



ENVIRONNEWS

Earth News from the

Will County Land Use Department

Resource Recovery & Energy Division (RRE)

EVENTS Spring/Summer 2023

County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant



Looking for end of the year programming, after school programs, or summer outdoor education? Let, Erin Noon, Will County's Environmental Educator for Resource Recovery and Energy, a division of Land Use, come to your program to teach about how to reduce environmental waste. Here are some fun examples of what you can have with a free Will County visit. Learning about recycling can be fun with a recycle relay or how about making a jump rope from plastic bags or paper beads from recycled paper. Squiggly worms are always fun when learning how to reduce our food waste with vermicomposting. Learn how to filter water and clean up water pollution while discussing the importance of water conservation. Who doesn't love experimenting with balloon cars, water cars, and solar cars while learning about alternative energy sources. Want to learn how to move your program towards zero waste? Spring and Summer are a great time to learn about the Monarch Butterfly and it's amazing migration to Mexico. Presentations are catered to age groups from 3 yr. old through high school. Want to get a jump on planning for next school year? Fill out and submit the Will County Earth's Kids Pledge form to scheduled presentations for 2023-2024 upcoming school year!

Contact Erin Noon or fill out the Will County Earth Kid's Pledge to schedule!

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Pictured from left to right St. Dennis School Lockport, Joliet Montessori School, and William J Butler School Lockport

Congratulations!

to all the schools that completed the Earth Kids Program for 2022-2023 and rewarded with the Earth Award Ribbon. You are all amazing stewards of the environment!

Greenest Super Bowl in History!

The City of Phoenix Public Works Department reached a milestone by having a zero waste Super Bowl. An event is defined as zero waste for diverting 90% of the waste away from landfill's by recycling and composting. The 2023 Super Bowl diverted 92% of the waste away from landfills. "We see this as a huge, historic win," said Lorizelda Stoeller, Deputy Public Works Director and Chair of the Super Bowl Steering Committee Green Initiatives group. "This took a lot of planning ahead of time to educate the public on separating trash from recyclables." 81 tons of material was recycled from this year's event.

Upcoming Recycling Events at www.willcountygreen.com

April 1st - Joliet -Recyclepalooza - hazardous waste, electronics, wood, and more collection event -Appointment required

April 8th - Shorewood - electronics collection

May 6th - Homer Glen - electronics and hazardous waste collection

May 8th-12th - Joliet –textile collection -appointments opening soon

May 13th – Wilmington - electronics and hazardous waste collection - appointments opening soon



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 (indoor or outdoor) presentation by Will County.

Presentations to pick from include: *Recycling, Composting, Alternative Energy, Towards Zero Waste, Water Conservation 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.
- Perform a school waste audit with the 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.
- Compost in an indoor worm bin or backyard composter. Worm bins provided by Will County.
- Plant flowers or grass with fertilizer made from vermicomposting bin.
- Complete a water or energy conservation project.

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: _____

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