



Spotlight on America Recycles Day Contests (Individuals and Non-Profits)



Individuals: For several years, Will County has encouraged residents and those working within the County to send us their photos as they engage in a "green" activity. It may be a photo of them putting out their curbside recycling, harvesting their garden, installing a rain barrel or using a compost. The photo must show the person and the "green" activity to qualify.

Examples of past winners:



SHAREFEST SPLITS into Two Saturday Events (Sept 12 & 19)!

Due to the increase in popularity and participation, the annual Sharefest event has been split into two separate days of activities. Thanks to the generosity of Spencer School, the parking lots will be used on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the collection of household hazardous materials, recyclables and items for donation. On Sept. 19, the school will open to provide giveaways of a variety of items, many free services, an art exhibit and community Blood Drive. Please scan the articles below for opportunities that appeal to you!

Recyclepalooza- Donate, Reuse, Recycle

Saturday, Sept.
12
8:00am-3:00pm
Spencer School
1711 Spencer Road
New Lenox, IL
60458



Sharefest is the largest FREE reuse event in Will County, and possibly the State of Illinois. That happens when generous and thoughtful residents donate items such as clothing (shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, boots, coats), home goods (small furnishings, knick knacks, utensils, glassware, picture



Non-Profits: Will County is interested in learning about the many "green" practices our non-profit community has already adopted! We want to recognize these efforts and, if useful, reward them with an iPad2 device.

This contest is open to all non-profit organizations within Will County and the rules are simple. Complete the application found on our website and return it by November 1, 2015. The entries will be scored and up to three organizations will be selected as being both "green" and able to utilize the iPad2 device best!

While we realize that not every non-profit may need an iPad to assist them in their mission, they may find it useful in other ways. Regardless, we will recognize everyone that applies on our website. In addition, if they have some great "green" practices to share, we will profile them in an issue of this newsletter.

Share this opportunity with non-profits you like and invite them to be part of our second annual America Recycles Day Green Non-Profit Contest!

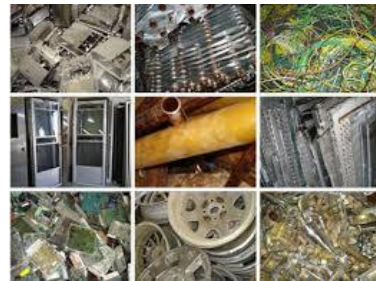
Drop-Off Sites Available Weekly

frames, etc), books, blankets, towels, toys, bikes, and more.

Recycling is another way to save natural resources, reduce energy use and conserve water - all while preventing pollution! This event accepts all types of electronics including Computers, TVs, Printers, Radios, Phones, Cameras, VCRs, Microwaves, Speakers, String Lights, Digital Clocks, Power Tools, Vacuums, Blenders, Electric Razors and more!



All American Recycling is providing a scrap metal dumpster for unwanted metal that isn't taken in curbside recycling, such as hangers, bent nails, car parts, pipes, broken wrenches, metal doors and more. Any financial proceeds from the scrap are donated to Sharefest for volunteers to do small repairs for residents with limited resources or suffering disabilities. In this way, scrap funds repairs, improving the community.



Foam plastic (often referred to as Styrofoam) will be accepted and recycled through DART. They will have a truck to take unwanted, rinsed meat trays, cups, formed packaging (no peanuts), and broken foam coolers.



K Hoving, a local recycling firm, began offering wood recycling at Sharefest in 2012. This

(click to see locations and hours of operation)

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Latex Paint Recycling Retailers](#)

[Medication Take-Back](#)

[Electronic Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Traditional Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Tire Recycling Retailers](#)

**Mark Your Calendar
2015**

**Saturday
September 12**

**Sharefest - Recyclepalooza &
Household Hazardous Waste Day
8am-3pm
New Lenox**

**Saturday
September 19**

**Sharefest - Giveaway and Free
Services Day
9am-3pm
New Lenox**

Saturday



includes plain, painted and treated lumber, wood and scraps.

