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

Energy Efficiency is Green!

October is Energy Awareness Month, with a variety of opportunities to reduce your energy use while enhancing your quality of life. Everything from adding insulation and caulking windows saves you money while also making your home or business more comfortable. Speaking of business - secure a lower interest loan for your improvements through C-PACE! Homeowners should also know the chance to get in on the Solar group buy for this year has been extended! On a different note, now is the perfect time to start or enhance your backyard compost and preserve some of the abundant garden harvest. Read on for more green tips and ideas!

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Energy Efficiency Awareness Day

Will County recognizes Wednesday, October 5, as Energy Efficiency Day! Of course the following tips are useful every day of the year, and they are just a few ways to save energy and money at home:

- Turn off/unplug unused appliances and devices.
- Weatherize your home with [sealant and insulation](#).
- Complete [regular maintenance on large appliances](#).
- Find energy-efficient appliance rebates and discounts through:

- [ENERGY STAR's Rebate Finder](#)
- [ComEd's Rebates & Discounts](#)



Take Action
October 5, 2022
[Energy Efficiency Day!](#)

- [Nicor's Rebates](#)

- ComEd customers are encouraged to participate in a demand response program like [Peak Time Savings](#) or [AC Cycling](#).

Three-in-One Pumpkin Catapulting

Lewis University is partnering with Will County once again to offer a fun and entertaining Pumpkin Composting event. The Physics club is building catapults to launch pumpkins and gourds into a dumpster that will be taken to Christiansen Farms for composting. At the same time, confidential documents (limit 3 boxes per vehicle) will be shredded and electronics will be taken for recycling! This all happens from **9-Noon on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Lewis University**. The University of Illinois Extension Office is expected to be on-site to offer home composting information and instruction. Fall is the perfect time to start composting!



Sat, Nov. 5, 2022 from 9am to Noon

Solar Group Purchase Extended

Will County residents and small businesses now have more time to access lower solar rates through the Grow Solar program, which has been extended to Wednesday, November 9th. Nearly 1,000 people in Will and neighboring counties have learned about current solar incentives in public Solar Power Hour presentations this past summer. Almost 100 of them have also received free, customized, no-obligation site assessments from Windfree Solar to determine how solar could work on their properties. If you missed it, please watch a recorded Solar Power Hour [on YouTube](#) or [on Facebook](#) and learn more about the group buy at growsolar.org/chicagoland.



The deadline to submit your purchase has been extended to November 9, 2022

Don't miss this opportunity to have a fully vetted solar installation company evaluate your home or small business for FREE and then receive a discount and warranty through the terms of the group purchase.

Save Money on Paint - Half Price

Interior or exterior, if you are painting this Fall, consider saving money and purchasing re-manufactured paint. Available in 15 colors, including 4 shades of white, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore sells paint that was collected in states that have Paint Stewardship laws. In addition, some paint manufacturers send their unwanted paint to a latex paint re-manufacturer. The largest Recycled Paint manufacturer in North America is located in Illinois, known as GDB International. Be sure to reduce your home or business improvement costs by utilizing re-manufactured paint.



Fund Efficiency with C-PACE

Commercial property owners in Will County can reduce initial cost barriers of energy-efficient capital projects with fixed-rate interest, long-term Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing. Regardless of your individual needs, from a High-efficiency HVAC system to lighting upgrades or building envelope enhancements and energy management systems, you may be eligible for lower cost financing. This, of course, also included renewable and alternative energy improvements. The latest C-PACE project for the Lincoln Station apartments in New Lenox is expected to reduce electricity consumption by 834,000 kWh compared to the standard building. [Click to learn more about C-PACE in Will County.](#)



[C-PACE Financing Info](#)

Salt Season is Coming

All of us need to reduce salt - and not just in our diet! When ice and snow hit, we can use less salt on our sidewalks and driveways. If you have a business involved in clearing parking lots or sidewalks, are a Homeowners Association with private streets, or a municipal street supervisor, these workshops are for you! Consider alternatives to salt when deicing that will save you money and may be more effective. These workshops are being offered by the Lower DuPage and Lower Des Plaines Watershed groups that are working to prevent salt from harming local waterways. [Click to register!](#)



VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

SALT SMART COLLABORATIVE

SAVE THE DATE

2022 Virtual Deicing Workshops

Public Roads	Parking Lots & Sidewalks
September 27	September 29
October 5	October 11
October 6	October 12
8 am-12 pm	8 am-12pm

Housed by:

- Chicago Area Watersheds Council
- Lake County
- Lake County

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON
Registration will be available through SaltSmart.org

Electric Flying Taxi coming soon

The age of the Jetsons cartoon is on the verge of arrival. It appears that United Airlines is investing \$15 million in Eve Air Mobility, an air taxi company. United intends to purchase 200 four-seat electric aircraft. They began the exploration of this concept with eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing) vehicles. As part of the agreement with Eve Air, both companies plan to develop a plan to use Eve's flying taxis and create an urban air mobility (UAM) ecosystem. United wants to give their customers a quick, economical and sustainable way to get to its hub airports and commute in dense urban environments. According to reports from those involved, the battery-powered flying taxis are relatively quiet and typically have a range of 100 miles.



