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



# Happy New Year!

Recycling and Energy Savings Opportunities are always advancing and moving forward. Check out our new mobile-friendly format and be sure to click on photos for more information on this month's topics. Scroll to the end for links to our various programs, virtual tours and much more!

Visit Our Website

#### **Drop-Off for Foam Plastic!**

A local plastics company is accepting foam plastic, usually known as Styrofoam. Verdeco Plastics located at 23315 S Youngs Road in Channahon is open from 8am to 4pm and accepts CLEAN foam egg cartons, take-out containers, meat trays, plates and packaging. Please bring items inside the lobby. NO peanuts and do not leave items outside at any time.

The Styrofoam Recycling Page



#### **Glass Bottle Recycling Continues**

Some residents received emails from Waste Management stating that glass was no longer being accepted in the curbside recycling program. A second email was sent stating that this was a mistake. Still, it has caused confusion. Please know that glass bottles and jars in all colors are still being recycled in all curbside and drop-off programs throughout our area.

Recycle All Items Possible - Curbside and Drop-Off



### **Reduce Food Waste**

Leftovers are a serious contributor to food waste. Save money and time by refrigerating your leftovers and eating them later as a snack or a meal. Be sure to label them with dates. It also helps to store them in see through containers to make grabbing them more likely!

#### Fresh Food Options Page

### A few Electronic Sites Close

In 2007 the County partnered with several communities to offer 4 permanent Electronic Recycling Drop-Off sites. That grew to 13 sites but due to several factors, a few are closing. The Homer Glen location closed in the Fall and the two Forest Preserve locations (on Laraway in Joliet and the Monee Reservoir) are closing the end of this month. Will County is working with all remaining sites to



continue services. Please visit our website page to learn locations and operational hours.

List of Electronics Drop-Offs

### Will County Transportation Plan

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The Will County Division of Transportation is hosting a series of Open Houses throughout the County in January

for Will Connects 2040, the County's Long Range Transportation Plan. Please consider attending and remember to voice support for green transportation improvements, such as bike path connections and alternative transportation options.

#### List of Open Houses

### **Click for more information:**

<b>Battery Recycling</b>	Book Reuse	CFL Recycling	<b>Electronics</b>
Latex Paint	<b>Medication</b>	<u>Plastic Bags/Film</u>	<u>Styrofoam</u>
<u>Textiles</u>	<u>Thermostats</u>	Traditional Drop-Offs	Tire Recycling





Play a fun game!



**Business Recognition** 



Join the School Earth Flag Program



Pace Commuting Options





Virtual Tour Take a Tour of a Recycling Facility



Community and School Garden Program



Farmer's Markets and Fresh Food Options

### **Upcoming Events**

Earth Hour March 19 Textile Collection Joliet May

Book ReUse & Recycling Event Joliet June 3,4,5 Earth Day Festival Frankfort April 16

> Bluestem Festival Joliet May 21

Additional Collection Events to-be-announced Earth Day April 22

Document Destruction May 21 Earth Day Festival Homer Glen May 21

**Arbor Day** 

April 29



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