

Indian Trail Water Immersion Days

- Indian Trail Junior High (Addison)
- March 10th - 11th
- 18 programs over 2 days.
- Educated 364 students, faculty, and parents.
- Educated about water conservation, compost, litter, energy, and native plants.



Jay Stream Water Immersion Day



- Jay Stream Middle School (Carol Stream)
- April 16th
- 13 programs
- Educated 193 students and faculty.
- Educated about water conservation, compost, litter, energy and native plants.

West Chicago Earth Flag Certification

The City of West Chicago earned their Earth Flag on April 20, 2026





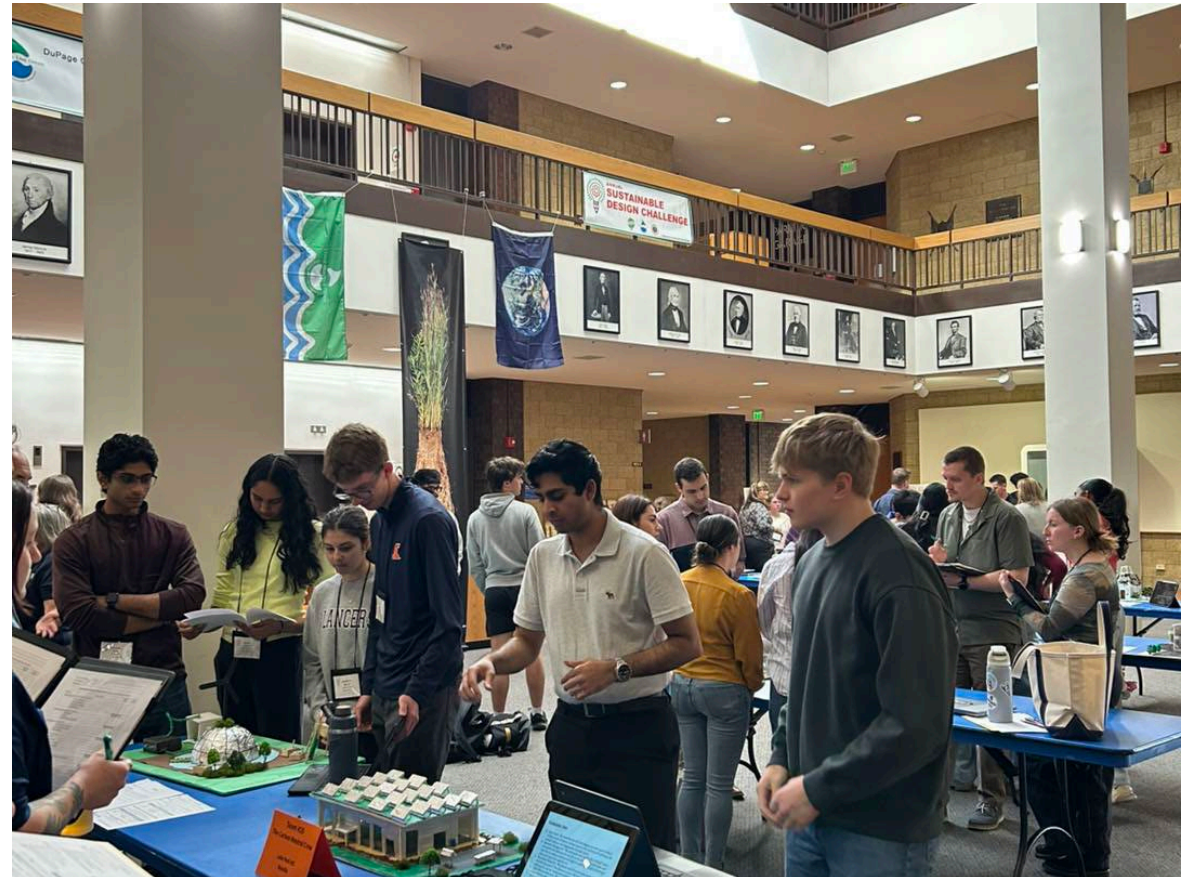
20th Anniversary of the Annual

Sustainable Design Challenge

April 21st, 2026

21 Teams with 55 students
Participating Schools:

- Glenbard East (Lombard)
- Hinsdale Central (Hinsdale)
- Lake Park (Roselle)
- Waubonsie Valley (Aurora)
- York (Elmhurst)



