

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



Green Job Opportunity!

Will County staff are working with a new electronics recycling company and are in the midst of resurrecting the residential electronics recycling program. As part of the effort, the Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Land Use is hiring four part-time people to work at various locations. Applications are due by March 29. For more details, please click on this link [Electronic Site Worker](#) for a complete job description. Look for more electronics program info in April.

[Visit Our Website](#)

Participate in Earth Hour 2016

The big event is this Saturday, March 19 from **8:30pm-9:30pm - turn off your lights!** If you can't participate this weekend, do it another night. Many schools turn off lights in classrooms when there is enough natural day light to meet requirements. Several County staff have turned lights off in conference rooms with adequate natural light. Opportunities to save energy are everywhere!



[More Info on Earth Hour](#)

Water Information!

Drinking water has been in the news but despite the dire issues facing Flint, Michigan, most municipal water is safe and clean. The US EPA has a New Water Tool. The Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters, or DWMAPS, is a new online tool that lets you learn about your watershed and understand more about the water supplier, and if there are possible sources of



pollution that could affect the community water supply.
Visit <http://go.usa.gov/cpmHR>

[US EPA Water Tool](#)

2016 Severe Weather Training Opportunities

Will County Farm Bureau is offering a Severe Weather Spotter Course on Wednesday, April 6 at 7pm. Reserve your seat by calling 815-723-1455

New Lenox is offering a Health and Safety Expo on Wednesday, April 20 to learn easy ways to prepare for the unexpected. Stay for a training session on how to understand the signs of severe weather. Expo starts at 5pm. Training begins at 7pm.

[April 20 Training and Expo](#)

Riverbank Clean Up - Channahon

Saturday, April 2, 2016 8:30am to 1pm

Start Earth Month on the right foot by joining the Forest Preserve District of Will County's "River Shoreline Clean-Up" at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, 25055 W. Walnut Lane, McKinley Woods. Help collect small and large debris along the banks of the Des Plaines River and learn how your efforts help the river ecosystem.

Dress for the weather and for getting dirty. Wearing knee high rubber boots or waders is highly recommended. The free event is for ages 14 and older. **Registration is required by Wednesday, March 30;** call 815-722-9470.

[Forest Preserve River Cleanup](#)



Prepare for Spring Showers

Warmer weather plus more sun equals yardwork. Prepare for extra rain, quick snow melts and gardening season. Rake off storm drains, clear downspouts, install a rain barrel and start a compost pile by the garden. Turn over the soil and add some compost while seeing what seeds are hearty enough to start. Winter winds may have carried some litter into the yard, recycle what is accepted and send the rest to the landfill. Soon the flowers, shrubs and trees will be blooming!

[Storm Water Info](#)



Snapple & Dr Pepper tackle plastic!

As part of a new goal to increase overall drink container recycling rates to 60 percent by 2030, Dr Pepper Snapple Group has announced new investments in two groups: A \$5 million, 10-year contribution to the Closed Loop Fund and a \$1 million, three-year commitment to public recycling bin provider Keep America Beautiful.



[Investing in Green Efforts](#)

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!

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Will County Green Business Program



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Business Recognition



Join the School Earth
Flag Program



Pace Commuting
Options



EV Charging



Virtual Tour
Take a Tour of a
Recycling Facility



Community and
School Garden
Program



Farmer's Markets and
Fresh Food Options

Upcoming Events

Earth Hour
8:30-9:30pm
March 19

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Plainfield**
April 2

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Frankfort**
April 16

Earth Day Festival
Frankfort
April 16

Helpers of Mother
Earth Clean Ups
2 Hours
Twice a Year
Various Dates

Earth Day
April 22

Arbor Day
April 29

**Textile
Collection**
Joliet
May 2-6

**Bluestem
Festival**
Joliet
May 21

**Document
Destruction**
Joliet
May 21

Earth Day Festival
Homer Glen
May 21

**Document
Destruction**
Bolingbrook
May 21

**Book ReUse &
Recycling Event**
Joliet
June 3,4,5

**Really, Really
FREE Market**
Plainfield



Additional
Collection Events
to-be-announced