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Make Every Day Earth Day - "Green" Your Choices - Save Resources - Be Happy

Kicking Off Green 2025

Will County kicked off 2025 as usual, offering several local spots for string light recycling. We also held our first Saturday collection event in January in Shorewood, where we collected electronics and small scrap metal items, along with Illinois Tollway Transponders. We look forward to offering more events throughout the year and encourage you to participate as you reduce your waste, recycle and compost at your home and workplace.

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Batteries: Storage and Recycling

Rechargeable batteries are considered hazardous and should **never** be placed in the garbage or the curbside recycling. We offer drop-off collection sites at several partner sites including:

- Braidwood's Fossil Ridge Library
- Crete Library
- New Lenox Public Library
- New Lenox Township
- Peotone Public Library

Responsible Management = Protect All Terminals

Clear packing tape preferred

- Or - single battery in small plastic bag

Take to a Battery Collection Site

Batteries Are Everywhere
#KnowBeforeYouThrow

- Three Rivers Library in Channahon
- Will County Land Use in Joliet
- All Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Please tape the ends of all Lithium and Rechargeable batteries to store them and to place them in the collection boxes. Later this year, more collection sites are expected to open that will accept all types of batteries.

Rechargeable Batteries are accepted for recycling at [several locations](#). (hours vary by location)

Tape the ends for Safety

Illinois Electric Vehicle Rebate

Applications for the fourth funding round for the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program opened on January 21, 2025. Applications must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2025. The application and instructions are now available on the Illinois EPA [Electric Vehicle Rebate website](#).

Applicants must apply during the rebate cycle window **and within 90 days of purchase of the vehicle**. To be eligible for a rebate, the vehicle must be exclusively powered and refueled by electricity, plugged in to charge, and licensed to drive on public roadways. Requirements include:

- The purchaser must **reside in Illinois** at time of vehicle purchase and at the time the rebate is issued.
- An applicant may not previously have received an Electric Vehicle Rebate.
- The vehicle must be purchased from a dealer located in Illinois and licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State.



Two Rebates are available:

A \$4,000 rebate for the purchase of an all-electric vehicle (not a motorcycle).

A \$1,500 rebate for the purchase of an all-electric motorcycle.

- Rented or leased vehicles do not qualify for the rebate.
- Vehicles purchased from an out-of-state dealership, and vehicles delivered to or received by the purchaser out-of-state are not eligible for a rebate.
- The purchaser must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately after the vehicle purchase date.
- The rebate amount cannot exceed the purchase price of the vehicle.

Be Part of PACE's ReVision

PACE has noticed that travel patterns have changed and are re-visioning the best way to provide transit services in the ways we now need them. They are encouraging you to provide your input.

Pace developed several transit network concepts to show how differing priorities impact what the bus route network could look like, while considering the overall needs of commuters and businesses throughout the region. They initially collected feedback via a survey offered from November through early January, and those responses provided a good understanding of the public's wishes. While they evaluate the information collected, you still have an opportunity to share your thoughts by visiting their website and sending an [email](#).



Driving Innovation Initiatives

Visit [PACE's Website](#)

See their initial vision

Send them your feedback!

Skilled Volunteers Needed for Repair Cafe

Do you have a talent for fixing bicycles, household gadgets, computers or printers? How about sewing or furniture repair? Joliet Junior College is looking for you! They are preparing for the Spring Repair Cafe and need volunteers with repair skills to assist.



Several hundred people received assistance at the two Repair Cafes offered at the Romeoville campus in the Spring and Fall of last year. These events are not possible without skilled volunteers willing to donate their time and expertise.

Nearly 100 residents received assistance in repairing items at JJC's Fall Repair Cafe

If you can help, please contact JJC's coordinator, Ash Klinder, at ashley.klinder@jjc.edu

Keep Warm with Energy Savings

Looking to reduce energy costs and increase indoor comfort at home this year? ComEd, Nicor Gas, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus are partnering to help renters and homeowners save energy by offering free Home Energy Savings assessments, which identify efficiency solutions tailored to your home. The assessments, plus free or discounted energy-saving products like advanced power strips and pipe insulation, are available. Anyone who pays a ComEd and/or Nicor Gas bill can fill out this form at eesavings.com/mmc to check for eligibility.



Save Money and Energy at Home!

To learn more, email energy@mayorscaucus.org or call 312-201-4507

Save with Solar in Illinois

Homeowners can save thousands of dollars when installing rooftop solar by making use of various incentives, from a 30% federal credit that reduces tax bills, to a utility rebate and ongoing payments for energy generation during the year. Check out the fact sheet (to the right) from the Illinois Power Agency for more information on these financial resources and more.



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How to Dispose of Medications

Expired or unnecessary medications should be properly disposed to avoid accidental misuse by them falling into the wrong hands. Unused medications cannot be donated and must be disposed of through incineration to prevent contamination to waterways.



Please visit our [website](#) for a list of local collection sites.

Since late last year, the cost of proper disposal in Illinois is the responsibility of the pharmaceutical manufacturers. While collection sites have grown across the state, the amount recovered in Will County has also increased. In 2024, nearly 10% of the medications collected throughout the State came from the Will County area.

Care for your Home with WaterSense

Routine maintenance can help ensure plumbing and irrigation systems in your home are functioning in a manner that will save water and lower utility costs. Checking your toilet, faucets, and spouts for strange sounds or leaks; replacing old aerators and showerheads with WaterSense-labeled models; and hiring professionals to service your water heater once a year are just a few ways to keep your home in top shape for water efficiency. More tips from WaterSense are available on their website.



Visit [EPA's WaterSense website](#) to find a variety of tips to save water and money.

Reduce Multi-Family Utility Costs

To reduce operating costs and increase tenant satisfaction, owners of multi-family housing properties in Will County can receive free energy and money-saving weatherization, lighting, heating and cooling, and other products and rebates through the Multi-Family Energy Savings offering through local utilities. The program team also helps identify property improvements such as envelope air sealing and HVAC tune-ups specific to each property. Eligible properties must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Have at least three units or are owned or managed by a public housing authority, and
- (2) Fall within the service area of ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, or North Shore Gas.



For more information, visit multifamilyportal.com or call 855-993-0940.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 12: Lincoln's Birthday (County Offices Closed)
- Feb 14-17: Great Backyard Bird Count
- Feb 15: Battery Awareness Day
- Feb 17: President's Day Observed (County Offices Closed)

Mar 9: Earth Awareness Fair in Frankfort

Mar 22: Earth Hour 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Mar 29: Recyclepalooza in Joliet



Water Conservation



Search for recycling and disposal options on willcountygreen.com



Geothermal Energy



Green Business Star



School Earth Flag



Take a Virtual Tour



Solar Energy



Info on Electric Vehicles



Wind Energy



Cleaning Alternatives



Donate Items



Composting



C-PACE Program



Reporting Data



Sustainable Infrastructure



Electronics Drop-Off



Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Offs



Medication Take-Back

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