

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



## Electronics Recycling Program in Transition!

Due to changes in the value of the materials, funding from electronics manufacturers, flaws in the Illinois law and demands by recyclers, all of Will County's collection sites are closing this month. The County has a new contract for service and expects the program to restart within two months with new hours of operation, location changes and some minor restrictions. Please visit the website for more detailed information. Many thanks to all host communities and participants for making Will County the leading electronic recycling County in Illinois in 2015!

[Visit Our Website](#)

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### TV Recycling Issue!

70% of the 4.4 million pounds of electronics recycled through the Will County programs in 2015 were CRT TVs and monitors. During March, drop-off sites for Televisions and CRT monitors will be unavailable in the area and across the State. Best Buy has ceased to accept TVs unless you purchase one or pay for home collection service (\$100). Vintage Tech continues to offer home collection but raised their fee to \$75. Please know that options will become available in 6 to 8 weeks.



[More Electronic Options](#)

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## Participate in Earth Hour 2016

Launched in Sydney, Australia in 2007 as a way to build awareness of the energy we use, observance of one hour with lights turned off has spread to 7,000 communities across the globe. Be sure to mark your calendar and turn off your lights from **8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 19**. Post your before and during photos to our Facebook page!



[More Info on Earth Hour](#)

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## Veteran Garden Grant

Applications Due March 4, 2016  
Will County and the Joliet Park District are offering FREE 10 ft X 10 ft Garden Plots to Will County Veterans at the Community Garden on McDonough Street in Joliet! Anyone in Joliet is welcome to apply for a plot but veterans throughout Will County are welcome to participate in the grant program. Up to 35 grants will be approved.

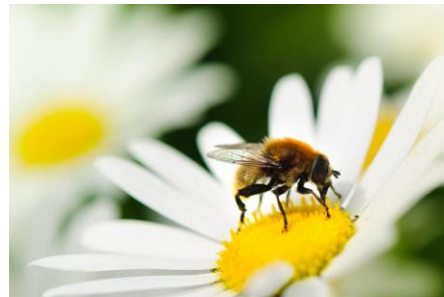


[Grant Information](#)

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## Bee Keeping Workshop

Saturday, April 2, 2016 \$60 Fee  
A full day of education for all experience levels from the just curious to the expert. Take this opportunity to learn more about hosting a hive on your property or just learn more about the bees. How to inspect your colony, assess its health, and evaluate the queen. Learn how to make creamed honey and much more!



[Will County Bee Keeping](#)

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## 2016 Severe Weather Preparedness Training / Health and Safety Expo

Storms can bring damage to trees, homes and much more! Each year New Lenox offers a Health and Safety Expo attended by hundreds to learn easy ways to prepare for the unexpected. Stay for a training session on how to understand the signs of severe weather. Rather than run out at the last minute to grab necessities, know how to keep non-



perishable supplies on hand. Take steps to prevent damage and reduce waste while saving money and time.

April 20 Training and Expo

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## Challenge your Office!



The The Illinois Green Office Challenge is a program that encourages friendly competition amongst office buildings to achieve energy and water conservation and waste reduction. It aims to make Illinois more livable, sustainable, and prosperous. The Illinois Green Office Challenge aims to:

1. Reduce the consumption of energy and water, output of waste, and carbon emissions
2. Economic Benefits - Businesses that participated in the 2013 Chicago Challenge reported an average of 11% reduction in their energy usage
3. Meet Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Goals while improving reputation and image for customers and staff
4. To have fun and receive recognition by peers and the media

Green Office Challenge

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## Click for more information:

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[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

[Styrofoam](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Thermostats](#)

[Traditional Drop-Offs](#)

[Tire Recycling](#)



Play a fun game!



Business Recognition



Join the School Earth Flag Program



Pace Commuting Options



EV Charging



Virtual Tour  
Take a Tour of a  
Recycling Facility



Community and  
School Garden  
Program



Farmer's Markets and  
Fresh Food Options

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## Upcoming Events

**Earth Hour**  
**8:30-9:30pm**  
**March 19**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste**  
**Plainfield**  
**April 2**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste**  
**Frankfort**  
**April 16**

**Earth Day Festival**  
**Frankfort**  
**April 16**

**Helpers of Mother**  
**Earth Clean Ups**  
**2 Hours**  
**Twice a Year**  
**Various Dates**

**Earth Day**  
**April 22**

**Arbor Day**  
**April 29**

**Textile  
Collection**  
**Joliet**  
**May 2-6**

**Bluestem  
Festival**  
**Joliet**  
**May 21**

**Document  
Destruction**  
**Joliet**  
**May 21**

**Earth Day Festival**  
**Homer Glen**  
**May 21**

**Document  
Destruction**  
**Bolingbrook**  
**May 21**

**Book ReUse &  
Recycling Event**  
**Joliet**  
**June 3,4,5**

**Really, Really  
FREE Market**  
**Plainfield**



Additional  
Collection Events  
to-be-announced

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