[Link to Article](#)

Reduce Garden Harvest Waste

If you had a successful garden this year, you may have too many veggies and tomatoes on hand. Donate, can and freeze to reduce any from going to the landfill. Freezing is the simplest method of preservation but some items, such as celery and lettuce, don't



handle the process well. Others, such as peas and beans can last for months in your freezer. Search for best practices, usually found on University Extension Office websites and save those foods for winter!

[National Center of Home Food Preservation](#)

Make a Difference Day - Oct 22nd

The fourth Saturday of October is "Make a Difference Day." This day was selected to encourage people to recognize they have an impact on society and the world, even when taking small actions. From writing an email to your local official or favorite company about sustainability, to volunteering with a community group/library/school/church, or taking part in a random act of kindness for a stranger, there is always something each of us can do to improve the world.



Around 20 parishioners from St. Mary Immaculate helped the Plainfield Park District by painting the park pavilion at Four Season Park for Make a Difference Day in 2021

Reducing Confusion - VHS & Cassettes

Nearly everyone has some old VHS Tapes lying around. A few folks may even have cassette tapes with albums or music recorded from the radio. We wish we could tell you that it is recyclable but the tape / film gets caught in shredding equipment so the electronic recyclers do NOT want it. If it is a professional movie or album, you may be able to donate it or give it away through Facebook Marketplace or another online version of a virtual garage sale. The cases can make excellent repurposed gift boxes and containers.



If you are unable to donate VHS Tapes, CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes, and don't want to put them in the landfill, please know you may pay to mail them to [GreenDisk](#).

National Medication Take-Back - Oct 29

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is held in April and October every year by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Offered in a multitude of locations around the U.S., the main goal is beating back the opioid epidemic, which medical professionals say can also stem from the easy availability of such medicines in homes everywhere. The Illinois EPA has been partnering with Counties and police departments to offer medication disposal year round to also reduce water pollution. If you've got pills or patch medicines you no longer use, please bring them into one of the DEA or IEPA partner collection sites.



The Next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 29, 2022, 10am - 2pm

To find locations open year round, [please click here.](#)

Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act

There has been a lot in the news about the Inflation Reduction Act and much of it has included kudos for it covering ways Americans can save on energy efficiency projects. From home weatherization and installation of new electric appliances, to purchasing an electric vehicle or rooftop solar system, visit this new website to learn how the Inflation Reduction Act will help cover the costs and save you money each month on your bills. Once you reach the website, click circle links to learn the details on the rebates and tax credits available.



[Inflation Reduction Act Homeowner Saving Opportunities](#)

Successful Presentation in Plainfield

The Plainfield Library offered residents a program on solar presented by Resource Recovery & Energy staff. Joan O'Keefe provided information on the benefits of adding solar panels to homes and businesses on Saturday, Sept 10. Presentations on this topic and more are available from several staff members of RR&E. Contact us if your organization is interested in offering a "green" program.



Successful Recyclepalooza

The September Recyclepalooza held on the 10th in New Lenox served nearly 800 households from 30 communities. The majority were from New Lenox, of course, but a considerable amount traveled from Mokena, Frankfort and Joliet. We are still waiting for totals from some of the categories but know we filled nearly three 30-yard wood containers, took over 30,000 pounds of electronics and had 40% of participants bring items to donate. The foam truck was extra large so we easily collected our standard load. We deeply appreciate the work of volunteers from New Lenox CERT and ShareFest Will County. This event is not possible without volunteer support. Thank you to all that participated and conserved resources.



Facebook: Compost Techniques

Fall is the perfect time to compost but different people have different methods for building a compost bin. We offer a variety of information on how to compost and love when our Facebook followers share their experiences. You should consider your neighbors when choosing a design. A rural area may allow haybales or pallet structures, while a suburban homeowners association may require a professional bin or limit it to a pile in the garden. No matter which, keep in mind 2/3 brown and 1/3 green along with a bit of moisture and you're cooking!



Find more instructions on composting by clicking [here to go to our website page](#)

Upcoming Events

October 5 - Energy Efficiency Awareness Day
October 22 - Make a Difference Day
October 29 - National Medication Take-Back

November 5: Triple Collection Event - Pumpkins-Shredding-Electronics at Lewis
November 15: America Recycles Day
December 1-January 31: String Light Collection



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on willcountygreen.com



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Sustainable Infrastructure



Electronics Drop-Off

Donate Items



Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs

Composting



Medication Take-Back

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