Best Stormwater Design *York (Elmhurst)*



Best Overall LEED Design *Waubonsie Valley (Aurora)*

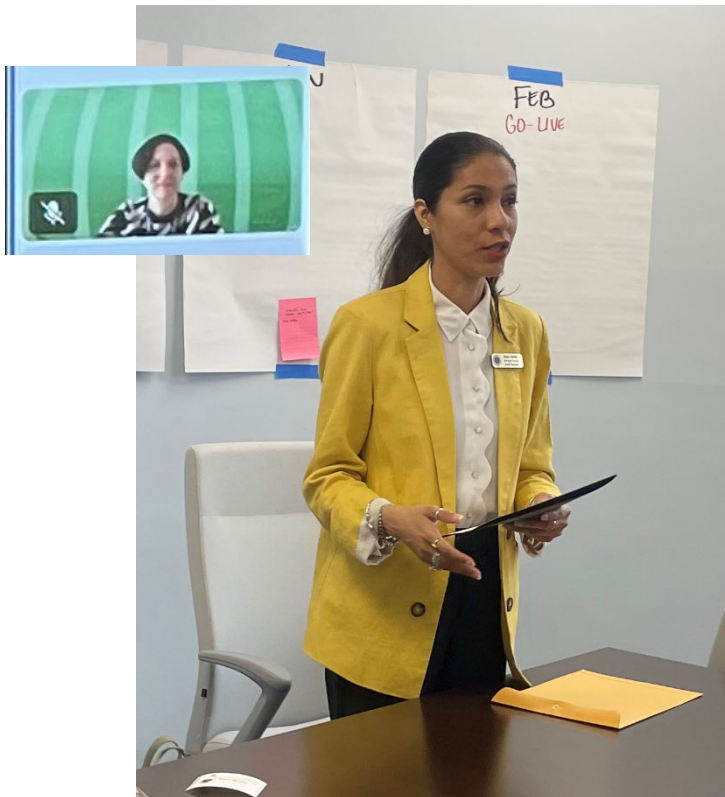


Best Energy Design *Glenbard East (Lombard)*



bioMerieux Earth Flag Certification

bioMerieux (Lombard) earned their Earth Flag on April 22, 2026



2026 DPC Recycling Extravaganzas

32 events scheduled in DuPage County in 2026 so far
17 down, 15 to go!



Darien Recycling Extravaganza



- April 4, 2026
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 73 boxes
 - Records: 7 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 11 boxes
 - CD's & DVD's: 1 box
 - Brita Products: 4 boxes
 - Holiday Lights: 19 boxes
 - Musical Instruments: 6 individual
 - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
 - Bread Tags: 1 box
 - Smoke Detectors: 2 boxes

Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza

- April 11, 2026
- 1,275 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 170 boxes
 - Records: 7 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 19 boxes
 - Brita Products: 6 boxes
 - Keys: 1 box
 - Holiday Lights: 34 boxes
 - Musical Instruments: 9 individual
 - Ink Cartridges: 3 boxes
 - Bread Tags: 2 boxes
 - Smoke Detectors: 6 boxes
 - X-Rays: 1 box





Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza



- **Shredding:** 3 shredding trucks collected 26,380 lbs of paper (partially funded by DPC)
- **Sheriff:** 4 bins + 1 toter of syringes/EpiPens & 3 bins + 1 toter of medication
- **Working Bikes:** 86 bikes
- **Wheaton Lions:** 653 glasses & 10 hearing aids
- **Soccer Gear for Zambia:** 129 items (cleats, balls, referee gear, flags, shorts, etc.)
- **eWorks:** 4,058 pounds of textiles, 5,734 pounds of scrap metal, 15,075 pounds of electronics
- **Milton Township:** Medical Equipment- 4 wheelchairs, 3 rollers, 22 walkers, 22 walkers, 7 shower chairs, 15 sets of crutches



Glen Ellyn (COD) Recycling Extravaganza

- April 11, 2026
- 1,100 cars
- Collected for SCARCE:
 - Books: 134 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 54 boxes
 - Brita filters: 1 box
 - X-rays: 3 boxes
 - Musical instruments: 1
 - Holiday lights: 32 boxes
 - CDs & DVDs & Records: 2 boxes
 - Cords: 1 box
 - Pill bottles: 1 box
 - Smoke detectors: 9 boxes
 - Inkjet cartridges: 1 box
- Other organizations collected:
 - Working Bikes: 63 bikes
 - Junk Luggers: 18,620 Lbs
 - Project Cure: 21 Walkers, 2 Wheelchairs: 40 CPAP machines, 8 Commodes, 21 Crutches, and 16 canes
 - Eco-Ship: 1599 gallons
 - Re-Tex: 9022 lbs
- Glen Ellyn Food Pantry received 701Lbs of food and \$121 in donations



