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Will Incandescents Disappear January 1, 2012?
The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires new light bulbs to meet higher efficiency standards beginning in January of 2012. It does NOT ban incandescent light bulbs but the standards will result in the phasing out of traditional inefficient incandescent bulbs. Compact fluorescent and LED bulbs offer more efficient alternatives and the CFL bulbs are comparable in price based on their longer life expectancy. Some people worry about the small amount of mercury in CFLs (LEDs do not contain mercury), but the risk they pose is very small, particularly if

Will County's COOL Roof

In 2010, Will County used federal stimulus funds and county monies to pay for the removal of two deteriorating roofs at the Emco building. The [new roof](#) included the application of six to eight inches of insulation and a final finish with a white colored, highly reflective material to save energy. Cooling costs in 2011 were significantly reduced and heating costs have also been lowered.



Homer Glen & Will County Partner for 3rd Annual Household Hazardous Waste & Motor Oil Collection Event



Will County's last one-day Household Hazardous Waste and Motor Oil Collection Event is Saturday, October 29th at Hadley Middle School in Homer Glen. Will County residents are welcome to bring unwanted household chemicals such as oil-based paint, stains and varnishes, along with oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, brake fluid, pesticides, fertilizers, cleaning products, mercury and most mercury containing items, pool chemicals, rechargeable batteries, lead-acid batteries, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), aerosol products, lawn chemicals and more. This event is FREE of charge. Learn more. [Click here.](#)

Green Business Star recognizes Denny's

From the moment you walk into Denny's along Rt. 30 in Joliet, you know its a different kind of restaurant. The natural lighting is obviously welcoming, but signs indicate there is more behind the counter, from energy efficient lighting, water heating and roofing material to water saving dish washing equipment and walls made with recycled materials. The heating and cooling are energy efficient, as well as every appliance. The owner, Joey Terrell, is proud to operate the greenest Denny's restaurant



the light bulbs are disposed of properly or cleaned up properly in the rare even one breaks. It should be noted that traditional bulbs require far more energy and when that energy is from coal power, far more mercury getting into the environment. If you insist on using incandescent lights, the major light bulb manufacturers are offering halogen incandescent bulbs that meet the new efficiency standards. Several specialty bulbs are exempt from the law and stores are permitted to sell the traditional incandescents until they run out.

[CFLs can be recycled](#) at Home Depot and Ace Hardware stores throughout northern Illinois. Incandescents still go to the landfill.

Save energy, save money, save the environment - switch to CFLs and/or LEDs!

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in the world. He hopes more businesses learn how to become more efficient and shares his success through presentations. [Click here for his powerpoint.](#)

Featured ReUse Option: [ReStore](#)

Habitat for Humanity recently opened a ReStore in Joliet and operates another in Aurora and in ? . These

stores sell quality home building materials, furniture, appliances and more at deep discounts. Proceeds from the Joliet store on Larkin, enable Will County Habitat for Humanity to build more houses.



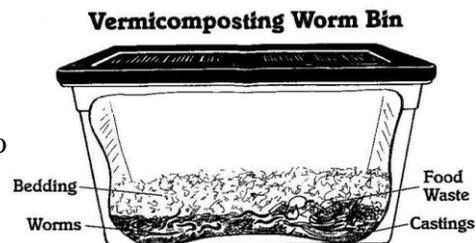
Besides helping people save money and helping to build affordable housing in Will County, the ReStore is helping to protect the environment by reducing the amount of usable items that end up in landfills and the energy it takes for disposal.

Worm Bin Grant for Schools

Vermi-composting (worm composting) is an excellent way to introduce students to composting and soil conservation. During the 2011-2012 school year,

Will County Green will provide the materials needed for a teacher to begin composting with the students in the classroom. Find out more about the program and how you can become involved.

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