



Event Improvements - Appointment Based!

Will County is striving to improve your experience at our most popular events. We are introducing an Online Appointment System to enhance wait time for participants.

While Will County is proud that our one-day collection events for Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste often attract over 1,000 residents, we have had several that were simply inefficient for our participants. Sometimes, we get most of the cars in the first few hours resulting in long, slow wait times while the afternoon participants are done in only minutes.

To improve everyone's experience, we are introducing an appointment system for the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events this year! As we announce the dates and locations, we ask anyone interested in attending to **make an individual appointment time** to make your drop-off experience as fast and predictable as possible.



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Spring Electronic and HHW Events

March 24 is the first Collection Event of 2018. We will be utilizing our brand new appointment system and asking everyone that wishes to drop off items, to reserve an appointment time. One appointment per vehicle using a valid email and telephone number. Here is our event lineup:

[Peotone](#) on [Saturday, March 24](#)
[Joliet](#) on [Saturday, April 21](#)

Mokena on Saturday, June 23 (will activate soon)
(Click the hotlink to make an appointment)



Metra Opened New Station

Getting to Chicago just got easier from Romeoville. The first new station on the Heritage Corridor since 1984 opened on Monday, Feb. 5! Taking the train is far more beneficial to the environment than driving and less expensive. Commuters often report needing fewer family vehicles, putting less wear and tear on the one they use and avoiding parking fees. Some simply enjoy the time to read while traveling!



Businesses Save Energy with SEDAC

Overwhelmed by the number of energy efficiency programs available? Contact SEDAC at 800.214.7954 or email them at info@sedac.org. SEDAC provides quick advice, initial consultations, and answers to technical energy-efficiency related questions. They can also refer you to other energy efficiency programs and help you navigate these programs. Their quick advice is FREE for any business, organization, or public sector entity regardless of size.



Cease Wasting Water in the Shower

Waiting for the water to warm is one of the largest ways Americans waste water. There are many ways to reduce the amount of water wasted and help hot water reach us faster! Consider installing a Point-of-Use Tankless Hot Water heater in the bathroom. Insulate your current hot water heater and the hot pipes leading from it to the bathroom(s). For families, take showers one after the other, while the pipes are warm. Keep a bucket in the shower to catch the cold water and use it for plants or to fill the toilet tank!



Vacation Souvenirs: Best Options

We want to bring family and friends souvenirs from our adventures but we also don't want to waste resources on gifts that no one wants or needs. Stuffed animals, shot glasses, key chains, etc may all seem festive but each item takes energy and materials to make and ship. A single cotton T-Shirt requires 713 gallons of water to grow the all-natural, recyclable material. Consider sending a postcard to those back home. It's personal, memorable and recyclable!



Recycle Plastic Bags at the Grocery Store

Even if you are amazing at avoiding plastic grocery bags, it is nearly impossible to avoid grocery items that come in plastic bags! The good news is these are lightweight, reducing fuel usage in transit to your store and home. In addition, these bags can often be recycled at the same grocery store plastic bag collection boxes! They simply need to be clean and dry - such as cereal bags, bread bags, toilet paper roll wrapping, etc. Tell your friends and family so more plastic film is recovered and recycled into new items!



Batteries: What Needs to be Recycled?

Rechargeable batteries, like the kind in your car, your cell phone, your laptop and power tools **NEED** to be recycled. They contain heavy metals that can leach into water and cause contamination. However, single use batteries do not contain these metals. Some of them used to contain mercury but this hasn't been the case in nearly 20 years. The County works with Call2Recycle to offer rechargeable battery recycling at a variety of locations, including many libraries. Please click our [link](#) to learn the closest location for you.



Businesses with Unwanted Electronics

Since businesses and non-profits are not eligible to participate in the Residential Electronics Collections, they often ask where they can recycle their unwanted items. There are several companies in the area that offer these services. The first thing to do is ask your supplier if they will take back items. Consider leasing options in the future. Be sure to use R2 Certified recyclers and retain certificates of destruction or recycling to prove you handled these items in accordance with the law.



Troy Schools Going Solar Expect 48% Saving

Over the course of this school year, nearly every school in the Troy School District is having solar panels installed to provide clean energy, reduce costs and educate the students with the future in mind. Troy schools are located in Shorewood, Plainfield and Joliet. Solar panel installations are growing throughout Illinois, the U.S. and the world.



