



ENVIRONNEWS

Earth News from the Will County Land Use Department
Resource Recovery & Energy Division (RRE)

Spring / Summer 2021

County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant



Students Create Environmental Projects at St. Dennis Lockport

Under the direction of teacher Ami Young, students designed water towers, sound instruments and energy projects from reused materials.



Congratulations Earth Kids' Schools 2020—21

Richland-Crest Hill

Elwood School-Elwood

Holy Family-Shorewood

Milne Grove-Lockport

Irene King-Romeoville

Ludwig-Lockport

Butler-Homer Glen

Andrew High School-Tinley Park

Lockport High School Interact Club-Lockport

Lincoln-Way Central-Environmental Club

New Lenox



Teacher Susie Cempel and her students also created a lovely garden and outdoor learning space.

Joliet Montessori-Crest Hill

Lupine Montessori-Lockport

Carl Sandburg-Joliet

Cunningham-Joliet

Three Rivers-Channahon

St. Dennis-Lockport

Nelson Prairie Aces Club-New Lenox

Haines Aces Club-New Lenox

Spencer Schools Aces Club-New Lenox

Tyler School Aces Club-New Lenox

Hermansen-Romeoville

Frankfort Square-Frankfort

Chelsea-Mokena

Great Job Teachers and Students!





Will County Earth Kids' Pledge

Let's reduce, reuse and recycle at school and at home!

Create positive change in our communities and take part in these fun earth activities.

Earn an Earth Flag by completing the first 2 tasks and 2 optional activities.

Receive a 3' x 5' Earth Flag for year one and an award ribbon each year in the program.



Students view a live or electronic presentation by Will County. Titles include: *Recycling, Composting, Solar Energy, Towards Zero Waste and Monarch Butterflies.*



Recycle 2 materials such as: Plastic bags, drink bottles, aluminum or steel cans, paper, or cardboard.

OPTIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

- Perform two waste free lunch days.
- Do a school waste audit with Will County Educator.
- Use both sides of classroom papers.
- Create an outdoor learning space and garden. Container gardens will also work.
- Design a trash to treasure project out of reused or found objects.
- Create a nature photography fair sending the best 3 student photos of either weather, animals, insects, plants or water to jokeefe@willcountygreen.com by 04/01/22.
- Compost in an indoor worm bin or backyard composter. Worm bins provided by Will County.
- Complete a water or energy conservation project.

Connect your electronic platform to Will County educator by appointment !

School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Contact E-Mail _____

Grade levels involved in activities _____

Your 3 favorite dates for a presentation are: _____

Get started by returning this form by November 1, 2021. Send by either:

fax 815-722-3410

email jokeefe@willcountygreen.com or

U.S. Mail to: Will County Land Use-RR & E, Suite 100, 58 E. Clinton St., Joliet, IL 60432

Attn: J. O'Keefe

OUTDOOR COMPOSTING 101

The Will County Land Use Dept. RR&E Division and the Forest Preserve District of Will County are teaming up to offer Composting 101. The workshop will take place on Sunday July 11th – from 10:30am until Noon at the Plum Creek Nature Center, 27064 Dutton Rd. in Beecher.

It is a FREE event for ages 18 and older.

You must register to attend the event.

Learn how to achieve optimal decomposition using “greens,” “browns,” air and moisture. The Compost Trail Exhibit at Plum Creek will model six composting units that have successfully been used in residential backyards. Will County composting regulations will also be discussed.

Lastly, learn how to make an easy and inexpensive backyard composter from a common garbage can.

Registration closes when full or on July 9th.

www.reconnectwithnature.org/News-Events/Event-Calendar/July-2021/Compost-101

