

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



Green Options Continue to Grow!

Vacations and weekend getaways may make you forget about the green scene, but now is the perfect time to eat fresh, locally grown produce, to enjoy the Forest Preserves and parks, and to bicycle, walk or run through neighborhoods blooming with lush green plants of all varieties! Pack a picnic with silverware instead of plastic, cloth napkins instead of disposables and refillable bottles which are even better than the recyclable ones!

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Eco-Friendly Printing

Last September Epson launched a new printer line, with five models, all boasting large, refillable ink tanks instead of cartridges. While the purchase price is more than other printers, the ink is expected to last up to two years, saving customers of all sizes (home users and businesses) significant money. It also reduces waste because "reuse" is better than recycling.



[Link to Green Business Star](#)

Time to Visit Farmer's Markets

A farmer's market adds economic value to the local community. It educates consumers and farmers, bringing health and social benefits to those it serves. By its very nature, it promotes the consumption of fresh, locally grown products. In addition, many farmers markets accept the Illinois LINK card which greatly expands fresh food options for residents with low incomes. Small, local farmers are able to grow a wider variety of plants and foods through the sale of their goods directly to the public.

Sunny Hill Nursing Home is offering a one-day Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 28 from 10-2

[Link to a List of recurring area Farmer's Markets](#)



Aug 7-13 is National Farmer's Market Week

Reduce Mosquitoes - Recycle Tires

Bug spray is ineffective, electric zapping devices kill more beneficial insects than mosquitoes - so what is your best defense against bites from bugs that may carry West Nile Virus or other illnesses? Look for places with standing water and disrupt them! Do you have a birdbath? Change the water in it! If you have a tire, recycle it! "Within a single breeding season, one tire can produce more than 10,000 adult mosquitoes," according the Illinois EPA. Will County offers a list of vendors that charge a nominal fee to recycle your spare tire. Click the link below!

[Link to Info](#)



**Saturday, August 6, 2016
8:30am - 3:00pm
Plainfield United Methodist Church**

Really Really FREE Market!

15114 S. Illinois Street
Plainfield, IL 60544

The Plainfield United Methodist Church Green Team, in cooperation with the Friendship Baptist Church, the Village of Plainfield and Will County is offering their third FREE MARKET. Unlike a Flea Market where a variety of goods are sold, this market offers all items for FREE. there is no admission fee, and donations are being accepted in advance at three locations:

PUMC, 15114 S. Illinois Street - Mon-Thur 8am-4:30pm

Friendship Baptist, 15801 S. Rt 59 - Mon-Thur 9am-5pm

Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport - Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm

Items accepted for donation include all types of clothing and shoes in reusable condition, all working small appliances, electronic devices, toys, books, home goods, utensils, glassware, lamps, dishes, towels, linens, etc. Everyone is invited to donate and to participate in the FREE Market. Consider it an opportunity to reduce clutter and know that one person's trash is another person's treasure!

[Really, Really FREE Market Info](#)

Food Waste & Recycling Workshop

Resource Recovery and Energy staff are in the midst of planning a Food Waste and Recycling Workshop for schools. The event will showcase smart lunch lines where nutrition is valued and overall waste is decreased. K-12 schools have a unique opportunity to reduce, recover, and recycle food and associated wastes while conserving natural resources (USDA Food Waste Challenge). Speakers will include green team leaders and members from the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition. A date and location will be announced this fall.



[Link to Info](#)

Electronic Recycling Options Grow

Under the new contractual situation, the County and many partners are finding ways to provide drop-off services for electronics with less but more convenient hours. While more communities are reviewing options, the following are currently open:



City of Lockport Public Works

Tuesday & Friday Only, 6am to 11am

17112 Prime Blvd, Lockport.

Village of Peotone Police Department

First and Third Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm
208 E. Main Street, Peotone.

New Lenox Township

Second and Fourth Wednesday Only, 5pm-7pm
1100 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox.



The **Village of Romeoville** is working with the County to open a site in August.

Front-Door Service, offered independently by A-Team Recyclers for \$60
Please call 800-630-3608 to schedule an appointment.

[Link to Electronics Info](#)

\$10,000 Garden Grant!

Warren-Sharpe Community Center in Joliet earned a grant to enhance their garden program. The funding will help build infrastructure for the garden, now in its third year. The grant will pay for fencing for the garden's outer edge, a hand-washing station and a disability accessible area that will help include all members of the community. In addition, funds will help buy materials for a small indoor hydroponic growing area for lettuce and microgreens that potentially can be used nine months out of the year. The garden is part of the Resource Recovery and Energy We Will Grow efforts to enhance and expand fresh food options.



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Recycle More!

Many people recycle aluminum cans, but forget to recycle the aluminum foil and baking pans. These items are usually coated with food, but they can still be recycled because the aluminum is heated to such a high temperature the food will melt off.

Steel soup cans have been commonly recycled in the Chicago area since the 1930s! In 1994 recycling sorting facilities proved that collecting, sorting and processing empty aerosol cans was safe and a great way to recover more steel. Be sure you are recycling all these metal containers!



Click for more information:

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Farmer's Markets and Fresh Food Options



Solar Info



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Upcoming Events

Really, Really FREE Market
Plainfield
August 6

Farmer's Market Week
National
August 7-13

Sharefest / Recycle Collection Event
New Lenox

Sharefest Giveaway Event
New Lenox
September 17

September 10

**Drive Electric Week
National
September 10-18**

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection Event
Homer Glen
September 24**

Additional Events
to-be-announced



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