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

## Being Green is Good Luck!

March is the season where we mix winter and spring, enjoying some warm sunny days and some last winter winds and snow. We begin seeing buds on the trees and plants popping up, celebrating all the luck St. Patrick's Day may bring! It is a very green holiday and with it begins many opportunities for you to green your days.

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## Recyclepalooza: Make Appointment

It is no joke, we are offering this year's April Recyclepalooza on the first in Joliet. We are taking appointments in hopes of serving over 1,000 local households as a way to jump start our Earth Month enthusiasm! We will have six separate collections stations:

1. Electronics
2. Household Hazardous Waste
3. Foam (Styrofoam - clean and dry, no packing peanuts, no plastic film)
4. Scrap Metal
5. Scrap Wood
6. Donations several sections
  - Clothing
  - Books/Toys/Cookware
  - Food
  - Items for Troops or Animal Shelters

For a full list of items, please see the flyer on the website when you make your appointment. Volunteers are needed!



Saturday, April 1, 2023  
Joliet

[Click here to see flyer and make an Appointment](#)

[Click here to Volunteer for a 3 Hour Shift](#)

## Fix a Leak and Save Water

Stop water leaks from damaging your home or running up your bills during Fix a Leak Week, March 20 – 26, 2023. **Homeowners can save up to 10% on their water bills** by correcting common and easy-to-fix water issues like leaking valves and worn toilet flappers, according to the U.S.EPA. Take the [10-minute WaterSense Challenge](#) to reveal the telltale signs of water problems—for example, water usage greater than 12,000 gallons (16 CCF) a month for a family of four in the winter is a sign of serious leaks! Check your monthly water bill for your usage. Click [here to learn how to detect and address water leaks.](#)



- Toilets
- Faucets
- Showerheads
- Outdoors

Fix a Leak Week  
March 20 - 26

## Earth Hour: Sat, March 25

This one-hour event is designed to increase your awareness of the energy you use. If you are a business or a resident, to participate, all you need to do is turn off your lights from 8:30 to 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 25. This event is celebrated around the world with many iconic buildings turning off lights. It also serves to make the night sky easier to view, with its many stars. Some birds use the stars to navigate and "light pollution" has proven to interfere with their migration patterns. If you use outside lighting, be sure it focuses on pavements and not up to the sky. All of us can use lights that are highly efficient and less disturbing to our natural world.



Saturday, March 25  
8:30pm - 9:30pm  
Turn off Lights

## Adding Solar - No Roof Needed!

Want to use solar power but don't have the best roof for it? Maybe you're renting and can't add it. The Citizens Utility Board and Laudato Si' Ministries of Joliet Diocese have teamed up to offer you a solution! They are hosting webinars on programs designed to make solar more accessible for everyone: Community Solar and Illinois Solar For All.



**Navigating Community Solar**  
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 6:30 PM

[Click to Register](#)

**Navigating Solar For All**  
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:30 PM

[Click to Register](#)

**Community Solar** works great for renters and anyone else who cannot put solar on their own property. **Solar for All** is perfect for income-eligible households and organizations interested in avoiding increasing energy costs and protecting the environment. Join CUB and Laudato Si' Ministries this spring to learn the benefits of participating in these programs.

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## C-PACE Third Will County Project

A multifamily development near 191<sup>st</sup> Street and 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Tinley Park secured long-term financing for energy efficiency improvements through Will County's Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program. \$10.6 million in financing for the 144-unit apartment complex cover costs for efficient HVAC, LED lighting, insulation, window and roof improvements, and water conservation measures. With completion slated for 2025, this project created 159 local jobs and is expected to save over 2.3 million gallons of water and over 204,000 kWh every year. The measures should also save the property owner about \$311,000 over the 30-year financing term.



This marks the third C-PACE project to be closed in Will County since 2020 and the second focused on high efficiency improvements in new construction. [Click to learn more about C-PACE in Will County.](#)

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## Add a Rain Barrel or Compost

Will County is teaming up with The Conservation Foundation to offer Compost Bins and Rain Barrels this Spring. You may order them on-line by April 30 and pick them up at one of our events. Choose your pickup location when choosing your item(s):

May 6 - Homer Glen

May 12 - Joliet

May 13 - Wilmington

A rain barrel will capture 70-90% of a typical rain fall, allowing some overflow to cascade across your lawn to storm drains in the street or swales in some subdivisions.

You may use the water you captured for watering your garden, plants, trees, and bushes between rain events. This saves you money and reduces pressure on our drinking water sources.



Link to  
[WillCountyGreen Order](#)  
[Event Calendar](#)

## Video on Backyard Composting

With Spring approaching, it is time to start a compost in your backyard. Perhaps you will be weeding or you want some nutrient rich compost for your garden or around your new plants. Its pretty simple to make with some egg shells, coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peels along with leaves, brush chips and shredded newspaper. The Conservation Foundation offers a quick tip video on how to feed your compost.



Click to view The Conservation Foundation  
[Video on Backyard Composting](#)

## Electric Vehicle Event at JJC

Joliet Junior College is planning an Electric Vehicle Event (EVE 23) on April 15 for all to learn more about EV charging stations, vehicles and automotive care. A fully electric car never needs an oil change and the brakes last much longer as they generate power to the batteries. The JJC Automotive Services school is partnering with the Sustainability Club to bring this powerful event to everyone from 10am to 3pm. They welcome car dealerships to get



Save the Date: April 15  
JJC's EVE 23  
10am-3pm

involved and hope to raise funds for scholarships for students earning certificates to work on all types of electric and hybrid vehicles.

