

ENVIRONNEWS



Earth News from the

Will County Land Use Department

Resource Recovery & Energy Division (RRE)

Fall 2021

County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant



Fall Recycling Events — for Will County Homeowners

Make appointment to attend at:

WillCountyGreen.Com "Upcoming Events". Click to sign-up.

New Lenox Recyclepalooza Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2021

Recycle: Electronics including: Microwaves, Telephones, Radios, Power Tools, Electronic games, DVD Players and DVDs, CD players, TVs (2 TV limit per vehicle), Hazardous Waste including: Paint (15 can limit per vehicle), poisons, pesticides, chemicals, auto fluids/oil, cooking oil, fertilizers, rechargeable, lithium, auto and boat batteries, compact/long fluorescent bulbs (15 limit per vehicle).

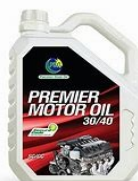
ONLY at this event will we also accept: scrap metal, wood without nails, polystyrene food containers and packing blocks (**NO packing peanuts**), children's books, American flags, gently worn textiles/linens, kitchenware and home goods.

Homer Glen Electronics/Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2021

Recycle: Electronics including: Microwaves, Telephones, Radios, Power Tools, Electronic games, DVD Players and DVDs, CD players, TVs (2 TV limit per vehicle), Hazardous Waste including: Paint (15 can limit per vehicle), poisons, pesticides, chemicals, auto fluids/oil, cooking oil, fertilizers, rechargeable, lithium, auto and boat batteries, compact/long fluorescent bulbs (15 limit per vehicle).

SEE COMPLETE LISTS of acceptable items when signing up online.

EXACT ADDRESS of events will show AFTER APPOINTMENT IS MADE.





Will County Earth Kids' Pledge

Let's reduce, reuse and recycle at school and at home!

Create positive change in our communities and take part in these fun earth activities.

Earn an Earth Flag by completing the first 2 tasks and pick 2 optional tasks below.

Receive a 3' x 5' Earth Flag for year one and an award ribbon each year in the program.



Students view a live (indoor, outdoor) or electronic presentation by Will County.

Topics: *Recycling, Composting, Solar Energy, Towards Zero Waste and Monarch Butterflies.*



Recycle 2 materials such as: Plastic bags, drink bottles, aluminum or steel cans, paper/cardboard.

OPTIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

- Perform two waste free lunch days.
- Do a school waste audit with Will County Educator.
- Use both sides of classroom papers.
- Create an outdoor learning space or garden.
- Design a trash to treasure project out of reused materials.
- Create a nature photography fair and send your favorite 3 photos to the email address below by 04/01/22. Finalists will get recognition from Will County.
- Compost in an indoor worm bin or backyard composter. Worm bins provided by Will County.
- Complete a water or energy conservation lesson/project with students.

Connect your electronic platform to Will County educator by appointment !

Send a quick email of your plans/accomplishments by 04/01/22 to jokeefe@willcountygreen.com

School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Contact E-Mail _____

Grade levels involved in activities _____

Your 3 favorite dates for a presentation are: _____

Get started by returning this form. Send by :

fax 815-722-3410

email jokeefe@willcountygreen.com or

U.S. mail to: Will County Land Use-RR & E, Suite 100, 58 E. Clinton St., Joliet, IL 60432

Attn: J. O'Keefe

OUTDOOR EDUCATION—FUN FOR THE PLANET

Schools are looking to outdoor education to get students active and thinking about our planet while managing Covid-19 restrictions.

In May, Lockport High school’s Interact Club invited Will County to discuss Waste Management’s rules for recycling in Lockport. Students were each given their own recycled plastic Frisbee and jumped to take part in a game of Frisbee golf. Reused Aldi boxes were used as targets.

Student Valentina reported on the day with this great photo montage.

Report Back Earth Flag: Valentina

- Was May 10, 3 p.m.
- Presentation about helping Earth
 - Recycle No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
 - Aluminum/paper/glass = good
 - Scrap yards take metal for \$
 - Compost: super easy and cheap
- Free pens made of bottles and frisbees made from No. 2 plastic!
- Yes, there was an Earth Flag!
 - Given directly to Interact




Students got up and moving on Sept. 1, at Arbury Hills school in Mokena. One classroom challenged another to score points aiming for both cardboard boxes and orange cones.

To cool down, the kids got seated on playground squares and listened intently to a quick talk on the rules for recycling in Mokena—served by NuWay Disposal.

A second outdoor presentation for the group will take place later this month. The lesson will include an environmental trivia game.

LOOK FOR

Winter Composting 101

A Will County Land Use- RR&E Presentation at

The Plainfield Library

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10 to 11am

(register after Nov. 1st)



<https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/winter-composting>

Learn easy ways to move kitchen scraps from prep area to backyard and jumpstart decomposition during the cold winter months. View compost thermometers and learn to build your own insulated bin using natural means or a composting blanket.

