

ENVIRONNEWS

Earth News for Educators

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Welcome back!



I hope everyone had a great summer. I can't wait to be back in the classroom teaching students how to reduce waste and conserve our natural resources.

Rory, the red wiggler was a big hit with the younger students last school year (preschool - 1st grade). Students loved hearing about how Rory **SAVED THE EARTH** just by being a worm. Learning through storytelling is a great way to introduce vermicomposting and how to reduce the amount of food scraps in our landfill. It's also a lot of fun to hold worms!

COMING SOON! Rory will continue his adventures as he learns all about Monarch Butterflies. Rory, Blossom, and Mr. Apple Tree will learn about the importance of native plants, pollinators, and water conservation.



NEW THIS YEAR! For middle school and high school classes: Coagulation, flocculation, and turbidity experiment for water conservation. Let's look into why turbidity is used as a measurement for water quality and how water treatment plants use coagulation and flocculation to clean and filter water.

DON'T FORGET about the other presentations Will County has to offer. Recycling, Renewable Energy, and Moving Towards Zero Waste are also great ways to learn how we can reduce our waste and save natural resources.

Schedule a Free Will County Presentation Today!

Contact Erin Noon at enoon@willcountygovern.com

Office: 815-774-3354 Cell: 815-409-2776

Or go to <https://www.willcountygovern.com/education/default.aspx>

To fill out an Earth Flag Application



The 5th Grade class at Irene King Elementary School in Romeoville is working on Moving Towards Zero Waste.

A student displays a zero-waste bag made out of leftover cloth and scraps from craft projects.

Five tips for a successful Plastic Free Lunch Day

Replace single-use condiment packets with bulk condiment dispensers.

Covering sandwich pans with one piece of foil or wrap instead of each sandwich individually.

Use bulk utensil and napkin holders instead of individual plastic utensil packets.

Serve finger foods and eliminate the need for utensils.

Make utensils available upon request only.

Upcoming Events at www.WillCountyGreen.com

SEPT 14: Recyclepalooza and Household Hazardous Waste drop-off in New Lenox

SEPT 28: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste drop-off in Mokena

OCT 5: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste drop-off in Channahon

OCT 26: Electronics drop-off in Shorewood

NOV 2: Pumpkin Pitch with Document Shredding and Electronics at Lewis University in Romeoville

NOV 15: America Recycles Day

DEC 1 - JAN 31: String Light Recycling Offered at Electronics Event & Select County Buildings
