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

## Spring brings Green Events

As we say goodbye to the worst of winter, we can plan a Spring and Summer full of great green innovations. Start with composting and registering to clean out some items at an upcoming event, but consider doing more. The Conservation Foundation offers ways to make your yard a natural area for birds and the University of Illinois Extension Office encourages you to plant a garden. Kick back for some awesome Earth Fest movies. Keep you energy consumption in mind by observing Earth Hour and installing some LED lights to brighten your home or work space.

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## Get Composting! (Bin with Webinar)

Jump into composting with us now! This is your chance to get a large, durable container, instruction book, and webinar for one low price of at the low cost of \$65. **Order by March 12** and pick up items in May, then tune into our Educator's webinar. We have never had a better way to help you get started creating a natural fertilizer for your lawn and garden.

[Click for details!](#)



## Rain Garden for your Home or Office

Does your yard flood? Do you have standing water from your sump pump or downspouts? Learn how to locate, design and plant a rain garden to turn your wet problem area into a beautiful space. March 17, 1pm  
Speaker: Amanda Arnold,  
PlanIt Landscape Perspective, LLC  
Click to [Register in advance for this webinar](#)



# Saturday Collections Begin!

Saturday Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collections begin on **March 27 in Mokena!** The 2021 collections will include April 17 in Joliet, May 15 in Channahon, September 11 in New Lenox and September 25 in Homer Glen. We are accepting all the banned electronic items and much more for recycling. A wide array of hazardous items will also be accepted. To **make an appointment** and learn more about the Mokena event, please [click here](#).



## Earth Hour: Be part of it!

Earth Hour is the annual Saturday evening event designed to improve our appreciation of energy and encourage us to conserve our resources. This is done by individuals and businesses turning off all the lights from 8:30pm to 9:30pm on March 27. It is also a great time to look at the stars because there is less light pollution. Learn more by [clicking this link!](#)



## One Earth Film Festival is Virtual

For the 10 year anniversary, One Earth Film Festival is all Virtual with a requested donation of \$8, this is an amazing chance to see multiple films on a variety of subjects from the comfort of your own home.

[Register Here.](#)



## March 24 Home Conservation 101

The Conservation Foundation is offering a free webinar on Wednesday, March 24 at 1pm to teach you how to become involved with their Conservation@Home program. Learn how you can use native plants to make your yard a better habitat. Also covered will be rain gardens, rain barrels, and more!

[Register Here.](#)



## Updating the County Energy & Conservation Plan

Will County staff and a team of community members, along with elected officials are in the midst of updating the County's Energy Plan. Looking forward to more energy generation from renewables, along with conservation steps including elements of recycling, transportation planning, water reduction and more. Please stay tuned for public input.



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## Bike Safety Day

Bring your child out to learn the basic skills of being safe on a bicycle at the Forest Preserve. Activities will include safety instruction, the ABC quick check for bicycles, and a few fun activities. Only those children participating need to be registered, but a parent must remain during program. Registration is required by Thursday, March 18. Please bring bicycles, masks, and helmets are strongly encouraged.



[Click for Registration Information](#)

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## Rain Barrels Save Water & Energy

Water your yard the natural way with this 55 Gallon Rain barrel! Reduce your water bill and keep the garden or lawn looking great. This recycled content barrel is available for \$60 payable by check or online shopping cart. Accessories sold separately. Visit [Upcycle](#) and get delivery or pick-up your items at one of our Spring recycling events. We will be in Mokena on March 27; Joliet on April 17; and Channahon on May 15.



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## Reduce Commercial Water Use

Office buildings, schools, hotels, hospitals, restaurants, and other commercial and institutional facilities use a significant amount of water and energy in their daily operations. More than ever, there is a strong business case to be made for water efficiency. WaterSense provides facility



managers, building owners, and other stakeholders with a variety of resources and initiatives to help them save water, energy, and operating costs. [Click for more info](#)

## Tip on Old Gasoline from Facebook Fan

If your small engine mower has been left outside or in an unheated shed or garage, you may want to drain the old gasoline before use. If you have old gas for any reason you are welcome to bring it to one of our Household Hazardous Waste collection events, the permanent regional site in Naperville or use it as intended in your vehicle, as one of our FB fans suggests, "I just pour it in my car's gas tank when its at 3/4 full. Then it gets used as intended without a problem."



## Upcoming Events

- March 27: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Mokena
- March 27: Earth Hour 8:30pm-9:30pm
- April 17: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Joliet
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 30: Arbor Day
- May 3-7: Textile Collection Week
- May 7: Compost Bin Pick-Up at County Building
- May 8: Compost Bin Pick-Up at Naperville or Monee (based on selection)
- May 15: Bluestem VIRTUAL
- May 15: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Channahon
- June 4,5,6: Book Reuse Event (Tentative Based on COVID restrictions)



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com)



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



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Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous  
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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