products currently qualify for the Safer Choice label, and they are available for use in homes and facilities such as schools, hotels and offices.

Ready for Spring Cleaning?

Look for EPA's Safer Choice label to find household cleaners made with safer ingredients



Upcoming Events

April 22: Earth Day

April 22: Recycling Presentation at C.A.R.E. Meeting in Lockport

April 24: Recycling Presentation at Garden Club meeting in Wilmington

April 25: JJC Sustainability Class in Joliet

April 26: Arbor Day (plant a Tree)

April 27: Recyclepalooza in Joliet (new location)

April 27: Earth Day Fair in Tinley Park

April 27: Arbor Day Celebration in Bolingbrook

May 5: Last day to order Rain Barrels and Compost Bins

May 5-11: Compost Awareness Week

May 6-10: Textile Collection Week in Joliet

May 11: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Event in Beecher

May 31-June 2: Book Reuse and Recycling Event in Joliet



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



Medication Take-Back

Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs

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