

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



Fall Green Opportunities!

Catapult a pumpkin, add food scraps to your compost, clean out those hazardous chemicals and automotive fluids, enjoy an environmental movie or take a photo and enter our contest to win an iPad! October and November are full of great "green" opportunities!

[Visit Our Website](#)

Pumpkins, Catapults & Shredding!

Saturday, November 5 - 9am to 12pm
Lewis University
1 University Parkway - Lot W, Romeoville

The third annual pumpkin and gourd collection will be offered the Saturday after Halloween. Prizes will be offered by the Will County Farm Bureau, and educational information provided by the Univ. of Illinois Extension Office. In addition, the Lewis University Physics Club will be on hand with a CATAPULT to add some fun and excitement to the composting collection!

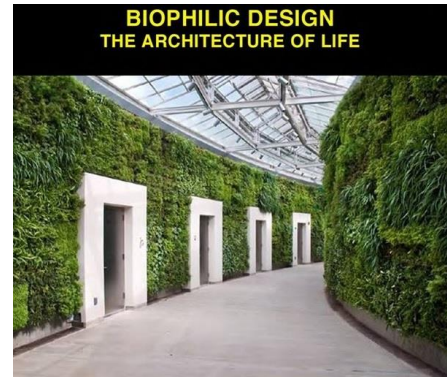


New this year, document destruction will be offered to all residents. Confidential paperwork only will be shredded on-site. Anyone bringing a pumpkin or gourd will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses.

[Link to Event Details](#)

Free Movie Night at JJC!

Monday, October 24 the JJC Student Sustainability group is inviting all interested people to join them for the screening of "Biophilic Design: The Architecture of Life.". The movie is about an innovative way of designing the places where we live", work, and learn. The goal is to incorporate nature into architecture, beyond a few sidewalk trees and flowers. Think "living walls" and green roof tops. They are offering a reception at 5pm, **6pm-7pm Movie Screening**, 15 minute break followed by a 7:45pm Q & A session.



[Link for more information](#)

One Day HHW & Electronics Collection Event - Braidwood



The last one-day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is being paired with an Electronics Collection at the Braidwood High School on Saturday, **Nov. 12 from 8am - 3pm**. There will be a limit of two TVs per vehicle. All residents of Braidwood, Channahon, Coal City, Dimond, Godley, Manhattan, Minooka are welcome, along with all other Will County residents! For a full list of accepted items, please click the link!

[Link to a full list](#)

Joliet Joins Electronics Program

The City of Joliet and Will County have teamed up to offer residents of Will County another recurring recycling collection option for electronics. **Starting Oct. 25** and continuing on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month**, residents may bring electronics to Ottawa and Marion Street in downtown Joliet from **5pm-7pm** to have them taken for recycling by the County's contractor!



[Electronic Recycling Options](#)

Keep Leaves out of Storm Drains

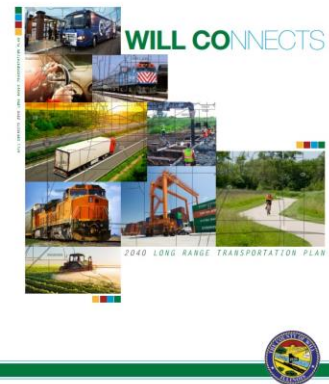
Leaves often block storm drains which can cause unsafe driving conditions and, even flooding! Be sure to keep leaves from piling up in your drainage areas. Collect and compost them, mulch them or till them into the garden - they make great fertilizer!



Will Connects 2040 Transportation Plan

Since early 2015, the Will County Department of Transportation (DOT) has been hard at work analyzing our transportation network and conducting public outreach. The Will Connects 2040 Plan has developed a plan of action that articulates our priorities for improvements to county roadways and advocates for strategic investments for our partner agency systems, IDOT, Tollway, RTA, Metra, Pace, and municipal networks. Over the next 25 years, these investments will help ensure Will County remains a great place to live, work, and do business.

appointment. The public input is welcome through November 2 on this DRAFT plan.



[View the Plan and Comment](#)

Selfie for America Recycles Day

Enter a photo of yourself, your family member or a friend in the act of recycling or composting for **a chance to win an iPad!** All photos must have been taken within Will County within the last two years. The photo subject must include a person who lives or works within Will County. The photo must be relevant to one of the following contest categories:

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- * Recycling
- * Reuse
- * Gardening or Composting
- * Energy Efficiency
- * Waste Reduction
- * Water Conservation

America Recycles Day is November 15 and that is the deadline to enter! Email your photo to recycling@willcountygovern.com with the subject ARD Contest or America Recycles Day. Additional contest details are on our website!



[Click Here for Contest Info](#)

Mow Leaves

While some people rake leaves and bag them, a few burn them (not recommended), others mow them! Given the extra warm weather we have had, it is the perfect year to try the mowing method of leaf composting! No matter how many leaves are covering your grass, mowing (with a mulching mower or simply mowing twice) will speed the leaf decomposition. Leaves make a natural fertilizer.



Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

[Styrofoam](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Thermostats](#)

[Traditional Drop-Offs](#)

[Tire Recycling](#)



Play a fun game!



Join the School Earth Flag Program



Virtual Tour
Tour Recycling Sites



EV Charging



Commuter Options



Community and School Garden Program



Farmer's Markets and Fresh Food Options



Solar Info



Wind Info



Water Conservation



Geothermal Info

Upcoming Events

**Helpers of Mother
Earth Volunteer
Event**
Fairmont
October 22

**National Medication
Take-Back Day**
Various Locations
October 22

Shredding Event
NuMark
Crest Hill
October 22

Shredding Event
NuMark
Tinley Park
October 22

**Pumpkin Pitch and
Catapult
with
Shredding Event**
Lewis University
Romeoville
November 5

**Electronics &
Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection Event**
Braidwood
November 12

**America Recycles
Day
Photo Contest**
November 15



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