

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



Green Options Continue to Grow!

If there were an Olympic competition for collection events and "green" accomplishments, Will County would certainly be among the medalists! Each year our residents call, email, Facebook and participate more than the previous year. Our businesses and non-profits continue to expand their energy saving and water conservation efforts. Here are a few highlights!

[Visit Our Website](#)

Sharefest - Recyclepalooza 9/10

The Second Saturday of September is the annual Sharefest Collection, Recyclepalooza and HHW event at Spencer School in New Lenox! The site opens at 8am and will accept Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Styrofoam, Scrap Metal, Scrap Wood, American Flags, Books, Home Goods in usable condition, Clothing, Shoes, Donations for the Troops, Food Pantry and Animal Shelter! Participate, volunteer to assist or do both! Thanks to the churches, organizations, Village and New Lenox Township for their support!



[Link to Event Details](#)

Sharefest - Giveaway Day 9/17

The Third Saturday of September is the annual Sharefest Giveaway Day! Spencer school opens its doors to the community offering gently used and some new clothing, shoes, books, home goods, toys, and a health fair.

Free legal assistance, free dental check-ups for children K-12, a free seminar on vascular health from Presence St. Joseph and free health screenings from Silver Cross, Northern Illinois Food Bank will offer some free food items and adoptable pets will be on display from Cashe Creek Animal Shelter.

An additional opportunity will be available to donate food for the Troops as well as to the expanding Food Pantry.

[Link to Volunteer](#)



FREE Technical Assistance

The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) makes companies and communities more competitive and resilient with sustainable business practices, technologies, and solutions. TAP works at the intersection of industry, science and government to help clients achieve profitable, sustainable results.

The University of Illinois is home to the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. ISTC technical assistance engineers possess a unique mix of experience and training that enables them to investigate and solve a variety of business problems. They offer free and low cost experts to assist businesses and organizations in reducing all types of solid waste as well as toxic releases into the air or water. Industrial sectors that have been extensively served by ISTC include metal forming, metal finishing, plastics manufacturing, metal casting, printed wiring boards, printing, food processing, chemical manufacturing, military, hospitals and a variety of service oriented businesses.

Contact them to make your business or non-profit more efficient. [Link to Info](#)



\$5 for Thermostats ends 10/15

Last September, in an effort to increase energy efficiency and reduce mercury in our homes, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) and the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) launched a year-long pilot project that offers Illinois residents and small heating and cooling contractors easy, convenient locations for dropping off their mercury-containing thermostats. In exchange for each thermostat returned, participating hardware stores (True Value and Ace) will provide a \$5 coupon that can be used at that store.



[List of Participating Stores](#)

Back to School Waste-Free Lunch

Packing a lunch for ourselves is hard enough, packing for our kids can be more challenging. Begin with a durable, reusable lunch bag. Place a folded, cloth napkin inside. If utensils are needed, avoid plastic and send the real fork or spoon. Skip single serving packs. Instead, place small amounts from larger containers into reusable, washable containers. For instance, quart yogurt in 6 ounce servings, 20 pretzels or chips from a 16 ounce bag. Refillable water bottle for beverage. Ask your child to bring home whatever they don't eat. This gives you a chance to change items they don't like or them a chance to eat the left overs as an after school snack!



[Link to Info](#)

NuWay Switches to Natural Gas!

Homewood - NuWay opened the area's first **public** compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station in early August 2016. The station allows any vehicle that runs on compressed natural gas to easily refuel. Just outside of Will County, at 1501 W. 175th Street, near Halsted Ave. and Interstate 80, it offers a convenient stop for the area's busy transportation corridor.



Homewood Disposal began its commitment to cleaner fuel in 2012 when it first added CNG trucks to its fleet. For easy fleet fueling, Homewood Disposal installed a private CNG filling at its Park Forest location. Today, it has over 60 trucks running on CNG and is committed to continued CNG growth. Some benefits of using Compressed Natural Gas fuel include:

- * It is colorless, odorless, non-toxic, and emits nearly 90% fewer emissions than diesel.
- * CNG is domestically produced and readily available.
- * Natural gas vehicles can reduce noise by as much as 50% compared to diesel vehicles.
- * Natural gas prices are more stable than diesel and gas.

* Natural gas vehicles are less likely to have a spill because the storage tanks are stronger

FREE Electronic Recycling Options

Under the new contractual situation, the County and many partners are finding ways to provide drop-off services for electronics with less but more convenient hours. While more communities are reviewing options, the following are currently open:

City of Lockport Public Works

Tuesday & Friday Only, 6am to 11am

17112 Prime Blvd, Lockport.

Village of Peotone Police Department

First and Third Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm

208 E. Main Street, Peotone.

New Lenox Township

Second and Fourth Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm

1100 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox.

Village of Romeoville Public Works

First and Third Tuesday Only, 5pm-7pm

615 Anderson Drive, Romeoville.

Front-Door Service, offered independently by A-Team Recyclers for \$60

Please call 800-630-3608 to schedule an appointment.



[Link to list of accepted Electronics](#)

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!



Business Recognition

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

**Sharefest / Recycle
Collection Event**
New Lenox
September 10

**Sharefest
Giveaway Event**
New Lenox
September 17

**Drive Electric Week
National**
September 10-18

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection Event**
Homer Glen
September 24

Additional Events
to-be-announced



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