

Save the Date



March 20, 2012
Green Business
Seminar - emphasis on
restaurants



One-Day Collection
Household Hazardous
Waste in Wilmington
March



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March 31, 2012
8:30pm - 9:30pm

Featured
Recyclable

Greening the Codes

Over the past six months, Will County staff and a consulting firm (funded through federal ARRA) have taken on the job of overhauling Zoning and Building Codes that have not been comprehensively reviewed in 30 years. The zoning and building codes determine what can be built, where and how. The public's input in this effort is now needed. The proposed codes are viewable



on www.renewingwillcounty.com. Be part of this process. Read and comment anytime, 24/7, through the website to David Dubois, director of the development review division of the County's Land Use Department, at info@renewingwillcounty.com.

County's GREEN TEAM

The Will County Green Team has been diligently working on Energy Management Procedures for many county office buildings. These procedures are intended to provide the County with additional energy and equipment purchase savings. Some of the proposed procedures may include consolidation of office equipment and turning off computers, printers, and lights when they are not needed. Additionally, employees may be asked to limit their use of personal coffee pots and appliances. If allowed, selected buildings may lower or raise temperatures a few degrees to save energy based on the season.



Green Business Star recognizes:

Plainfield Public Library

While all libraries are already "green" because they are in the business of reuse, the Plainfield Public Library has undertaken more environmental practices than normal and the extra step of joining the [Green Business](#)



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Recycle Glass

Nothing tastes better than when it is packaged in glass. At least that is what the Glass Packaging Institute likes to say. Regardless of your preference, glass recycling has been part of glass manufacturing since glass was made.

Broken glass is part of the recipe and glass bottles can be made of up to 100% recycled content! Most never get that high because recovery of glass remains low. In Northern Illinois, we have access to glass markets unavailable in some regions of the U.S. Be certain you are recycling your glass bottles and jars. All colors (clear, green, brown & blue) are accepted.

However, some people get confused. Please DO NOT include vases, windows or drinking glasses. Donate them if they are still in usable condition!

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[Star](#) program. Between their use of energy efficient lighting, motion detector lighting, employee composting, rain gardening and many other initiatives, including the hosting of community environmental programs, they have reached the highest level of achievement.

Featured ReUse Option: St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is one of the oldest charitable organizations in the world and they have a store just across the street from the County Building in downtown Joliet. They accept donations of clothing, bedding, furniture, and more. They offer these items to the public at economical prices. They have been in the business of reuse longer than any other organization and prevent tons of useful items from entering the waste stream.

See the latest edition of the school newsletter, [Envirenews!](#)



Each year the Resource Recovery and Energy division of the Land Use Department produces three newsletters for schools. Each issue covers a variety of information and offers ideas to increase recycling and energy efficiency in schools of every size. [This issue](#) features Hilda Walker Intermediate School in District 161, Gompers Junior High School in District 86, and Hermansen Elementary in District 365.

Planning a Wedding? - Go Green!

The Forest Preserve of Will County is offering a [Green Wedding Expo](#) on Feb. 26th at the Four Rivers Environmental Education Center in Channahon. Vendors and professionals representing various wedding specialties will be on hand with Earth-friendly options and ideas for the big day. Informational mini-workshops will be offered and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required.



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