

Spotlight on Roof Shingles



Recycling Shingles

If this harsh winter leaves your roof in need of repair or it is simply time to replace it, be sure to contact with a roofing company that recycles the old shingles.

For decades shingles have been recycled in various locations across the county. The industry growth has been slow due to the main product being new roads and the transportation industry has had to study the impact. Studies in various states have found that asphalt made with shingles is a good and reliable product.

Since shingles are made from petroleum they can be flaked and added to a hot-mix asphalt process. With petroleum prices

Green Pet Care!



Springbrook Animal Care Center is currently considering joining our Green Business Star program. While they are busy taking care of dogs, cats, birds and reptiles, they are also saving energy, conserving water and recycling. When they built their 14,000 square foot facility, they designed it be energy efficient, warm and friendly for all types of clients and staff.

Some of the eco-friendly features of the new clinic include:

- Radiantly heated floors
- Photo-voltaic panels
- Solar water heating
- Rainwater recovery system
- Wind generator
- Geothermal heating and cooling systems
- Heat pumps that use the ground beneath the parking lot to obtain heat in the winter and cool the building in summer months
- 85 skylights
- Doors with glazing
- Interior transom windows to bring in natural sunlight wherever possible
- Lighting fixtures utilizing highly efficient LEDs to minimize electrical use
- Recycling for paper and container items.

The next time you are trying to find a new Veterinarian, consider making your choice more "green" and supporting your pet's and the planet's health!

"America Recycles Day" contest Winner!

rising, the economics have been moving in favor of using recovered shingles in road mix.

In 2011, a new law in Illinois required the State to use recycled shingles in their road projects and this has lead to more stable demand. The cost to a home or building owner should be less since instead of paying their roofing contractor to landfill the old shingles, they can pay a smaller fee to transport the material to a recycling facility.

While a resident may not be able to take a pick-up truck of shingles to a facility, several firms provide roll-off boxes for Do-it-Yourself residents, then take the loads directly to shingle recycling sites in Romeoville and Lemont.

The benefits are many, besides conserving resources, they include: Lower cost road construction projects that save state and local tax dollars, less pollution due to decreased emissions transporting materials and processing the shingles into asphalt, and finally, the creation of local jobs.

Thank you to everyone that entered our America Recycles Day's photo contest. The voting was very close but our winner of the iPad3 (donated by our electronic recycler, Vintage Tech) was Debra Walters of Channahon. She braved the cold to recycle at the Channahon Township Recycling Drop-Off. She is holding non-working string lights in front of the sign wearing a jaunty Santa hat.



Debra was interviewed on January 28 by WJOL's Scott Slocum. During the interview she revealed that she actually wants to donate the iPad3 to Easter Seals, where she works as a Physical Therapist. "There are a number of apps that can be downloaded to the iPad that really help the children learn communication skills. We only have one iPad now and it is in high demand."

Debra met County Executive, Larry Walsh and Vintage Tech CEO, Karrie Gibson in the afternoon of the 28th to receive her prize. Everyone involved was pleased to learn that the prize, once destined for the landfill, will now go to assist children through Easter Seals for years into the future.

ReUse at Disc Replay



Scott Gregory was 16 and loved music when he began working at Disc Replay in Crest Hill. A few years later he became an owner and reuse entrepreneur, buying, selling and trading CDs, Vinyl Records, DVD movies, and all sorts of video games from Nintendo, PlayStation and Xbox.

If you are looking for some hard to find older music, something recorded on Vinyl (which Scott swears is the purest sound) or you have something you don't want any longer - Disc Replay offers some great opportunities for you!

Disc Replay is a franchise business with four locations in the Will County area, each independently owned and managed.

