

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



April is EARTH MONTH!

Earth day began in 1970, the same year the EPA was created. Consensus held that many of our activities were impacting our water quality, air quality and doing irreparable harm to our land. These resources needed to be protected and steps taken to protect human and animal life that was impacted by various pollution. Today, 46 years later, there is global awareness of the importance of protecting our natural resources. We celebrate the return of the bald eagle while conserving water, recycling and switching to cleaner energy sources in an effort to address current concerns. Enjoy this month's articles as you find new ways to improve our environment!

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Household Hazardous Collections in Plainfield and Frankfort

Saturday, April 2, 2016 8am to 3pm
Plainfield Public Works Parking Lot
14400 S. Coil Plus Dr.
Plainfield, IL, 60566

Saturday, April 16, 2016 8am to 3pm
Lincoln-Way East High School Parking Lot
201 Colorado Avenue
Frankfort, IL, 60423



[Click date for a list of items accepted](#)

View the School Energy Summit Video on YouTube

Will County held our first Energy Summit for Schools to learn how to reduce energy costs and improve their facilities in a variety of ways. Join our audience of teachers, administrators and facility managers by watching the presentations at your convenience. You will be sure to learn something new!

[Link to Video](#)



JJC wins Sustainable Development Award

Congratulations to Joliet Junior College! They are the proud recipient of The Conservation Foundation's 2015 Sustainable Development Award! The award recognized JJC's 124 acres of natural landscaping, including a savanna, wetland, and prairie restoration. In addition, JJC has implemented recycling programs that reduced waste by 57% since 1987! JJC installed geothermal systems and were the first to register a Greenhouse for LEED.

[More on this prestigious Award](#)

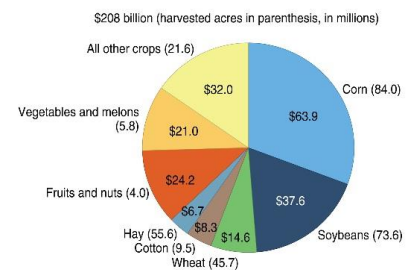


Food - Farming Information!

A very interesting collection of maps illustrating everything from worldwide meat consumption to the most profitable crops grown in the US. See the rise of bottled water and where our food is grown. Review the new food recommendations and the actual amounts consumed (hint - too many carbs). Even see how your favorite fast-food restaurants are distributed across the country!

[40 Maps of Food Info](#)

2011 crop cash receipts (\$ billion)



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.



Volunteer for Earth Month

The Will County Forest Preserve has a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all types of skills (or lack thereof)! Many include being outdoors and at this time of year, offer both fresh air and limited insects! Consider doing something extra special for the environment by offering your time and talents to improving it at your local preserve or park district! (Helpers of Mother Earth has 2 hour clean-up opportunities)

Will County Forest Preserve Volunteer Opportunities



Spring Showers water gardens into summer

Rain barrels are a great way to save some water from storms for the flower or vegetable garden to use later. Now is the perfect time of year to install one and it is relatively simple. Learn more on our website page.

Rain Barrel Info



Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

[Plastic Bags/Film](#)

[Styrofoam](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Thermostats](#)

[Traditional Drop-Offs](#)

[Tire Recycling](#)



Play a fun game!



Business Recognition



Join the School Earth Flag Program



Virtual Tour
Tour Recycling Sites



Commuter Options



Farmer's Markets

EV Charging

Community and School Garden Program

and Fresh Food Options



Solar Info



Wind Info



Water Conservation



Geothermal Info

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste Plainfield
April 2

Household Hazardous Waste Frankfort
April 16

Earth Day Festival Frankfort
April 16

Helpers of Mother Earth Clean Ups
2 Hours
Twice a Year
Various Dates

Earth Day April 22

Donate, Recycle

Arbor Day April 29

Plant a Tree

Earth Tips:
Start a Garden
Build a Compost
Buy Used Items
Conserve Water

Textile Collection Joliet
May 2-6

Bluestem Festival Joliet
May 21

Document Destruction Joliet
May 21

Earth Day Festival Homer Glen
May 21

Document Destruction Bolingbrook
May 21

Book ReUse & Recycling Event Joliet
June 3,4,5

Really, Really FREE Market Plainfield
August 6

Additional Collection Events to-be-announced

