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Spotlight on Paint Cans



Steel paint cans are the same as tin soup cans but require a bit more attention when recycling! Unlike food containers that contain little liquid once emptied, a paint can may still have some paint in it when you finish painting. Therefore it is important that you use up the paint until there is

LEED Townhouse - FOR SALE from Will County!



The Community Development Division of the Will County Land Use Department, as a part of Will County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), acquired a foreclosed townhouse in Romeoville to remodel into a high efficient home! The main sustainable goal of the home was to provide the potential for a lower-cost of home ownership by reducing energy and water costs. Key components:

- Insulation
- Properly sized State-of-the-Art Heating and Air Conditioning Unit
- Energy Star Lighting
- Energy Star Windows
- Energy Star Appliances
- Tankless Water Heater with heat transference to furnace
- WaterSense Toilets
- WaterSense Showers
- WaterSense Faucets
- Zeroscape Landscaping (little to no watering needed)
- Vegetable Garden

More detailed information on the entire retrofit is available on our website, [Townhouse Retrofit](#) page. Please consider copying these features for your home or business to increase efficiency and lower utility costs for years to come!

less than half an inch of latex paint in the can.

The can should be dry with the lid off when placed in the recycling bin or cart. **Liquid paint is not allowed.**

Once the can is placed in the recycling collection, the magnet at the processing facility will pull it from the mix of items, along with the lid. (Visualize through Toy Story 3 animation of a magnet pulling metal items and the characters dangling from the items.)



Once collected by the magnet, the steel items are sent to a steel mill to be melted at over 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit! All steel items contain some recycled content. The average is 25% but can reach over 80%!

Paint cans that contained oil-based paint should be taken to one of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. There are two more this Fall; in September in New Lenox and in October in Wilmington. Oil based paint is also accepted at the Regional Household Hazardous Waste site in Naperville.

Frankfort Township Battery Collection!

Batteries are more common now than ever, in electronic devices, toys, games, hearing aids, and much more. Here is a chance to recycle all of them! On Saturday, August 29, 2015, Frankfort Township and Interstate Battery out of Mokena are joining forces to offer all area residents the opportunity to recycle their batteries! Residents may bring batteries of any type to their choice of two locations from 8:30am to 1:30pm:

Frankfort Township
11000 W. Lincoln Highway
Frankfort, IL 60423

Frankfort Twp Road District
9434 W. LaPorte Road
Mokena, IL 60448


FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP IS HOSTING A BATTERY RECYCLING DAY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

TWO LOCATIONS:
FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP
11000 W. LINCOLN HIGHWAY
FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP, IL 60423

FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
9434 W. LAPORTE RD.
MOKENA, IL 60448

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE SMITH AT 312-404-3283

Interstate Battery will make a donation to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry for the following:
CAR BATTERIES
MOTORCYCLE BATTERIES
BOAT (MARINE) BATTERIES

All Batteries will be accepted for recycling

INTERSTATE BATTERY
8500 W. 117th St. #F
Mokena, IL 60448

312-464-1577

www.interstatebattery.com

 Interstate Battery

New SHAREFEST!

Due to the amazing success of the New Lenox Sharefest, the activities on the second Saturday of September are being split with some moving to the third Saturday of the month! On September 12, from 8am to 3pm, the usual collection activities will all be in place. Start sorting your Household Hazardous Waste, Styrofoam, Wood, Carpet/Carpet Padding, Electronics, Scrap Metal, Clothing, Shoes, Blankets, Books, Bikes, Home Goods, Toys, Flags, Donations of Food and Items for the Troops.



On Saturday, September 19, come back for the Giveaway and Health Fair! The clothes, shoes, books, bikes, toys and home goods will be displayed inside Spencer School for anyone to take, creating Will County's largest reuse event! In addition, a Health & Safety Fair will be offered, along with free dental checks, free eye screenings, blood pressure test, legal council and Blood Donation opportunity. (NO special recycling or hazardous waste collection offered on the second Saturday.)

Drop-Off Sites Available Weekly

(click to see locations and hours of operation)

[Battery Recycling](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronic Device Recycling](#)

[Latex Paint Recycling Retailers](#)

[Medication Take-Back](#)

[Textile Donation or Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Traditional Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)
(Batteries, Cans, Paper, Cardboard)

[Tire Recycling Retailers](#)

[Seasonal Fresh Option Area Farmer's Markets](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Presentations
Farmer's Market
Fridays 8am-2pm
Joliet

August 29

Coal Plant Switching to Natural Gas!



Midwest Generation has filed with the Illinois EPA for a construction permit to switch their boilers from burning coal for electricity to using Natural Gas. They also want to add an auxiliary burner to increase energy output. This project will greatly reduce annual emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and particulate matter pollution. There will be a public comment period and a public hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled for September 24 at 7pm at Joliet Jr College to present information and answer questions. Written comments will be accepted until October 9, 2015. For more information, please visit <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notice/>

Recycle Thermostats!