Disc Replay locations:

1701 N Larkin Avenue, Crest Hill

261 Weber Road, Bolingbrook

556 S Rt. 59, Naperville

15024 S. La Grange Road, Orland Park

**Mark Your
Calendar
2014**

**March 5
Health & Safety
Fair with Severe
Weather Training**

New Lenox

**March 29
8:300-9:30pm
Earth Hour**

**April 22
Earth Day**

**April 26
Frankfort Square
Park District
Earth Day Fair**

**April 27-May 2
Textile Collection
Week
Joliet**

**Saturday
May 3
HHW &
Electronics
Collection Event
Mokena**

**May 17
Homer Glen**

Andy's Shoe Repair

In 1933 Andy Kwasigroch opened a shoe repair business in the old White Building. He passed the store to his son, Bob who relocated it about one block, 33 years ago. Today, Andy's Shoe Repair is easy to find at

17 E Cass Street, in Joliet.



Services go far beyond the repair of dress, athletic and workboot footwear. Ladies handbags and straps are often repaired, along with luggage and jackets. Heels are shortened. Any item made from leather that you may be thinking of letting go, should be given a second chance. "The old saying is, if it cannot be fixed, take it to a shoe repair, they can fix anything. We fix tents, seat belts, chairs, baby dolls and a host of other items."

Making items last longer is easy when you have repair services available and Bob is known for trying to fix just about anything his customers bring into the shop!

Greening the County Circuit Clerk's Office!

Does a paperless legal system sound impossible? Our Will County Circuit Clerk, Pam McGuire is moving towards one with progress on e-filing.

The office began testing in May of last year and now has received final approval to send all civil appeal records electronically!



This program will save taxpayers and litigant's money that would otherwise be spent copying and transporting the often-lengthy records. This makes searching records for the appellate court justices and appellate attorneys easier and allows access to the record simultaneously. The system even allows them to mark up their copies without damaging the original!

Clerk McGuire explained, "Attorneys and parties can register by logging on to our website at willcountycircuitcourt.com, click the e-file tab and select "click here to e-file", which will direct the user

**Earth Day/Arbor
Day Fair**

**Saturday
May 31
HHW &
Electronics
Collection Event
Joliet/Plainfield**

**Tues & Wed
June 3 & 4
Recycling &
Sustainability
Conference
in Tinley Park**

**June 6,7,8
Book ReUse &
Document
Shredding Event
Joliet**

**Saturday
June 14
HHW &
Electronics
&
Shredding Event
Elwood**

**Saturday
September 13
Sharefest 2014
New Lenox
Saturday**

to the i2file home page. Click the "Register Button" and follow their directions"

McGuire continued, "We are excited that the Circuit Court of Will County will no longer be required to transport the paper copy of the civil record on appeal to the Third District Appellate Court. Our office is now working on the next project, criminal cases for electronic transfer."

**74 Certified Energy
Efficient Homes!**



Illinois Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is a statewide program that issues certificates to homes that reduce their energy use by at least 15% through participation in local whole-home utility programs. Homeowners who commit to energy efficiency will increase the comfort, safety, and value of their home, while receiving a certificate of completion once the work is done. These certificates of completion can be used as a selling point when homeowners ultimately sell their home. Rebates and financing are often available, and common measures include adding attic insulation and sealing up air leaks in the home.

Of the 74 certified homes in the Will County area, 51 are within the County boundary. The number of homes by community:

9 - Aurora	4 - Park Forest	2 - Sauk Village
6 - Joliet	3 - Lemont	1 - Channahon
6 - Orland Park	3 - Shorewood	1 - Minooka
6 - Plainfield	3 - Woodridge	1 - Mokena
5 - Frankfort	2 - Lockport	1 - Rockdale
4 - Bolingbrook	2 - Monee	1 - Tinley Park
4 - Homer Glen	2 - Naperville	1 - University Park
4 - New Lenox	2 - Romeoville	1 - Wilmington

To start your project in Will County, contact your local utility program: the ComEd-Nicor Gas Home Energy Savings Program at (877) 821-9988. Visit www.illinoishomeperformance.org to learn more.

**November 15
America Recycles
Day**

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