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# ENVIRONEWS

Environmental News for Will County Schools  
From the Will County Land Use Department/Resource Recovery & Energy Division  
Spring 2012



## Earth Award Celebration Wednesday, May 9th

The Will County 2011/2012 Earth Award Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park in Joliet. The park is located at 201 West Jefferson Street. The celebration will run from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles will give a 40-minute presentation that may include hands-on opportunities for your students. Some school groups bring lunches to eat in the park after the program.

If you are an Earth Flag schools this school year, please RSVP to Wyn Hyzer at [whyzer@willcountygreen.com](mailto:whyzer@willcountygreen.com) or 815-774-7893 to reserve your space, or notify us that your school will not be able to attend. We need to know how many people (students and adults) plan to attend, and if this is your school's first year participating in the Earth Award Program. With the increased numbers in the program, available seating is not plentiful. Please limit your group to a maximum of 30 people. Seating reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. You may send a representative (administrator or parent) to receive your school's award. If you are not able to attend or send a representative, Will County will attempt to deliver your school's award before the end of the school year.

Not an Earth Flag Participant?

Get information for the 2012-2013 school year by calling 815-774-7893.  
Schools must enroll each year for recognition.







### **Recycling Opportunities Abound in Will County**

2012 promises to be a record breaking year for recycling and conservation in Will County. Already we have held a business seminar for restaurants aimed at energy efficiency and our first dual household hazardous waste and electronics collection event in Wilmington. Please check inside this newsletter for

a variety of events being held throughout the county this spring. Post this information for everyone in your school and share it with friends and family. These events are for everyone, so with your help, let's get everyone to participate!



Will County is trying something new and exciting this May 19<sup>th</sup> at GR2012. In addition to our usual educational booth and electronics collection, we are offering our first Recyclepalooza. Thanks to partnerships with Goodwill, Acme, Dart, Hospital Sisters Mission and more, you can recycle just about anything. Please see the list below and plan on bringing your family out to JJC for the County's largest environmental fair in our 176 years of existence! Keep in mind that this is a free event for all Will County residents.

Electronics (Broken or Obsolete)	Scrap Metal (benefits Festival)	Foam Plastics (bagged & clean)	Textiles/Home Goods (donations)	Household Hazardous Waste
Personal Computers (PCs) Laptops, Tablets Monitors Keyboards Electronic Mice Modems Hard Drives CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives Cords & Cables (power, USB, etc.) CDs, DVDs, Floppies UPS (Battery Backups) Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix, etc.) Televisions VCR, DVD, Laser Disc Players Portable Radio/CD Players Speakers/Stereo Systems CB's/Two -way radios Digital Clocks Microwaves Cameras (all types) String Lights (holiday lights on wires) Palm Organizers/Hand Held Games Video Game Players Joysticks/Game controls Typewriters/Word Processors Copy/Fax/Scanner Machines Adding Machines Postage Machines Calculators Paper shredders Telephones/Cell Phones Answering Machines Paggers	Keys Nuts, Bolts Nails Screws Screens Aluminum Siding Aluminum Cans Metal Hangers Metal Shelves Metal File Cabinets Auto/Car Parts Empty Metal Boxes Metal Tackle Boxes Metal Tool Boxes Pieces of Pipe  <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Do NOT Bring:</b>                          Fire Extinguishers                          Gas Cylinders                          Propane Tanks                          Refrigerators                          Air Conditioners                          Dehumidifiers</p> </div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Medication Equipment (non-profit donation)</b></p> </div> Cribs Medical Carts Microscopes Stethoscopes Dressings Bandages Gauze Gloves Scrubs Medical Tape Ventilators Walkers Wheel Chairs	Meat Trays Cups Take-Out Containers Clamshells Packing Blocks   <p>Food Service Foam Products</p>  <p>Packaging Foam Products</p>   <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>DO NOT BRING</b>                          packing peanuts                          plastic bags                          foam insulation</p> </div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Plainfield School Cookie Wrappers</b></p> </div> Cookie Packaging Plastic Tray Outside Wrap Candy Wrappers Energy Bar Wrap Cereal Bar Wrap Granola Bar Wrap	All Textiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shirts</li> <li>• Blouses</li> <li>• Pants, Slacks, Jeans</li> <li>• Neckties</li> <li>• Suits</li> <li>• Dresses</li> <li>• Skirts</li> <li>• Drapes, Curtains</li> <li>• Shoes</li> <li>• Table cloths</li> <li>• Linens</li> <li>• Blankets</li> </ul> Many Home Goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lamps</li> <li>• Plates, Dishes</li> <li>• Glassware</li> <li>• Utensils</li> <li>• Pots, Pans, Bake Ware</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Art/Sculpture</li> <li>• Small Furniture (in good condition)</li> <li>• Small Appliances (in working condition,</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>100% Wool Sweaters accepted separately for ReUse</b></p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p><b>JJC Jewelry Project</b>                          Costume or Gold /Silver Necklaces, Earrings, Pins, Rings</p> </div> </div>	Automotive Fluids Used oil Used oil Filters Antifreeze Brake Fluid Old Gasoline Driveway Sealer Household Chemicals Drain cleaners Unwanted medication Poisons / Solvents Pesticides Lawn/Garden chemicals and fertilizers Button Batteries Automotive Batteries Boat Batteries Oil based paints/stains Aerosol paints Paint thinners Fluorescent light bulbs CFLs (compact) Mercury & mercury containing items Pool chemicals  <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Do NOT Bring:</b>                          Latex based paints                          Business wastes                          Agricultural wastes                          Tires                          Fireworks                          Explosives                          Fire extinguishers                          Ammunition                          Smoke detectors                          Radioactive material                          Medical waste                          Institutional wastes                          Gas cylinders                          Propane tanks</p> </div>

