



Save the Date



One-Day Collection
Household
Hazardous
Waste and
Electronics
Collection in Crete
at the
Crete-Monee H.S.
1515 W.Exchange
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Saturday
April 27
8am-3pm

Save the Date



One-Week
Collection
Clothing, Gym
Shoes, Linens,
Towels, Drapes &
Shoe Textile

Happy EARTH Month!

You have helped us reach more people!
Telling your friends, neighbors, family
and co-workers to visit
our WillCountyGreen.com website



to learn new ways to recycle, save energy or conserve water has a big impact! Since we launched the website in November of 2010, we have had 73,276 visits, over 50,000 of which are different people. The average person views several pages of the website, staying three and half minutes. The most popular pages, not including the main page, are the Electronic Recycling page, the Green Guide database search, the Frequently Asked Questions section, the Household Hazardous Waste page and the Traditional Recycling Drop-Off page. Of course, many other pages are visited, the site has over 250 different pages, so there is a lot to explore. Teachers enjoy taking students on virtual tours of recycling facilities and many people of all ages enjoy our games (It's the 15th most popular, offering fun ways to learn about recycling, composting and energy efficiency)! Businesses also visit the website to learn ways to save money in a section created just for them and featuring information on energy audits and rebates from ComEd and Nicor.

Thank you again for spreading the word about our website and let us know if there is a topic that we haven't covered. The website continues to grow in order to serve everyone better.

Collection in Joliet
at the County
Building
302 N. Chicago St
Monday - Friday
April 29 - May 3
8:30am-4:30pm

Special Event with
WJOL Morning Crew
Friday, May 3
6:00am-9:00am

Featured ReUse Option



ReUse Store

A new retail concept is meeting with great success in the area. So much success, that new franchises are opening throughout the Will County area!

The store is New Uses and one has opened in Aurora/Naperville, Crest Hill/Joliet and Orland Park. These stores offer residents the opportunity to "sell" their small furniture, home decorations, small appliances, sports memorabilia, seasonal items, movies, games and more. It is not a

Textile Collection Week

Monday-Friday, April 29-May 3

8:30am - 4:30pm/Friday Only 6am start

The Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division will host its annual textile collection event this week with assistance from USAgain and WJOL AM1340.

Collection bins will be available during normal business hours on the first floor lobby of the Will County Office Building, 302 N. Chicago Street, Joliet.



Items accepted include gym shoes, boots, shoes, pants, shirts and dresses as well as drapes, tablecloths, blankets, and towels. Items with stains, broken zippers, rips or missing buttons will be accepted for recycling. Cotton and polyester can be recycled into other items, such as insulation for homes, sound proofing for vehicles and much more!

The WJOL morning crew will be on-site on Friday, May 3 from 6am-9am to give local schools and businesses dropping off items a shout out for their recycling and reuse efforts!

Plainfield's Earth Day Family Fun

Saturday, May 4 10am - 3pm

Conservation Plainfield is offering a FREE event that includes exhibitors with educational displays, demonstrations of sustainable products, sustainable practices, sales of "green" products and services, along with fun entertainment for all ages.



- Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles
- Incredible Bats will be giving a multi-media presentation on how beneficial these creatures are to us and our world.
- Learn about and try Geo-Caching (an outdoor activity using a GPS receiver to hide and seek containers called geo-caches or caches that contain log-in sheets and sometimes trinkets).
- Rain Barrel Sales
- Ink Cartridge Collection
- Workshop on wind energy (a renewable energy source) that includes making a wind turbine model to take home.
- Much, much more! www.conservationplainfield.com

consignment shop. Customers bring in items, they are given a price if the store believes the item will sell and they are paid for the items.

Other customers browse the items and select some for their own use. While the store makes a profit, they also take the risk that one person's unwanted items will be valued by another.

Savvy consumers may rest assured that products are clean, safe, in good condition and ready for use. Most items come with a 10-day return policy.

When compared to garage sales or yard sales, this saves people time and energy. It gives people that wouldn't consider offering their own items for sale at their home, a private way to get some cash for them,

It also offers people uncomfortable shopping at a neighbor's sale, a way to purchase used items in a clean, well-lit, retail environment. Similar opportunities exist at thrift stores and through non-profit

Homer Glen Earth Day Event

Saturday, May 18 11am-4pm

The Village of Homer Glen is offering their annual Earth Day~Arbor Day event at the Konow Farm located near 167th St. & Cedar Road. This event offers electronic recycling, many exhibits and wonderful demonstrations.



Free Admission - Family Fun Event includes Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Master Gardeners, Green Solutions, Environmentally friendly products, crafts and items for sale. For more information visit: <http://homerglenil.org/Environment/EarthDayArborDayHome.aspx>

Household Chemicals

Saturday, April 27, 8am-3pm Crete

Every weekend, 9am-2pm in Naperville

If your home chemicals were damaged by recent floods, you are moving or simply don't want these items any longer, please bring them to a collection event. The county offers one-day events and sponsors a permanent site open every Saturday and Sunday in Naperville. These events accept: * Oil-Based Paints and Stains, Spray Paint, Aerosol Paints * Paint Thinners * Solvents * Drain Cleaners * Old/Unwanted Medication * Cleaning Products * Rechargeable Batteries, Automotive/ Boat Batteries * Mercury & mercury items * Pesticides * Lawn & garden chemicals and fertilizers * Motor Oil, Used Oil Filters, Old gasoline, Antifreeze, All Automotive Fluids * Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) * Pool Chemicals * Driveway Sealer



Electronics Recycling

Saturday, April 27, 8am-3pm, Crete

Every week, drop-off & front-door service

Will County contracts with Vintage Tech Recycling and partners with townships, municipalities and park districts to offer a network of drop-off locations. Vintage Tech also offers free front-door collection services if you have a large item. For details on all the items accepted, hours of drop-off locations or arrangements for front-door service, please visit <http://www.willcountygovern.com/greenguide/electronic.aspx>



agencies such as
Goodwill.

This is a great new
way to offer a second
life to items that might
otherwise be sent to
the landfill!

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April 2013

Earth Flag School Progress!

Will County's Earth Flag program recognizes schools that have taken steps to better the environment through resource/energy conservation and recycling. The number of schools participating has more than doubled since 2005. We will be honoring these 2012-2013 schools at an assembly in May at Joliet's Rialto Theatre.



See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)