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Play a Game



Become a Green Business Star



Join the School Earth Flag Program

LOSE YOUR GOURD!

Will County is partnering with Lewis University to offer our second annual pumpkin and gourd collection. This year, offering two days for tossing!

Friday & Saturday: 9am-Noon

November 6 & 7
Lewis University in Romeoville



The Will County Farm Bureau and University of Illinois Extension Office will be joining the effort, offering information and prizes. Heroes West donated four \$25 gift certificates for the grand raffle prize. All participants receive a raffle ticket! Join the fun, bring your unwanted pumpkins and gourds to Lewis and give them a second chance through composting! [More info!](#)

Photo Contest for America Recycles Day!

Deadline: Nov. 15, 2015

Entries have started coming in and the deadline is approaching, so click a few photos or find some that were already taken of you or your family and friends doing something "green"! Will County encourages all residents, and those working within the County, to enter. The photo may be of you putting out your curbside recycling, harvesting the garden, installing a rain barrel or using a compost. The photo must show the person and the "green" activity to qualify. Email it to us at info@willcountygreen.com by America Recycles Day on November 15th for a chance to win an iPad2!





Commuter Options



Drop-Off Sites Available Weekly

(click to see locations and hours of operation)

[Battery Recycling](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronic Device Recycling](#)

[Latex Paint Recycling Retailers](#)

[Medication Take-Back](#)

[Textile Donation or Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Thermostat Recycling](#)

Non-Profit Contest for America Recycles Day!

Deadline: November 15, 2015

All non-profits within Will County are invited to enter for a chance to win an iPad. Last year, a school, a fitness organization and a church each won an iPad. They told us about their "green" efforts and explained their intention to use the iPad to reduce energy use, to reduce paperwork and, in the last case, to promote environmental efforts. The brief [application](#) is on our website, just return it by November 15, 2015. The entries will be scored and up to three organizations will be selected as being both "green" and able to utilize the iPad2 device best!



While we realize that not every non-profit may need an iPad to assist them in their mission, they may find it useful in other ways. Regardless, we will recognize everyone that applies on our website. In addition, if they have some great "green" practices to share, we will profile them in an issue of this newsletter.

Share this opportunity with non-profits you like and invite them to be part of our second annual America Recycles Day Green Non-Profit Contest!

Car Tips to Save Cash!

A few tips and ideas to reduce your fuel use as you drive this winter.



- Don't "warm up" the car. It is not necessary, contributes to pollution and waste fuel. 30 seconds is the longest any engine needs to warm before driving.
- Cold weather and winter fuels tend be less efficient than summer blends and warm weather conditions. This results in less miles per gallon for all your driving.
- Check the tire pressure - still the number one reason MPG drops in all seasons. Properly inflate, even in the cold.
- Park in a garage if possible. The car warms faster, using less fuel in the process and you are less likely to allow it idle for comfort!
- [Fuel Economy in Cold Weather](#)

**Traditional
Recycling Drop-
Off Sites**

(Bottles, Cans, Paper,
Cardboard)

**Tire Recycling
Retailers**

**Mark Your
Calendar**

**November 6 & 7
Pumpkin Pitch
9am-Noon
Romeoville**

**November 15
America
Recycles Day
annual contest
iPad2 prize**

2016

**Earth Hour
March 19**

**Earth Day
April 22**

**Collection Events
to-be-announced**

Join Our Mailing List!

- [Gas Mileage Tips](#)
- [Keeping Your Vehicle in Shape](#)

Forget Bagging Leaves!

Now is the perfect time to start to compost. Leaves and twigs make the best base. Adding grass and some food scraps, by Spring, you have compost that can fertilize gardens, trees, shrubs and house plants!



If you don't want to compost in your yard but you have a ton of leaves, consider mowing them! This breaks them apart, causing them to degrade much faster than uncut leaves. They replace the nutrients the trees use to make the leaves, feed worms and improve the soil!

Add Insulation!

Save some money and energy by increasing your insulation yourself! Here is a video series from the EPA that can enable the average homeowner to take on this weekend project! Watch this series to learn about sealing lights or pipes in your house attic to lower your energy costs and save money.



- How to measure your attic's insulation level.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-O40VlFr9o>

- How to air seal attic can lights.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKrB2Rh57O8>

- How to air seal attic electrical boxes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHZUxuaLK5A>

- How to air seal attic plumbing pipe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Idg7R00xQRg>



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