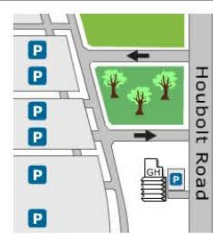


**American Flags**  
 Ceremonial destruction of ripped or faded flags



**CONNECT TO RECYCLING**

Please **Drop-Off Hazardous Items first**, then drive through the Recycling and ReUse Drop-off Stations in the parking lots to drop off the remaining items on **Saturday, May 19, 2012** at Joliet Jr. College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet from **8:00am – 3:00pm**





# Will County 2012 Spring Events

## *Free for Residents*

For more details, see [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com)

Event	Location(s)	Date	Times
 <p><a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event</a></p> <p>RESIDENTIAL ONLY Oil-based paint, mercury items, chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, old gasoline, oil/gas mixes, medications, etc )</p>	Wilmington City Hall 1165 S. Water Street <b>Wilmington, IL</b>	<b>One Day March 31</b>	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
	Spartan Square Parking Lot 1 Block S of Normantown Rd <b>Romeoville, IL</b>	<b>One Day April 14th</b>	
	Joliet Junior College 1215 Houbolt Road <b>Joliet, IL</b>	<b>One Day May 19th 2012</b>	
 <p><a href="#">Earth Day Fair</a></p> <p>Displays and activities about the environment</p>	Bolingbrook Park District <a href="http://www.bolingbrookparks.org/Program_Content/Earth_Aid.aspx">http://www.bolingbrookparks.org/Program_Content/Earth_Aid.aspx</a>	<b>One Day April 21st 2012</b>	Times Vary by event Saturday
	Frankfort Square Park District <a href="http://fspd.org/sys-cal-details.asp?id=1295">http://fspd.org/sys-cal-details.asp?id=1295</a>		
	Plainfield Public Library <a href="http://plainfield.lib.il.us/">http://plainfield.lib.il.us/</a>		
 <p><a href="#">Textile Collection</a></p> <p>Sheets, towels, clothes, hats, gloves, all pairs of shoes, including gym (tie or band together)</p>	Will County Office Building 302 N Chicago Street Joliet, IL <i>WJOL's Scott Slocum on Friday, 6:30-9:00am</i>	<b>One Week May 7-11<sup>th</sup> 2012</b>	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday
 <p><a href="#">Earth Day Fair</a></p> <p>Displays and activities about the environment</p>	Homer Glen Earth Day/Arbor Day Konow Farm <b>Homer Glen, IL</b>	<b>One Day May 21<sup>nd</sup> 2012</b>	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
 <p><a href="#">Earth Day Fair – GR2012</a></p> <p>Displays and activities about the environment Music &amp; Family Fun Recycle metal, clothing</p>	Joliet Junior College 1215 Houbolt Road <b>Joliet, IL</b> <a href="http://celebratingsustainability.com">celebratingsustainability.com</a> Has more information	<b>One Day May 21<sup>nd</sup> 2012</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
 <p><a href="#">Electronics Collection</a></p> <p>RESIDENTIAL ONLY Computers, Phones, TVs, VCRs, Video Cameras, Monitors, Printers, Faxes, Cameras, Stereo/Radios. MP3, Keyboards, Mice, Microwaves, Telephones</p>	Wilmington City Hall 1165 S. Water Street <b>Wilmington, IL</b>	<b>One Day March 31</b>	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
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 <p><a href="#">Book Reuse &amp; Recycling and Document Destruction</a></p> <p>SCHOOL &amp; HOME ONLY All types of books &amp; confidential paperwork</p>	Joliet Park District's Pilcher Park - Nature Center 2501 Highland Park Drive Joliet	<b>3 Days June 8<sup>th</sup>-10th</b>	9am –4pm Friday Saturday Sunday



## Vermicomposting Program: A First Year Success

The response from Will County schools to our 2011-2012 vermicomposting (worm) grant program was wonderful. Twenty schools requested and received the bins, books, and personalized instruction. Our feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with remarks like:

- “The students enjoy the bin and can’t wait to feed them.”
- “I look forward to using their compost for my garden.”
- “I recently peeked in on their activity and noted two of the worms interlocked in a ‘love hug.’ The bin is working so well!”

We hope to be able to offer this program again to schools during the 2012-2013 school year. Check

[Willcountygreen.com](http://Willcountygreen.com) in the autumn for information to get your students actively involved in composting.





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*Please POST for faculty or pass to Environmental Teacher/Club*

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