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

March is for Celebrating Green

From Earth Hour and Fix a Leak Week to Recyclepalooza, we have ways to celebrate the environment this month! No need to dye our rivers green when we offer plenty of ways to bring out everyone's green ambitions. Be sure to pop into Frankfort for their Earth Awareness Fair, make an appointment and pack up unwanted items for our Spring Recyclepalooza, check out ways to save energy and detect a leak so you can take action to fix it. Green looks good on you!

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Spring Recyclepalooza in Joliet

This year's Spring Recyclepalooza is being held in Joliet and has seven collection stations in a single parking lot! Make your appointment now and start decluttering this weekend! First, we will check you in and then send you to Electronics to accept TVs and computer items along with electronic games, satellite dishes, and power tools. Next stop is where we pull the boxes of hazardous chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, unwanted paint and automotive liquids from your vehicle. Then we may need your help



Saturday, March 29

8am - 2pm

Joliet

unloading unwanted polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®), scrap Metal and Wood at the next stops. Finally, you will reach the Donation stations, where items for Troops and local animal shelters are accepted along with clothing, toys and small (non-electric) home goods. For a full list, please click this [link](#) to our website event page.

Please [make your appointment](#) through our website and see the list of items accepted.

(exact location on appointment)

Lights Out for Earth Hour

Around the globe, from cities to suburbs and rural farm houses; residents and businesses join together to turn off lights for one hour. The event occurs in separate time zones so it is dark outside throughout the zone and the impact of joint action can be more readily seen. Besides reducing your energy bill slightly, it allows people to better see the stars in the sky. Light pollution impacts birds and animals. The [Village of Homer Glen](#) was recently featured in a regional program on Dark Sky initiatives. This event is held to increase awareness of the energy we use and is an opportunity to increase our mindfulness.



Saturday, March 22

8:30-9:30pm

Frankfort Earth Awareness

The Frankfort Public Library 2025 Earth Awareness Fair brings organizations and individuals together to encourage Earth stewardship & community. It is an opportunity for people of all ages to learn how ecosystems function and life thrives. "What should I do?" is the most common question from those who want to help with conservation and regeneration efforts. Visit the fair to learn, engage, and consider how you can lend your skills and passion to support local organizations dedicated to promoting a healthy environment for all of Earth's inhabitants.



Sunday, March 9

2pm - 4pm

[Frankfort Public Library District](#)
[21119 S Pfeiffer Road](#)
[Frankfort, IL 60423](#)

This year, you can meet:

Alliance for the Great Lakes

American Indian Center

Bird Conservation Network

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors

Citizens' Climate Education /Citizens' Climate Lobby

Citizens Utility Board (CUB)

Conservation Foundation

Environmental Education Association of Illinois Northeast Team (EEAI)

Forest Preserve District of Will County/Plum Creek Nature Center

Friends of the Illinois Nature Preserves/Friends of Langham Island

Joliet Junior College (JJC) Office of Sustainability

Illinois Bat Conservation Program

Illinois Environmental Council

Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC)

Illinois Mycological Association

Lake Katherine Nature Center

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Openlands

Orland Grassland

Out Our Front Door

Pachamama Alliance Chicagoland CoHearts

Sierra Club (Sauk Calumet Group of Illinois)

Trout Unlimited (Oak Brook)

Trust for Public Land

Union of Concerned Scientists

Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division (Will County Green)

Rain Barrels to Rain Gardens

The Conservation Foundation is offering information to assist you in conserving water and saving money while improving your home. Discover how to capture and channel rainfall through beautiful, practical solutions, such as rain barrels and rain gardens, that benefit both your landscape and our environment. The presentation is being offered by Jim Kleinwachter, the Conservation@Home Program Director. He will share how simple changes in your yard can make a significant impact on water quality and conservation.



The presentation is free of charge and will be offered on Sunday, March 23 at 1pm in Naperville. A tour of The Conservation Foundation farm and more will be offered following the presentation.

**Sunday, March 23
1pm**

10S404 Knoch Knolls Road
Naperville

Be sure to register for the workshop
on The Conservation
Foundation [website](#)

Don't Toss It - Repair It

Joliet Junior College is offering a free spring Repair Cafe in Romoeverville on April 12. While they continue to seek volunteers to lend their repair skills to others, they also want to invite you to bring in items you need to repair. Clothes, furniture, bicycles, toys, crockery and electrical devices are welcome. You are also encouraged to learn how to repair items from the experts. The Office of Sustainability invites you to be part of a circular economy, where materials are valued and not simply replaced if they break. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.



