

The 50th Anniversary of Earth Day is April 22nd

Celebrate with Will County Everyday !



In 2019, 35% of all residential waste in Will County was recycled. Recycle in your curbside bin only the items named below and check with your municipality or hauler to see if there are exceptions to these guidelines.

Recycle: Clean Paper & Cardboard, Aluminum & Steel Cans, Glass Bottles & Jars and **SOME Plastics**. There are so many types of plastic out there. Many are marked with a recycling symbol, but NOT all are recyclable in today's markets. **NEVER put plastic gloves, masks, or plastic bags in your curbside recycling bin. They are garbage.**

Recycle ONLY these plastics: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs & Jars.



Go to WillCountyGreen.Com for additional ideas on reducing, reusing and recycling.

FREE DROP-OFF SITES for paper & cardboard, aluminum & steel cans, glass bottles & jars and above plastics.

Washington Township, 30200 Town Center, Beecher. Open Tuesday and Thursday 7am to 3pm.

Reed Custer-Admin/Braidwood High, 255 Comet Drive, Braidwood. Open Monday through Sunday 6am to 7pm.

Channahon Township, 25461 S. Fryer Street, Channahon. Open Saturday 8am to 2pm year round and Wed. 3pm to 7pm April thru Sept.

Crete Lions Club, 1215 Douglas Road, Crete. Open Monday through Friday 7am to 9am & Saturday 7am to 12pm.

Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley. Open Monday through Friday 7am to 4:30pm.

New Lenox Township, New Lenox. (Closed Temporarily due to COVID 19).

City of Lockport, 17112 Prime Blvd., Lockport. Open Monday--Friday 7am to 3pm.

Troy Township Highway Dept., 25358 Seil Road, Shorewood. Open Monday—Friday 7am—3pm and 1st and 3rd Sat. of month 8am-2pm.

willcountygreen.com "Traditional Recycling Drop-Offs"

Free Will County RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONICS Recycling Sites

Present an ID for a Will County Town, follow 2 television limit, and remove any batteries.

The hours of operation are strictly enforced. Sites may be closed on major holidays.



City of Lockport, 17112 Prime Blvd, Lockport. Open Tuesday and Friday 6am—11am.

Village of Peotone Police Department, 208 E. Main Street, Peotone. Open the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 5pm—7pm.

New Lenox Township, 1100 Cedar Road, New Lenox. Open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 5pm—7pm.

Frankfort Township, 11000 W. Lincoln Highway, Frankfort. Open the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 5pm—7pm.

Channahon Township, 25355 S. Center Street, Channahon. Open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 5pm—7pm.

City of Wilmington, 1165 S. Water Street, Wilmington. Open the 2nd Thursday of the month 5pm—7pm.

Manhattan Township, 230 Wabash Street, Manhattan. Open the 4th Thursday of the month 5pm—7pm.

willcountygreen.com "Electronic Drop-Off Program"

Solar Energy Becoming a Reality in Will County

Will County warehouses, schools, restaurants, and homes are going solar. Since 2018, **unincorporated residential permits** have shown continued growth in this green energy sector. There have been **231 residential solar permits applied** for thus far. **Will County achieved Gold Status under the SolSmart program** for its efforts to eliminate barriers to going solar.



The current solar energy excitement is in part due to countywide public forums called Solarize Chicagoland. These workshops, held at libraries and public buildings, are giving residents an understanding of how they can take advantage of solar energy in this area. Presenters explain the access to installers and the benefits of group purchasing power. Other incentives such as the Illinois State Renewable Energy Credits, the Federal Tax credit, and Net Metering are also discussed.

The 2019 Solarize Chicagoland was a huge success! There were over 135 participants that signed contracts for the program, including 8 Will County unincorporated residents. Solarize Chicagoland's newly-installed solar arrays will offset emissions equivalent to approximately 800,000 pounds of coal burned. Collectively, customers will save an estimated \$98,300 on electric bills in the first year alone. The 2020 Solarize Chicagoland Program is going strong. Watch for upcoming forums in your area.

The Will County Land Use Department, Resource Recovery & Energy (RR & E) Division provides inspections of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permitted solid waste sites for compliance and enforces the cleanup of open dump sites in Will County. Since 2015, through a Delegation Agreement with the IEPA, **the RR & E Division has enforced the cleanup of 77,267 cubic yards of waste** while inspecting IEPA permitted sites such as: Landfills, Transfer Stations, Compost sites, Construction & Demolition Recycling Facilities, Clean Construction & Demolition Debris and Uncontaminated Soil Fill Operations, amongst others.

To boost recycling markets, shop for products made from recycled content.

Do an easy internet search asking "How to purchase recycled products". See these websites and more!

<https://gearpatrol.com/2018/04/22/recycled-materials-products/>

<https://greenbusinessbureau.com/blog/8-companies-that-only-sell-100-percent-recycled-products/>

<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/column/the-list/6-cool-products-made-of-recycled-plastic>



April 22, 2020 is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Go to: WillCountyEarthDay.com for fun events !

The Will County Land Use, RR & E Division, offers free environmental presentations to schools, libraries, scout groups & park districts.

Subject matter includes:

- * Recycling
- * Composting
- * Solar Energy
- * Zero Waste Lifestyles
- * Lunch Waste Audits



Forty to fifty schools book presentations with us each year! For more info email: jokeefe@willcountygreen.com

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