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

51st Earth Day! Celebrate Every Day

Over the past fifty years, since Earth Day was first celebrated, the entire month of April has become a time of renewing our efforts to make daily choices that help our fragile planet. Will County is offering an event on April 17 to clean your home of hazardous chemicals and items, as well as recycle a wide array of electronic devices. There will be webinars on Composting, planting native species, and another on utilizing rain barrels. Our most exciting news is for businesses, as we are encouraging them to reduce their energy use with financing for energy efficiency. Read on to learn more about all these programs and additional green efforts!

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Take 5 Min Survey - Ends April 10

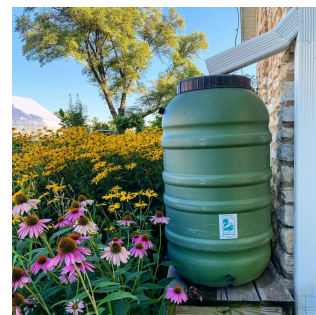
Will County has been working to update our Energy Plan. We have a brand new draft of the Energy and Conservation Plan on the website for review and a very brief survey to learn what potential goals are important to you, our residents, businesses and organizations!

To give us your input, please [click this link](#)



Add a Rain Barrel to Home or Office

Friday, April 12 at 1pm tune into a FREE Webinar on the benefits of capturing the rain that falls on your property as well as how to install a rain barrel yourself. Some use them to reduce watering needs during droughts, while others control storm water short term yard flooding. Be part of the solution to intense storm events by adding at least one to your yard today! [Register Here!](#)



Electronics and HHW Sat Events

Clean out the electronic devices and hazardous liquids from your home by making an appointment for our Saturday, April 17 event in Joliet! We always accept all the banned electronic items and much more for recycling at no charge. After they are unloaded, you simply pull up to the next station for an array of hazardous waste to be taken. We were doing contact free service before it was in fashion! To **make an appointment** and learn more, please [click here](#).

Electronics & HHW Collection
JOLIET April 17, 2021



Appointment Only

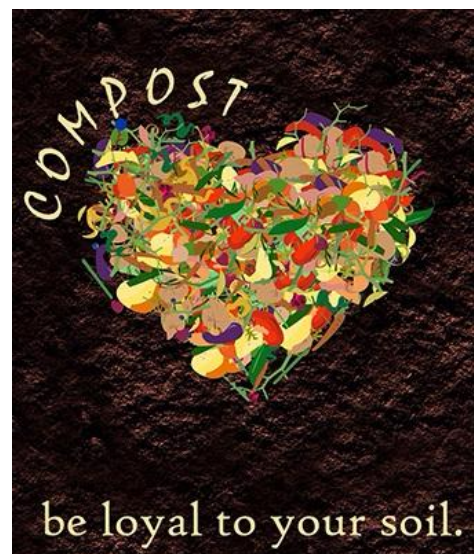
Financing for Business Efficiency

Will County offers a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program that provides long-term fixed rate financing to businesses for **energy efficiency improvement projects!** The nationwide program pairs businesses with approved lenders which will finance projects that involve energy efficiency, renewable energy, resiliency, water use, electric vehicle charging and building improvements. To learn more, view the webinar at iecapace.org/will-county-c-pace-program



April 23 Webinar on Composting

Learn the basics of backyard composting at one of several upcoming composting education events. Get optimal decomposition in your bin using “greens”, “browns”, air, and moisture. Commercial and homemade containers will be shown as well as vermi-compost bins for schools and apartment dwellers. Lastly, Will County composting regulations will be discussed in regards to incorporated and unincorporated areas. Look for Spring and Summer webinars and in person live sessions at area libraries, universities and forest preserves. A webinar is planned for Friday April 23, from 1pm to 2pm. **Click to Register!**



Car Seat Recycling April 5-17

Target is accepting car seats in the guest

services area for two weeks in April. Participants may receive a 20% off coupon for booster seats or other select baby gear. All participants must enroll in Target Circle to recycle and receive the coupon. For more info, [Click Here!](#)



Save Energy on your next Webinar

Now you have the perfect excuse for turning off the video on your next virtual conference - it saves a huge amount of energy! A study, conducted by researchers from Purdue University, Yale University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, found that saying "hello" and flipping to "no video" reduces 96% of data storage and transfer emissions. Compromise and turn it on when speaking because seeing faces still makes this a far better environmental choice than meeting in person!



Safe Commute by Van with PACE

Pace Suburban Bus offers a vanpool program for people commuting to work. You can save money, avoid wear and tear on your vehicle, help the environment, and add more productive time to your schedule by riding in a vanpool. The attached link will take you to an informational video with more details about the program.



[Carpooling and Vanpool Commute Options - Pace - YouTube](#)

Pick Up Litter - Credit Local College

Help your favorite Will County College /University to pick up the most trash! Using the Litterati Mobile Application, the items you clean up will be tracked and add to a global database about the impact of litter in our communities. Download [Litterati](#) app and join the SMHEC "Trash Bash Challenge" and use the following code:

- Joliet Junior College=JJSP2021,
- Lewis University=LEWSP2021
- University of St Francis=USFSP2021



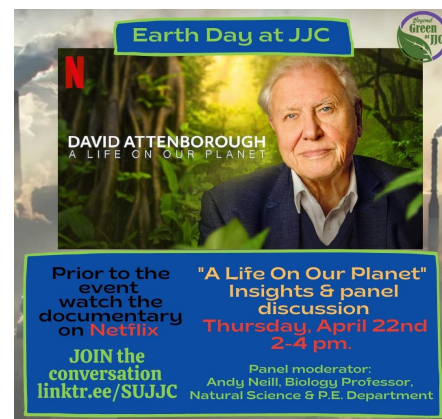
Water Less - Plant Intelligently

Reduce the need to water your yard by changing some of the grass to native plants that respond well to natural weather patterns. Designate a section or large portion of the yard for Xeriscaping and mulch generously to allow heavier rains to soak into the soil, instead of cascading off simple grass and overwhelming storm sewer systems. Another benefit is requiring less fertilizers and pesticides, reducing toxics and saving you money and time!



View & Discuss Virtually

The community will have access through Netflix to view the documentary on Thursday, April 22 from 2pm to 4pm as part of JJC's Earth Month celebration. A panel discussion will be centered around the topics that David Attenborough addresses in the film and expand from there. Andrew Neill, Biology professor will be the moderator of a student panel discussion of the film and its implications. Meeting link will appear in linktr.ee/SUJJC.



Tip on Battery Recycling from a Facebook Fan

Whenever possible, use rechargeable batteries for your double A, B, C and D battery needs. These batteries last for years, over many charges (which you already know because they are in your phone and power tools). Recently, one of our FB fans suggested recycling both rechargeable and single-use batteries at the Home Depot. Legislation was passed in Washington State to place the cost of battery recycling on the manufacturers. Will County has several collection boxes at libraries and in a few of our office buildings for rechargeable batteries only. Interstate Battery and Batteries Plus both advertise that they will recycle all batteries.

[Click for more info!](#)



Upcoming Events

April 17: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Joliet

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: Webinar on Composting

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: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Channahon

May 22: Bluestem VIRTUAL

June 4,5,6: Book Reuse Event (Tentative Based on COVID restrictions)

July 31: Love Monee Document Shredding



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on willcountygreen.com



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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