A change to the Electronic Recycling Sites

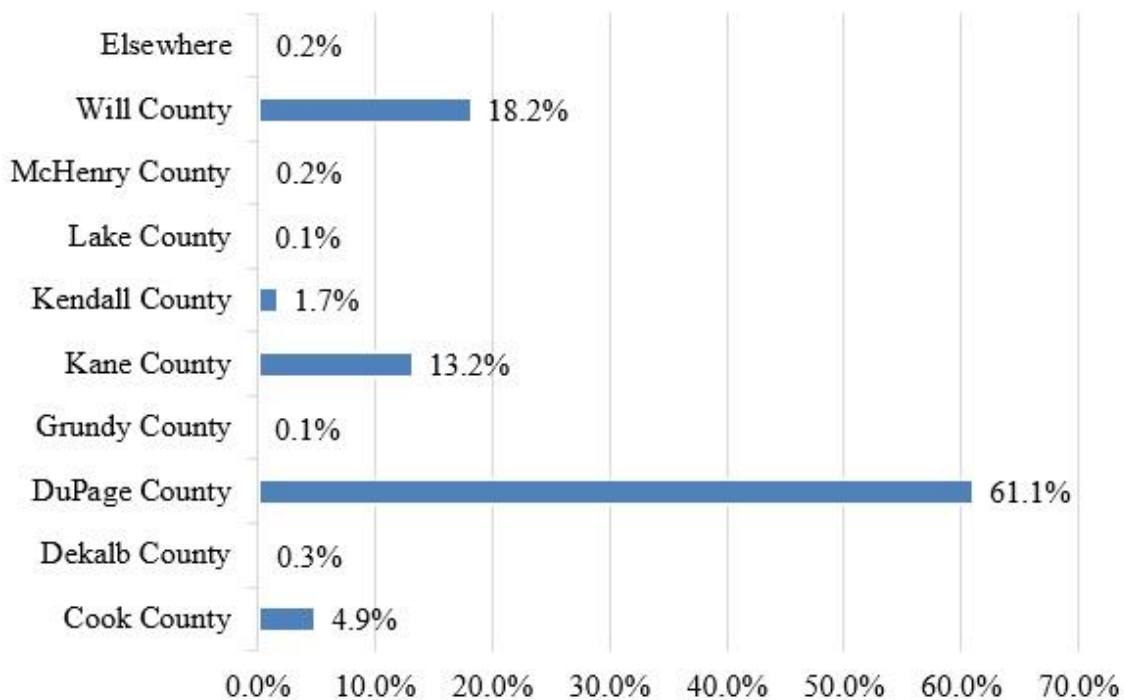
The 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm was the City of Joliet time slot for Residential Electronics Recycling since October 2016 but under the City's new contract, many of the electronics can be taken by calling the waste hauler at 800-449-7587. Frankfort Township will be opening on March 13, offering electronics recycling to all Will County residents on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. Services will be offered in the parking lot of 11000 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort 5pm-7pm!



Participation at our local Regional HHW Site

While Will County offers four to six one-day Household Hazardous Waste Collection events each year, we also assist in funding one of the four permanent HHW Regional sites in Illinois. The Naperville site, just a few miles north of Will County, is the busiest site in the State and one of the busiest in the United States. Last year, it served 21,404 households!

2017 Participation at the Regional HHW Site in Naperville



Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

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Upcoming Events

**Electronics&Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection**
Peotone
Saturday
March 24
10am - 3pm
By Appointment Only

Earth Hour
Worldwide
Saturday
March 24
8:30pm-9:30pm

**Electronics&
Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection**
Joliet
Saturday
April 21
10am - 3pm
**By Appointment
Only**

Earth Day
Nationwide
April 22

**Bluestem Earth
Festival**

University of St. Francis
Joliet
**Saturday
May 19
10am - 3pm**

**Textile Collection
Week**

(Clothing/Shoes)
County Office Building
Joliet
**Monday-Friday
April 30 - May 4
8:30am - 4:30pm**

**Book Reuse &
Recycling
Weekend**

Pilcher Park Nature
Center
Joliet
**Fri, Sat, Sun
June 1, 2, 3
9am - 4pm**



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