

**Save the Date**



**One-Day Collection  
Household Hazardous  
Waste in Joliet  
May 19 8am-3pm**



**May 19, 2012  
9 am - 4 pm  
live music until 7pm**

**Featured  
Recyclable**



**Plastic Caps**

Stop tossing the caps in the trash or separately in

**Happy EARTH Month!**

Options for celebrating are everywhere, in your home, at your office, at the local library, park district, and forest preserve! Participate in a local event, recycle something, buy something used, repair something, walk or bike to the store, check you tire inflation, fix a leak. There are endless possibilities for GREEN actions!



**Bolingbrook Earth Aid Event**

*Saturday, April 21 11am-3pm*

In Bolingbrook, at the Hidden Oaks Park (419 Trout Farm Road) there will be an inaugural Earth Aid event. People of all ages are invited to learn about eco-friendly local vendors, meet actual bats that safely rid the area of mosquitoes, pick up some free samples with some green tips. For more information call (630) 739-2600. Earth Aid activities include: Native Plant Sale, Book/toy swap, Recycling opportunities and Children's activities. Will County will be there to answer questions, too!



**Frankfort Square**

**Earth Day Celebration**

*Saturday, April 21 1pm-4pm*

The Frankfort Square Park District will be offering their fourth annual celebration at the Community Center and Island Prairie Nature Center (7540 W. Braemar Lane). Activities inside and outside include:  
A live bald eagle from Save Our American Raptors  
Explore Green Infrastructure with interpretive garden tour  
Children's hands-on activities  
Eco-friendly exhibitors  
Bring a white t-shirt to tye-dye



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the recycling bin. They can be recycled when put back on the container!

Today's sorting equipment usually discards caps placed separately in recycling bins. The Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers joined with the Closure and Container Manufacturers Association (both are trade organizations) to launch a "Caps On" initiative. They are calling on all of us to put the caps back on our empty plastic containers when we place them in our recycling containers. They assure the recyclers that domestic markets exist and are growing that can sort the plastic caps from the bottles downstream.

Folks that worry or feel guilty about their habit of putting the caps back on, can now rest easy. It is official, tell your family, your friends and your co-workers, "Leave the caps on and recycle more!"

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Sale of Rain Barrels (\$75) and Composters (\$150) from the Will/South Cook Water & Soil Conservation District Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division will be on-site to offer information on year-round recycling and reuse opportunities..

## Plainfield's Earth Day Family Fun

*Saturday, April 21 10am - 2pm*

The Plainfield Library invites families to drop in at 15025 S. Illinois Street for games, edible nests, books, arts and crafts. Reuse and recycling opportunities shall be offered for gently-used prom dresses, unwanted batteries, ink cartridges, worn US flags, eye glasses and cell phones.

Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division will be offering educational games and information.



## Household Hazardous Waste paired with Electronics

Over 700 households utilized the collection in Romeoville and over 400 more participated at the Wilmington event. We have one more event planned for the Spring, in Joliet, in conjunction with GR2012. Will County residents are welcome to bring unwanted household chemicals and electronics to our next event, being held on May 19, 2012 at Joliet Junior College. More info shall be offered in next edition and is currently on our website!



## Earth Flag School Progress!

Will County's Earth Flag program recognizes schools that have taken steps to better the environment through resource/energy conservation and recycling. The number of schools participating has nearly doubled since 2005. We will be honoring these 2011-2012 schools at an assembly in May at Joliet's Bicentennial Park.

See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)