



Make Fall your Greenest Season!

Before winter winds arrive, take some time to participate in some environmentally friendly events, including the annual Solar Tour! Talk to home owners that have added solar and learn how easy it may be for you to do it. Start a compost in your back yard or re-start one as leaves make the best foundation! With Halloween approaching, save money, time and the environment by hitting second hand stores for supplies and don't miss our final collection events of the year!

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Start a Compost

Fall is the best time to start a compost because leaves make the perfect carbon source. A compost works well when it is two-thirds carbon (brown materials - including wood chips or mulch) and one-third nitrogen (green materials - including grass clippings, weeds, food scraps). There are plenty of container options to make your compost aesthetically pleasing and be easy to maintain. See our [compost page](#) for more information.



Electronics Only - Oct 7 - Shorewood

Will County and A-Team Recycling are partnering on Saturday, October 7 to offer the last **Saturday collection of electronics** for 2017. The event will be from **8am-1pm at 304 Gregory Ct, Shorewood**. We will accept all the items that are banned and much more, including microwaves and string lights. For a full list, click [electronics page](#).



Make the Sun work for you!

The [Illinois Solar Tour](#) offers everyone a **FREE** chance to see home installations of solar panels and talk to both the owner and the company that performed the work. Learn if you could add solar to your home or business. This year's event will be on **Saturday, Oct. 7** and includes homes in Aurora, Minooka, Naperville, Plainfield, Woodridge, and surrounding areas.



Catapult a Pumpkin and Shred Paper

Saturday, November 4, 2017 9am to Noon

Lewis University
1 University Parkway - Parking Lot W
Romeoville, IL 60446

Pumpkins and gourds will be collected the Saturday after Halloween for COMPOSTING. Prizes will be offered by the Will County Farm Bureau, and educational information provided by the Univ. of Illinois Extension Office. In addition, the Lewis University Physics Club will be on hand with a CATAPULT to add some fun and excitement!

Document destruction will also be offered to all residents. Confidential paperwork only will be shredded on-site. Anyone bringing a pumpkin or gourd will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses.



Last One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Event of 2017

On **Saturday Nov. 11, 2017** from **8am to 3pm** residents are welcome to drop-off Household Hazardous Waste at **Families of Faith Church** located at **24466 W. Eames/Rt. 6** in **Channahon**. Please bring any unwanted auto fluids, hazardous chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, cleaning products, pharmaceuticals, mercury containing items and more. For a complete list, please visit our [calendar of events](#).



Volunteer to Beautify

The [Helpers of Mother Earth](#) is a volunteer organization dedicated to beautification through the clean up of litter and more. Their motto "Two Hours Twice a Year" allows people to easily fit one of their events into a busy life. They have cleanups in the early spring and throughout the fall to take advantage of lower insect populations and greenery. Next events will be Saturdays, 10/21 - 11/18 and 12/4!



Recycle at your Business, School or Church

Midwest Paper Retriever has evolved to offer a all types of paper and cans along with plastic bottle recycling services to any school, business, unit of local government or church interested. They have a small flat collection fee along with a payment back of \$5 per ton on paper. This has assisted many a church or school in fund raising. For more information, please visit their [website](#).



Medication Take-Back

The DEA offers two one-day Medication Take-Back events each year. The next event will be Oct. 28 10am-2pm. Please see their [website for locations](#). Will County has partnered with many local police departments and a couple pharmacies to offer Medication Take-Backs nearly every day of the year. Clean out your cabinets. Click [here for our partner locations](#).



Halloween Fun at Thrift Stores

Dressing up can be fun for kids and adults. Use some creativity and save some money by reusing items from local thrift stores. Goodwill, Savers, St. Vincent De Paul and more offer an array of ideas that will make your outfit unique. Bonus, reusing helps the environment, too!



Public Hearing for Plan on 10/19

A public hearing for the Draft Solid Waste Plan Update will be held at 9:30am on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the County Building. Everyone is encouraged to read the Plan Update and send comments by Oct. 22. The Plan is available on the [willcountygreen.com](#) website. Send your comments of endorsement or suggestions for changes to RRE's Dean Olson and Marta Keane at DOlson@willcountygreen.com & MKeane@willcountygreen.com



**Please send in your
Comments**

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Upcoming Events

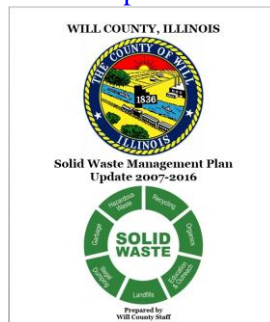
Electronics Only Collection

A-Team's Site
304 Gregory Ct.
Shorewood
Sat, October 7
8am - 1pm

Illinois Solar Tour

Various Locations
Sat, October 7
10am - 3pm

**Comment by 10/22
Solid Waste Plan Update**



DEA Medication Take-Back Day

Various Police Stations
Sat, October 28
10am - 2pm

**Pumpkin Patch &
Document Shredding**

Lewis University
Romeoville
Sat, November 4
9am - 1pm

**Time Change
Set Clocks Back**

Nationally
Sun, November 5
2am
(change the batteries)

**Household Hazardous
Waste Collection**

Families of Faith
Church Parking Lot
Channahon
Sat, November 11
8am - 3pm

**America
Recycles
Day**

November 15



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