For the third year, Will County is funding wall-to-wall carpet and padding recycling. All carpet and padding must be dry. Rolls must be less than 4 ft in length without nails or tacks. Participants will need to assist in unloading their vehicles.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday,
Sept. 12
8:00am-
3:00pm

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Will County, with funding assistance from New Lenox Township and the Village of New Lenox, offers a Household Hazardous and Motor Oil Collection Event. A wide variety of chemicals used for the lawn, garden, home repair, cleaning, and auto maintenance are accepted. (Items include: paint, pesticides, medication, old gas, oil, brake fluid, fluorescent lights, cooking oil, handheld propane tanks, pool chemicals, cleaning fluids, auto, boat and rechargeable batteries)

Oct 24
HHW & Electronics Collection
Event
Wilmington

November 1
America Recycles Day Contest
Entries Due

November 7
Pumpkin Pitch

November 15
America Recycles Day

2015

March 19
Earth Hour
8:30pm-9:30pm

April 22
Earth Day
46th Anniversary

April 29
Arbor Day

May 21
Bluestem Earth Festival
10am-4pm

Conserve Water



SHARING begins September 19

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00am-3:00pm

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The items donated on the second Saturday of September will be on display for the FREE giveaway on the third Saturday of the month, inside Spencer School! Everyone is welcome to participate! Toys, baby items, clothing of all kinds, will be presented in a friendly, "shopping-like" experience. Books, kitchen and home items, along with special giveaways and food items shall be offered to all!

Volunteers are needed for both Saturday events! Please

visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com/volunteer.php

**Bike Safety
Check &
Repair!**



Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00am-3:00pm



Rain Barrels and Compost Bins

Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Land Use has partnered with the Conservation Foundation to offer residents Rain Barrels and Compost Bins year round. Now is a great time to purchase one or both to enhance your conservation efforts.

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September 2015



Bicycles offer exercise and alternative transportation to work or school. Get your bike checked and fixed for free to prevent an accident. If you no longer need a bike, kids out grew it or you have a new model, then donate it at Sharefest. Metalurgical Psyche Lab will be onsite to accept donations and to keep your bike running well!

Pet Fair!

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00am-3:00pm



Blankets and towels are always needed by animal care

organizations. These items can be used and worn, but should be clean. Leashes, collars, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, Dawn detergent, hand sanitizer, paper towels, large garbage bags, spray bottles, and more are always welcome. A special area will be available at Sharefest for the NAWS organization to accept items. In addition, some adoptable pets will be showing off their affectionate natures in hopes of finding their forever home!

Health & Safety Fair plus Blood Drive!

Saturday, Sept. 19

10:00am-2:00pm



Giving blood is giving life, whether it is given after an accident, during an operation or in the treatment of an illness, it makes the ultimate difference. Heartland Blood Center will have a mobile collection vehicle available to take donations. For more information or to make an appointment, please click www.heartlandbc.org.

Sharefest fills other safety needs with a Health

and Safety Fair in the gym from 9am-2pm. Exhibitors offer a variety of information and answer questions. Seminars on various health issues are offered free of charge.

Give to the Troops at Sharefest



Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00am-3:00pm

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Consider donating items to become part of a care package to our Troops! It can be as simple as a letter or a treat for those serving overseas! Some of the items being collected are batteries, coffee, beef sticks, soup, hand lotion, cookies, foot powder, and lip balm. For a complete list of items accepted or more information, visit www.operationcarepackages.org.

A variety of food will be accepted for replenishing our Food Pantries. Collections will be at the Walmart and onsite!

Food Pantry Collection at Sharefest

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00am-3:00pm



Food Pantry

Donations Needed from canned fruits and vegetables to rice and pasta, will be accepted for replenishing area Food Pantries. Additional items such as diapers, wipes, cereal, energy bars,

juice boxes, and peanut butter are always welcome.



Services Available at Sharefest

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For those with little or no health insurance or simply struggling financially, consider stopping in for a FREE dental exam, eye exam and haircut! Several local professionals are donating

their skills to improve the health of the Will County community!



If you are in need of legal advice, stop in for a FREE private consultation offered

by local attorneys.

Book Exchange through Girl Scouts



Collecting Saturday, Sept. 12 & 19
Giving away Saturday, Sept 19

9:00am-3:00pm

Girl Scout Troop 273 gave away 20,000 books last year and hopes to redistribute more this year. If you have any books you won't be reading again, consider dropping them off either

Saturday. If you are interested in getting a few books, stop in on the 19th!

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