

## Featured Recyclable



### Propane Tank

Some are used for grilling, others for heat, others are used for work; no matter why they were purchased or what they were used for, when they run out of fuel or cease to work, you need to refill or discard them.

While refilling stations may offer take-back service, the service is not always provided. Such take-back service doesn't exist at all for small "disposable" propane cylinders.



The term "disposable" is not appropriate for these non-refillable

## New Green Business Star CITGO Refining



This large refinery in Lemont may not be the first business that comes to mind when thinking "green," but this company has been employing many environmental and health practices for years. Here is a list of just a few:

- Annually offers employees the ability to recycle electronics and hazardous household chemicals
- Consolidates printers to reduce toner cartridge use & save energy
- Motion detectors for light controls
- Buys Energy Star or EPEAT certified appliances & electronics
- All work areas have recycling
- Reduce paper use through double-siding, single spacing, & more
- Native and drought resistant plants are used in landscaping
- Offers reusable/washable mugs & utensils to avoid disposables
- Annual Health/Safety/Environmental Fair for employees

Citgo's facilities in Lemont are continuously improving; searching and implementing a variety of environmental upgrades for the benefit of their workers and the community. If you do business with an organization that recycles, practices energy efficiency or waste reductions, tell them to apply for Will County's Green Business Star recognition. Together, we can make a difference.

## Sharefest: More than HHW & Recycling



*Spencer Trail School Parking Lot  
1701 Spencer Road, New Lenox  
Saturday, Sept. 8th 9am-3pm*

Clean out the basement, unclutter the garage, empty the medicine cabinet and load up the car. This Saturday, nearly

canisters. They are not wanted in the back of a compacting garbage collection vehicle. Many scrap yards fear the potential gas that may remain inside.



Recycling all of these items has now become easier! The New Lenox Fire District has agreed to partner with Will County to offer recycling service at each of their locations and at the New Lenox Township's recycling center. The Fire District is also accepting propane tanks and cylinders at the **Sharefest Collection Event** on **Sept. 8, 2012** **8am-3pm**

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Don't Forget

all your unwanted possessions can be taken for reuse, recycling or hazardous disposal.

- Household Hazardous Materials (Motor Oil, Paint, Pesticides, Driveway Sealant, Mercury, Fluorescent Lights, etc.)
- Propane Tanks, Cylinders and Fire Extinguishers
- Electronics (TV, Computer, VCR, Printer, Camera, etc.)
- Foam Plastic (meat trays, block, clamshells, no peanuts)
- Wood (plain, painted, stained, treated, with or without nails)
- Scrap Metal (keys, hangers, siding, brake rotors and drums, chassis parts, pipes, wires, metal rods, broken hinges, etc.)
- Clothing, home goods (furniture reuse, drapes, blankets, etc.)
- Books

Plan to spend an hour and donate some blood, listen to a presentation, or touch a fire engine. Please, remember to bring a donation for the food pantry. The Village of New Lenox churches and over 50 other organizations have joined together to offer a long list of ways for the community to assist one another and the environment. Will County is proud to be part of this event and offers a special thank you to the New Lenox Township for their financial partnership in paying for a one-day collection of hazardous products.



## Tire Recycling Event

*Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone*

*Friday & Saturday, Oct 26 & 27 8am-3pm*

Will County shall host a tire recycling collection event in October. This event is being paid for by Will County and is open to Will County residents and farmers only. In some past years, the State of Illinois has funded such collections to prevent tire fires and reduce mosquito breeding areas. When a tire is purchased in Illinois, a fee is charged to recycle the old tire, regardless of the customer exchanging one. Based on this law, tires should not be accumulating on anyone's property. If you have some, on or off the rim, bring them to this event.





Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection  
in Beecher on  
Saturday,  
Nov. 3, 2012

- ID with address is required
- Accepted tires: auto, small truck and farm tires
- NO business tires, industrial tires or off road tires
- NO heavily soiled tires; they will be rejected
- Participants must be able to unload their tires

## IKEA Goes Solar

Over the course of this year, the IKEA store in Bolingbrook has been installing solar panels on its roof. In June, they began drawing power from the 4,784 panels. This made the Will County IKEA the largest solar power owner in the state. As a corporation, they are installing solar panels at stores across the country as part of their sustainability goals.



## New Lenox Township Expands Recycling

New Lenox Township is not only helping to fund the HHW collection during Sharefest; they are also operating an Electronics and Traditional Recycling Drop-Off site year round! As if this doesn't keep them busy enough, they have added Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Propane Tanks and Fire Extinguishers to their list. The motor oil cannot contain gasoline or other fluids. Likewise, the antifreeze needs to be free of other contaminants.



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