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Make Every Day Earth Day - "Green" Your Choices - Save Resources - Be Happy

Celebrate the 55th Anniversary

Earth Day was established in 1970 in recognition of the need to take better care of the planet's resources and address a variety of pollution issues. It heralded the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency which has improved air quality, reduced land pollution, water contamination and improved conservation of these resources. Businesses, industry and every day residents make choices that continue to preserve resources and reduce waste. Please see the many ways you can take part in our area this month and throughout the year to make Every Day Earth Day!

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Electronics & HHW in Bolingbrook

Appointments are being taken for Saturday, May 3, 2025 when Will County is offering a one-day Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Bolingbrook. We will be accepting all sizes and types of televisions (limit 2), computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, joysticks, satellite dishes, telephones, power tools, hair dryers, vacuum cleaners, small scrap metal items and more. We will also be accepting paint (15 gal limit) and CFLs, LEDs fluorescent bulbs (15 limit), all automotive fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, items with mercury, cleaning products, pool chemicals, and much more. For a full list of accepted and non-accepted items, along with details on making an appointment, please visit our website event calendar (if reading this from a cell phone, you may need to click View Full Website to see the event calendar on the right)



Saturday, May 3

8am - 2pm

Bolingbrook

Please [make your appointment](#) through our website and see the list of items accepted.
(address provided upon making an appointment)

Don't Toss It - Repair It

Need an item hemmed but find sewing challenging? Has a bicycle repair been keeping you off the trails? Broken drawer in a favorite dresser depressing you? Find helpful volunteers willing to assist you and even teach you on Saturday, April 12 at Joliet Junior College's free spring Repair Cafe on the JJC Romeoville Campus. This unique event is brought to you by JJC's Office



Saturday, April 12

10am - 3pm

of Sustainability where they encourage everyone to be part of a circular economy, where materials are made useful for as long as possible, repaired, donated, repurposed and not simply replaced if they break. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

11125 W. 135th Street
Romeoville

STEMFEST in Romeoville

Romeoville's White Oak Library wants you to know that "Science is Awesome!" They are inviting kids and adults to attend their annual Stem Fest on Saturday, April 12th. Families, scout troops, teachers, and students of all ages are expected to experience a fantastic day of science with outstanding hands-on activities and engaging demonstrations from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) leaders and innovators.

Will County's Environmental Educator will be there with our worms, along with Science Ninjas, and Crosstown Exotics showing off reptiles. You may also visit a SLIME Lab, or take part in other stimulating science activities. Fun for everyone!



STEM Fest 2025
Saturday
April 12, 2025
Romeoville Branch from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Saturday, April 12
10am - 4pm
[White Oak Library District](#)
201 W Normantown Rd
Romeoville, IL, 60446

Earth Fairs Around the Area

April is Earth Month and several communities around the area are offering educational events for adults and families.

Due to Easter falling on the weekend prior to Earth Day (April 22) most of the fairs are scheduled for **Saturday, April 26**.

- Frankfort Park District Family Earth Celebration at 140 Oak Street
Noon-2pm
- Lockport Earth Fair at City Hall
9am-Noon
- Naperville Park District Knoch Knolls Nature Center: Weekly themes from April 7 to 30 at 320 Knoch Knolls Rd
9am-4:30pm Mon-Fri / 9am-3pm Sat
- Peotone Earth Day/Arbor Day Event 124 West Main Street
9am-2pm
- Tinley Park Earth Day Fair at Village Hall, 16250 Oak Park Avenue
10am-2pm



Saturday, April 26
Several Time Frames
Several Locations

One Earth Film Festival

One Earth Film Festival partners with a variety of venues to host a week-long environmental film festival from Tuesday, April 22 through Monday, April 28. Everyone is welcome to view specially selected films in-person throughout the Chicagoland area or online. Each film highlights Earth Day and sustainable initiatives.