Do you have a round thermostat? If so, not only is it not programmable, but it contains mercury. Will County encourages homes and businesses to make energy efficiency improvements such as switching to a digital, programmable thermostat. Some digital thermostats allow you to monitor and adjust temps even when you are away from home! Go out after work, why cool or heat the house when you're still away? Convinced to switch! You will want to recycle that old thermostat and while we always accept them at Household Hazardous Waste collections, as of this month, we accept them at the Will County Land Use office!

58 E. Clinton Street - first floor
Joliet - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Please turn thermostats into the Will County Land Use receptionist at our front desk in a sealed plastic bag.

Battery Collection
8:30am-1:30pm
Frankfort

September 12
Sharefest Collection

8am-3pm
New Lenox

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September 19

Sharefest Give-Away

9am-3pm
New Lenox

October 20
School Energy Summit

6pm - 8pm
Homer Glen

October 24
**Household Hazardous
Waste and Electronics
Collection**

8am-3pm
Wilmington

November 15
America Recycles Day
annual contest
iPad2 prize

Join Our Mailing List!



Energy Summit for School Teachers, Administrators and Facility Managers!

Will County continues its long tradition of working with schools to reduce resource use by offering our first Energy Summit specifically for Schools. It will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 6pm - 8pm.

All school administrators, teachers & facilities personnel are invited! Earn continuing education hours while learning how to get students involved in energy efficiency within the framework of the new science standards. View the Free Portfolio Manager tracking tool and get your school measuring energy before you make improvements. Be part of the US Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge.

- * See Current Energy Practices & Technologies
- * Get Students Involved Using New Science Standards!
- * Invest with Any Budget and get Quick Payback
- * Earn Professional Development Hours
- * Enjoy, Pizza, Soft Drinks, and Raffle Give-A-Ways!

Only \$10! Register at www.pdaonline.org Click the flyer for more information!

Libraries adding Rechargeable Battery Recycling!

The manufacturers of rechargeable batteries want you to recycle those batteries when they cease to hold a charge. Will County has offered a few sites along with some retail locations for a few years, but we have some new ones to announce!

- Braidwood's Fossil Ridge Library

Energy Summit

FOR WILL County School
Teachers, Facility Personnel and Administrators

Become a leader in your district by utilizing techniques that are beneficial to the environment	Earn professional development hours for attending	Enjoy pizza, soft drinks, prize drawings, and lots of vendor give-aways
William E. Young School Homer Glen, Illinois \$10 Registration Fee 6PM - 8PM		

- See Case Studies for Geothermal, Solar, and Lighting Retrofits and Design
- Implement Student & Staff Behavioral Changes that Save Schools Money
- Get Students Involved Using New Science Standards!
- Learn about Boiler Improvement and Building Controls
- Track Energy using FREE Portfolio Manager by Energy Star

Register online today at www.pdaonline.org
Contact Joan O'Keeffe for more information at 815-774-3354, or joanok@willcountygreen.com
This activity is sponsored by the Will County Local Air Improvement, Resource Recovery & Energy Division. The organization is an affiliated unit of the Will County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Health. The Board of Supervisors is an elected body. All meetings are held in the presence of the public and are open to all. The Board of Health is a public body. All meetings are held in the presence of the public and are open to all. The Board of Health is a public body. All meetings are held in the presence of the public and are open to all.





August
2015

- Crete Library
- Manhattan-Elwood Public Library
- Mokena Library (beginning in August 2015)
- New Lenox Public Library (beginning in August 2015)
- New Lenox Township (beginning in September 2015)
- Peotone Public Library (beginning in September 2015)
- Plainfield Public Library (beginning in August 2015)

Rechargeable batteries are in our phones, our tablets, our power tools and much more! If your library, township, city hall or business would like to join the effort, please let us know!

Solid Waste Plan Update in the Works!



The Illinois Solid Waste and Recycling Act requires all counties in the state to create and update a Solid Waste and Recycling Plan. Several of the Will County Resource Recovery & Energy staff have been working on an update to Will County's Plan for the past few months. Communities, School Districts and businesses are being surveyed to learn about the impact of the existing plan and determine where progress is needed. Please look for more information on the release of the Update draft. Residents and community leaders will be asked to make comments, suggestions and direction as we work towards improving recycling and waste reduction efforts.

Quick Tip!

If your garden is overflowing with tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini or other delicious fresh veggies that you cannot possibly eat or give to friends; consider



donating to your local food pantry, flash freezing, or canning some. Canning techniques vary and are easily found on the web. Some supplies may be required but nothing beats opening a jar of your garden goodies in the cold winter

months. If you just want to try something easy and quick, consider pickling! Try one of these quick refrigerator recipes:

[Super Simple Refrigerator Pickles I](#)
[Refrigerator Pickles II](#)

For more ideas, search the internet, it is filled with a variety of canning, freezing and pickling recipes!

See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)