**Saturday, April 12
10am - 3pm**

Find and Fix Water Leaks Fast

Aside from higher-than-usual water bills, pooling water under water heaters, rust around pipe joints and edges, even mold or moisture behind walls are some signs you may have a water leak at home. Save water and money by identifying and correcting leaks during **Fix a Leak Week from March 17–23, 2025**.



- Toilets
- Faucets
- Showerheads
- Outdoors

Take the 10 Minute Water Leak Challenge

Find a more comprehensive list of places to check for leaks on the [EPA website](#).

Some common areas to check for leaks:

- Water bills: Keep an eye on the water usage reported on your bills. Usage above 16 cubic feet (CCF) or 12,000 gallons per month for a family of four in the winter is a sign of leakage.
- Toilets: Listen for running water and try the toilet dye test to see if you need to replace your flapper.
- Faucets: Listen for dripping water and tighten aerators or replace worn washers and gaskets. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.
- Outdoors: Tighten loose hoses on outdoor spigots. Replace leaking or broken sprinkler heads and irrigation systems.

Spring into Energy Savings

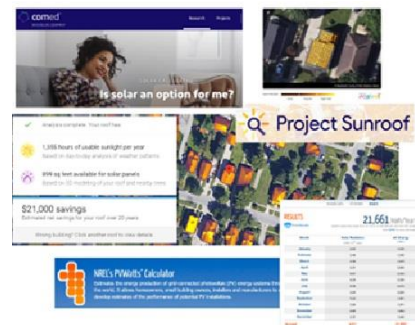
The next time you are looking to replace an appliance, consider choosing an efficient ENERGY STAR model designed to save energy without sacrificing performance. The EPA's ENERGY STAR Product Finder lists efficient models and rebate eligibility for windows, refrigerators, clothes washers and dryers, heat pumps, EV chargers, electronics, and more. Business owners can also learn about commercial food service appliances and data center equipment that have achieved this designation.



Please visit the EPA's [website](#) for a list of products.

Estimate Your Home's Solar Potential

Residents and business owners can get an informal estimate of rooftop solar potential on their homes and facilities by using free online calculators, such as [ComEd's Solar Calculator](#), [Google's Project Sunroof](#), and the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory's PVWatts Calculator](#) (plus [ISEA's explanation on PVWatts](#)). These tools generally use satellite imagery to approximate solar exposure on a roof and estimate how much electricity could be generated by that exposure. It is important to obtain quotes directly from certified installers before making a purchase, but a quick estimate can help property owners determine whether contacting an installer could be worthwhile.



[ComEd's Solar Calculator](#)

[Google's Project Sunroof](#)

[National Renewable Energy Laboratory's PVWatts Calculator](#)

Upgrades with C-PACE Finance

Will County's Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program offers fixed interest, long-term financing for energy efficiency, resiliency, and other sustainability upgrades. Across the five projects closed under Will County's program since 2020, over \$33 million in private capital have contributed to efficient HVAC, envelope, lighting, and water system improvements, as well as combined roof replacements and solar photovoltaic system installations. Financing has benefited both new and existing construction for multifamily housing, retail, and office spaces, creating significant electricity, water, emissions, and monetary savings for property owners. The latest project, closed in November 2024, secured nearly \$470,000 in financing for HVAC, roof, window, and hot water system improvements in a Tinley Park office building. Click to learn more about [Will County's C-PACE program](#).

C-PACE financing can be used to fund many eligible commercial building improvements:



To learn more, visit

[Will County's C-Pace Program](#) website page.

Health, Safety, Weather Spotting

Resource Recovery and Energy will be participating in the annual Health and Safety Fair with Weather Spotter Training in New Lenox on April 2. From 5pm to 7pm the public is welcome to participate in the outside Touch-a-Truck or inside expo featuring a variety of organizations offering tips on preparedness and useful giveaway items. From 7pm to 8:30pm, the public is welcome to learn how to spot a tornado and respond to severe weather alerts. Natural disasters are never desired but improving our understanding of how to prepare and respond to them is always beneficial.



April 2

Lincoln-Way WEST High School,
21701 Gougar Road, New Lenox

[Click to learn more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Mar 9: Earth Awareness Fair in Frankfort

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

Mar 23: Rain Barrels to Rain Gardens Presentation at 1pm

Mar 29: Recyclepalooza in Joliet

Apr 2: Health and Safety Fair - Severe Weather Spotter Training in New Lenox

Apr 22: 55th Anniversary of Earth Day

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Lockport

Apr 26: Earth Day Fair in Peotone

May 3: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Bolingbrook



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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