[Click for a list of films, locations and times](#)

Spring Biking Kickoff & Collection

Come out to Prairie Bluff to get your bike ready for the season. Learn about basic maintenance and repair from the Forest Preserve and their partners at REI. Staff from the Orland Park Co-op bike shop and the Forest Preserve will be at the Prairie Bluff Shelter presenting on bicycle maintenance and trail recreation and safety in the preserves. Participants can visit the shelter for the presentation and get swag, trail maps and safety materials, then hit the trail for some prairie views to kick off the season!

Have a bicycle you're no longer using? Bring it to for the Forest Preserve's Recycle Your Bicycle program to be passed to their partner [Working Bikes](#).



Please visit the Forest Preserve's [website](#) for more details.

Saturday, April 12

10 am – Noon

Crest Hill

This organization refurbishes and distributes bikes locally and globally as tools of empowerment. No bike is too old or too rusty! Drop off donations to the trailer in the parking lot for the duration of the program.

Homeowner Garden Design Workshop

The Conservation Foundation will show you tips and tricks for how to design a landscape that conserves water, attracts birds and butterflies, and reduces environmental impact through smart, native plantings and eco-friendly practices. This FREE interactive workshop will help you transform your yard into a beautiful, sustainable outdoor space that supports wildlife and saves money. You can also learn how to earn your Conservation@Home certificate from The Conservation Foundation (TCF).



For more information,
visit the [TCF Website](https://www.conservationfoundation.org/conservation-at-home)

April 29
6 pm -7:30 pm

Annual Textile Collection

Together, we can keep clothing and other textiles out of the landfill. Every year, Americans discard more than 34 billion pounds of used textiles. Divided across the population, that's more than 100 pounds of textile waste per person each year. The fact is that many of these items could be worn again and those in poor condition (stained, torn or with broken zippers) could be recycled into insulation, factory rags, or carpeting.

For the week of May 5-9 we will have a truck in the parking lot of the County Building from 8:30am to 4:30pm, collecting your unwanted clothes, drapes, table linens, bedding, etc. WJOL's Scott Slocum will be broadcasting live on Friday morning 5:30-9am! Stop by then for a pencil made with recycled denim or to pick-up a pre-ordered rain barrel or compost bin! ([Click this link to order now!](#))



Monday - Friday, May 5-9

8:30am - 4:30pm

Will County Office Building

302 N. Chicago Street

Joliet

(Opening at 6am on Friday for
WJOL live broadcast)

Electric Vehicle Adoption Grows

According to *Kelly Blue Book*, electric vehicle (EV) car and pickup truck sales reached 1.3 million in 2024, which is a 7.3% increase from 2023. In an article in the *Illinois Times*, it is reported that in 2025 one in four vehicles sold in Illinois are expected to be EVs or hybrids (which use a combination of



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electricity and gasoline) In Illinois, approximately 3,500 fully electric vehicles are being purchased by residents every month. Most EV and plug-in Hybrid owners report charging at home and finding charging stations when traveling with increasing ease. While Tesla and Illinois manufactured Rivian are easy to spot, many vehicle brands blend in and may only be recognized by the "EL" on the Illinois license plate.

Shade Grown Coffee

According to the Smithsonian National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute, from the beginning of written history until the 1970's, coffee was grown under shade in the tropical regions of earth. In the 1970's producers began to clear tropical forests and move their coffee fields into full sun to speed production and increase profits. This destroyed habitat for native wildlife and also for migratory birds that nest in North America and winter in the tropics.

By the early 1990's, scientists investigating a decline in migratory bird species identified this problem and the Smithsonian created a certification



This article was submitted by Greg,
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program to encourage the production of coffee under shade.

To learn more about Smithsonian Bird Friendly® Certified Coffee, [click this link](#).

Please note: Will County, the Will County Land Use Department, and Will County Green do not officially sponsor or endorse any products, including the Smithsonian National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute or products it endorses.

Upcoming Events

Apr 12: Bike Event in Crest Hill

Apr 12: Stem Fest in Romeoville

Apr 22: 55th Anniversary of Earth Day

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Frankfort

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Lockport

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Peotone

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Tinley Park

May 3: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Bolingbrook

May 5-9: Textile Collection at the County Building in Joliet

May 10: Electronics and small scrap metal Collection in Shorewood

May 30, 31 & June 1: Book 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



Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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