

# EARTH FLAG

# SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Will County Land Use Department | Resource Recovery & Energy (RRE) Division

# Will County Earth Kids' Pledge

Let's reduce, reuse and recycle at school and at home!

Create positive change in our communities and take part in fun earth activities.

"I wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude for your time and talent. My fifth graders at Stevens Intermediate School in Wilmington thoroughly enjoyed your presentation on water conservation. It was evident that you easily kept the students engaged, interested, and excited about the topic! The kids especially loved the water-filtration experiment! As you know, those hands-on lessons are the easiest activities for them to do and then retrain what they learned. Thank you again for sharing your time and knowledge with us. We loved it!"

#### Mrs. Girot, 5th grade teacher

The Will County Land Use Department Resource Recovery and Energy Division has been promoting solid waste composting since 1997. We continue today to supply schools with starter worm bins.

Complete the backside of this form and return to use to request a free worm bin and environmental education for your school. Sponsored by:

The Will County Land Use Department Resource Recovery and Energy 58 E Clinton Street, Suite 100 Joliet, IL 60432 Phone 815-727-8834

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Recognizing schools since 1998 for excellence in environmental education while fulfilling the State of Illinois Learning Standards.



### 2023-2024 WILL COUNTY EARTH FLAG APPLICATION

Earn an Earth Flag by completing the first 2 tasks and 2 optional activities. Receive a 3' x 5' Earth Flag for year one and an award ribbon each year in the program.



Recycle 2 materials (paper, cans, bottles, plastics, etc.)

Schedule Presentations

(Vermicomposting, Renewable Energy, Water Conservation, Towards Zero Waste, Monarch Butterflies, Recycling)

### **Optional Activities:**

 Use Both Sides of school papers/photocopies whenever possible;

 Collect & deliver clothes/shoes/books to Will County Textile Event (May 2024), or

 Will County Book event (week after Memorial Day 2024);

 Compost a portion of food scraps in outdoor or indoor bin (vermicompost bin);

 Perform 2 waste-free lunch days during the school year;

 Host a recycled art fair to showcase turning trash into treasure;

 Plant flowers or vegetables using vermicompost;

Plant a butterfly, flower or vegetable garden at school;

Clean-up litter on or around school grounds;

Cut energy use in your school with a lighting, HVAC or other notable project, or;

Perform a school waste audit with students and Will County educator.

District # School Name		
School Address	City	_ Zip
Contact Person	Phone Number:	
Contact E-Mail	_ Grade level for Will Co	o. presentation
Preferred presentation dates: Choice #1_	Choice #2	Choice #3
Approximate number of students involved in presentations? (Circle) Classroom or Assembly		

Complete this form and return through one of the following methods: *Fax:* (815)722-3410 *E-Mail:* enoon@willcountygreen.com *U.S. Mail:* Will County Land Use RR&E, Attn: Erin Noon, 58 E. Clinton St., Suite 100, Joliet, IL 60432