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## BP Invests in Gas Stations & EV

BP, a global petroleum giant announced it is buying travel center operator TravelCenters of America Inc for 1.3 billion US dollars to increase its offering of electric vehicle charging stations. This statement came a day after BP said it will invest \$1 billion in electric vehicle charging in the US by 2030. The London-based oil company said the acquisition offers growth opportunities for four of its five growth drivers: convenience, electric vehicle charging, biofuels /renewable natural gas and hydrogen.



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## PACE Van Pool Public Hearing

Pace is holding virtual and in-person public hearings on the proposed adoption of part-time Vanpool fares and the proposed permanent expansion of the Naperville-Aurora On Demand service. Pace introduced flexible, part-time Vanpool fares to accommodate hybrid work schedules and reduced work weeks. Part-time fares are available for riders participating in a Vanpool three or less days per week. As the pilot period is coming to an end, Pace is proposing to make part-time Vanpool fares permanent. Also, on June 6, 2022, the Naperville-Aurora On Demand service zone was expanded and an additional in-service vehicle was added to accommodate the larger service area. Ridership increased, and the performance of the service has met expectations. Pace is proposing to make the pilot Naperville-Aurora On Demand service changes permanent.



Monday, March 20, 2023  
Virtual Meeting at 11am  
[Register to Participate](#)

## Four Rivers Hosts Film Evening

The Forest Preserve of Will County is hosting a couple films as part of this year's One Earth Film Festival. Please consider viewing **'The Falconer' and 'Mardi and the Whites'** at the Four Rivers Environmental Education Center in Channahon on Friday, March 10. The event runs from 6pm to 9pm and is FREE of charge. Ages 12 and up, with children accompanied by an adult. After the film, engage with an expert panel discussion. Light refreshments will be available. The film festival is brought to the Forest Preserve through funding provided by [The Nature Foundation of Will County](#).



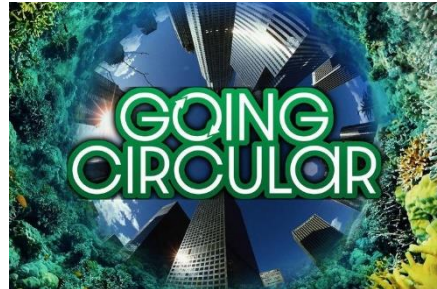
Friday, March 10, 2023  
6pm to 9pm

Click the link below to register for this event  
[Four Rivers Environmental Education Center](#)

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## View One Earth Film from Home

From the producers of the Academy Award Winning documentary "My Octopus Teacher" comes a feature documentary about our collective future on Earth. "Going Circular" dares to imagine a future where humankind not only survives, but flourishes, by rethinking global paradigms and respecting the limits of our planetary resources. The One Earth Film Festival is proud to offer virtual and in-person watch parties with a special Q&A with one of the filmmakers, along with other circular economy advocates. Be sure to [Register!](#)



Thursday, March 9, 2023  
6:30pm

[Click to Register](#)

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## GREEN Job - Apply by March 8

Will County is taking applications for an intern in the Resource Recovery and Energy division to assist with a variety of duties necessary for the Solid Waste Plan Update to be completed. The successful candidate will get some experience in nearly every aspect of the division and many past temporary employees have excelled in securing long term employment in the environment field.

Please visit our Job Listings by [clicking here](#). Apply by the end of day on March 8.



## Seed Giveaway Success

Over 1,000 people participated in this year's University of Illinois Extension Office's Seed Giveaway. It was held on Feb. 25 and featured an enormous variety of seeds with volunteer Master Gardeners to answer questions from those young and old. There were folks new to planting, as well as those with decades of experience. Now is the perfect time to start some seeds on your window sill - consider using a paperboard egg carton on a leak proof plate or tray or learn some tricks on the internet with a glass of water and some veggie scraps!



## Facebook: Recurring Events

A color coded calendar post each month depicting where and when we are offering Electronics recycling collections in partnering communities, townships and a park district have been getting the most attention of all our posts in 2023! This information is on our website year round but the new calendar display seems to be popular. We hope you are telling your friends about all our programs and thank all of you that share our posts!

**MARCH 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Peotone 5pm-7pm <b>1</b>	Channahon 5pm-7pm <b>2</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Bolingbrook 5pm-7pm <b>7</b>	New Lenox 5pm-7pm <b>8</b>	Wilmington 5pm-7pm <b>9</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>14</b>	Peotone 5pm-7pm <b>15</b>	Channahon 5pm-7pm <b>16</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	Bolingbrook 5pm-7pm <b>21</b>	New Lenox 5pm-7pm <b>22</b>	Mantoloking 5pm-7pm <b>23</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	Frankfort 5pm-7pm <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Lockport 8am-11am <b>31</b>	

# Upcoming Events

March 10: One Earth Films Showing at Four Rivers in Channahon  
March 20-26: U.S. EPA Fix-A-Leak Week  
March 23: Community Solar Webinar  
March 25: Earth Hour 8:30am-9:30pm  
April 1: Recyclepalooza with HHW in Joliet (appointments now available)  
April 8: Electronics Recycling in Shorewood  
April 13: Solar for All Webinar  
April 15: JJC EV event  
April 22: Earth Day  
April 28: Arbor Day (plant a tree)  
April 30: Order Compost Bins and/or Rain Barrels  
May 6: Electronics & HHW Collection in Homer Glen (appointments open soon)  
May 8-12: Textile Collection in Joliet  
May 13: Electronics & HHW Collection in Wilmington (appointments open soon)



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





Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Cleaning Alternatives



Donate Items



Composting



C-PACE Program



Reporting Data



Sustainable Infrastructure



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous  
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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