

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



## Warm Sunshine and Green Living!

The lazy days of summer still provide plenty of opportunities to make "green" choices from reducing waste (Shedd Aquarium leads charge to "Ditch the Straw") to recycling (two more electronics recycling sites opened) to reuse (garage sales and resale shopping). Consider participating in the annual Really, Really Free Market or donating to the first Back-to-School Children's Clothing Collection. Feeling especially "green," consider going solar!

[Visit Our Website](#)

### Really, Really FREE Market

The Plainfield United Methodist Church Green Team, in cooperation with the Friendship Baptist Church, the Village of Plainfield and Will County is offering the fourth FREE MARKET. Unlike a Flea Market where a variety of goods are sold, this market offers all items for FREE. There is no admission fee, and donations are being accepted in advance at three locations:

- \* PUMC, 15114 S. Illinois Street -  
Mon-Thur 8am-4:30pm
- \* Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport -  
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm

Items accepted for donation include all types of clothing and shoes in reusable condition, all working small appliances, electronic devices, toys, books, home goods, utensils, glassware, lamps, dishes, towels, linens, etc. Everyone is invited to donate and to participate in the FREE Market. Consider it an opportunity to reduce clutter and know that one person's trash is another person's treasure!



Sat, August 5, 2017 - 9am-3pm  
Plainfield United Methodist Church  
15114 S. Illinois St, Plainfield, IL  
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## Tuesday - Friday: Electronics Recycling Options Available

With the opening of a program in Wilmington, we have collections nearly every weekday! Current program:

**Tuesday:** Lockport 6am-11am, Romeoville 1st & 3rd evenings 5pm-7pm, Joliet 2nd & 4th evenings 5pm-7pm

**Wednesday:** Peotone 1st & 3rd evenings 5pm-7pm, New Lenox 2nd & 4th evenings 5pm-7pm

**Thursday:** Channahon 1st & 3rd evenings 5pm-7pm, Wilmington 2nd & 4th evenings 5pm-7pm

**Friday:** Lockport 6am-11am

*Except Holidays*



Will County is also committed to providing several One-Day, Saturday collections for residents each year. This year we held 3 in the Spring and will be holding 2 in the Fall.

Saturday, September 9 in New Lenox as part of Sharefest 8am-3pm

Saturday, October 7 in Shorewood from 8am-1pm

Front-Door collection is available for all electronics accepted. There is a fee of \$40 per TV and up to 10 additional items (excluding televisions) at no addition charge.

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## Kidzfest - Visit our Booth!

**Saturday 10am-3pm**

Chicago Street in Downtown Joliet

Enjoy interactive, educational and fun activities sponsored by a variety of vendors, i.e. Lewis University Kids Campus, Joliet Park District, Rialto Square Theatre, the Library, the Forest Preserve District and numerous other vendors. There will be a variety of special activities for kids, plenty of food options and entertainment!



## Back-to-School Clothing ReUse & Donation Collection

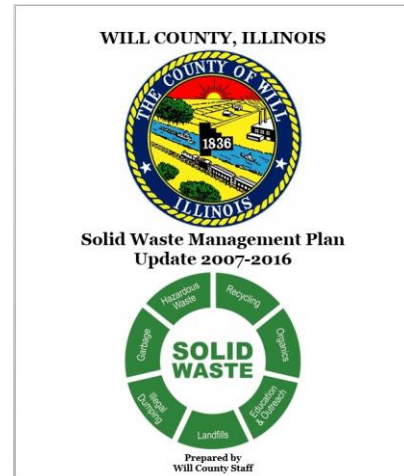
Will County is teaming up with the organizers of Sharefest to collect clothes for kids the week of August 7-11 at the County Building. Please bring gently used or new clothes for children Kindergarten through High School to be given away at no charge through the Sharefest "Love Thy Neighbor" events. The primary beneficiary will be the Joliet Green Terrace neighborhood, but Sharefest will be distributing through partners throughout Will County.

Drop-Off Items in the Lobby of the County Building  
8:30am-4:30pm August 7-11 302 N. Chicago Street.



## Solid Waste Plan Update - Comment Period Opens July 25!

Will County has been working on an update to our Solid Waste Plan for the past six months. It is being released today for Public Comment. The last plan had a goal of 40% diversion, and we have achieved over that, averaging 43% in the most recent year calculated. The new plan includes continued involvement in the IEPA enforcement program, increasing the goal to 55% diversion by 2022 and encouraging more residential and commercial recycling, along with expansion of food composting programs. The Plan is available on the [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com) website and comments will be accepted for 90 days.



## Will County Recognized for Solar Friendliness

In June, Will County became the first SolSmart designated community in the State of Illinois. SolSmart is a national designation and technical assistance program that recognizes leading solar communities and empowers additional communities to expand their local solar markets. Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, SolSmart strives to cut red tape, drive greater solar deployment, and make it possible for even more American homes and businesses to access solar energy to meet their electricity needs. As a SolSmart Bronze designee, Will County is receiving national recognition for adopting programs and practices that make it faster and easier to go solar.



## Green that "Doggie Bag"

Recycled products that contain post-consumer waste use less resources to produce. Fold-Pak has four GRA-Endorsed take-out containers, which all contain 100% recycled content, at least 35% post-consumer waste, and are processed chlorine free.



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## Visit the local Farmers Markets

A farmers market adds economic value to the local community. It educates consumers and farmers, bringing health and social benefits to those it serves. By its very nature, it promotes the consumption of fresh, locally grown products. In addition, many farmers markets accept the Illinois LINK card which greatly expands fresh food options for residents with low incomes. Small, local farmers are able to grow a wider variety of plants and foods through the sale of their goods directly to the public. **Aug 6-12 is National Farmer's Market Week!**



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## Ditch the Straw (and all single use plastic)

Waste Reduction means being more considerate of the items we purchase. One item we tend to take for granted is the straw. Considering we use oil and natural gas that took thousands of years to create for a product we use and send to the landfill after an hour or less, we should consider drinking our beverages without the straw! [Visit Shedd Aquarium's website to learn more!](#)



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## Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

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Play a fun game!



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

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## Upcoming Events

**Really, Really FREE Market**  
Plainfield United Methodist Church  
Plainfield  
**Sat, August 5**  
**10am - 3pm**

**Sharefest's Love Thy Neighbor Event**  
White Oak Library  
Romeoville  
**Wed, August 9**  
**11am - 1pm**

**Back-to-School Children's Clothing ReUse & Donation**  
(in partnership with Sharefest, to Benefit Evergreen Terrace & Will County kids)  
Joliet  
**August 7 thru 11**  
**8:30am - 4:30pm**



**Sharefest's  
RECYCLPALOOZA**

Spencer School  
New Lenox

**Sat, September 9  
8am - 3pm**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste  
Collection**

White Oak Library  
Park Forest

**Sat, September 30  
8am - 3pm**

**Electronics Only  
Collection**

A-Team's New Site  
Shorewood

**Sat, October 7  
8am - 1pm**

**Pumpkin Pitch &  
Document Shredding**

Lewis University  
Romeoville

**Sat, November 4  
9am - 1pm**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste  
Collection**

Families of Faith  
Church Parking Lot  
Channahon

**Sat, November 11  
8am - 3pm**

**America  
Recycles  
Day**

**November 15**