Hinsdale Recycling Extravaganza



- April 11, 2026
- 266 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 58 boxes
 - Records: 1 box
 - School/Office Supplies: 19 boxes
 - Eyeglasses: 3 boxes
 - Holiday Lights: 5 boxes
 - Musical Instruments: 1 individual
 - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
 - Bread Tags: 1 box

Village of Addison Recycling Extravaganza

- April 18, 2026
- 567 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 25 boxes
 - Records: 2 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 2 boxes
 - Brita Products: 1 box



Glendale Heights Recycling Extravaganza



- April 25, 2026
- 300 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 35 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 4 boxes
 - Records: 7 boxes
 - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
 - Brita Products: 1 box
 - Cords: 1 box
 - Holiday Lights: 2 boxes
 - Smoke Detectors: 1 box
 - Musical Instruments: 2 individual
 - Mercury Thermometers: 7 individual

Glendale Heights Recycling Extravaganza



- Glendale Heights also collected:
- 10,000+ pounds of electronics
 - 2,275 pounds of textiles
 - 6,660 pounds of shredded paper
 - 312 pounds of household batteries
 - 210 pounds of broken holiday lights

Schaumburg Recycling Extravaganza

- April 25, 2026
- 1530 cars
- Collected for SCARCE:
 - Books: 50 boxes



Community Recycling Event 2026

Saturday, April 25
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wintrust Field West Lot
1999 S. Springinguth Rd.
Schaumburg, IL

For more information, visit Schaumburg.com/RecyclingEvent, call (847) 895-7100, or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

[Drive-up event.](#)

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

LRS RECYCLING

Televisions & Monitors \$25 EACH
Tube, LCD, LED, Plasma, and Projection
[CREDIT CARD ON SITE ONLY](#)

Other NO COST
Small appliances
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Telephones
Cell phones
Copper
Metal
+ more

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Fire Extinguishers

Paint thinner, gas, and other hazardous waste will not be accepted.



For more information, visit Schaumburg.com/RecyclingEvent

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

Allowed
Paper
Staples
Envelopes

Not Allowed
CDs
Plastic bags
Spiral notebooks
3-ring binders

TWO BOX LIMIT
DO CU-SHRED

Schaumburg residents may also attend an earlier Document Destruction Event:

Saturday, April 11 • 9 a.m.–Noon
Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts
201 Schaumburg Ct.
(Enter Prairie Center Drive from Schaumburg Road)
[ID REQUIRED](#)

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	Water Latex-Based Paints	Oil-based Paints
1 quart	\$2.99	\$5.99
1 gallon can	\$5.99	\$9.99
5 gallon pail	\$19.99	\$25.99
Spray can	—	—

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Belts
Hats
Backpacks
Towels
+ more

Visit SimpleRecycling.com for a full list.
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Schaumburg Recycling Extravaganza

- April 25, 2026
- 1530 cars
- Collected for SCARCE:
 - Books: 50 boxes



Itasca Recycling Extravaganza

- May 2, 2026
- 450 cars
- Collected for SCARCE:
 - Books: 16 boxes
 - School/Office Supplies: 9 boxes
 - CD's/DVD's: 2 boxes
 - Brita Products: 2 boxes
 - Musical Instruments: 1 individual



Lemont Recycling Extravaganza

- May 9, 2026
- Hosted by Senator John Curran and Representative Nicole La Ha
- Approximately 400 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 24 boxes
 - Records: 1 box
 - CD's/DVD's: 4 boxes
 - Brita Products: 1 box
 - Holiday Lights: 16 boxes
 - Medical Supplies: 1 box
 - Instruments: 1 individual
 - Ink Cartridges: 2 boxes
 - Cords: 2 boxes



Woodridge Recycling Extravaganza



- May 9, 2026
- Hosted by the Woodridge Rotary
- 463 cars
- SCARCE collected:
 - Books: 29 boxes
 - School & Office Supplies: 18 boxes
 - CD's/DVD's: 6 boxes
 - Eyeglasses: 1 box
 - Ink Cartridges: 3 boxes
 - Cords: 3 boxes

Villa Park Spring Sweep

- Saturday, May 16
- 278 cars
- SCARCE Collected:
 - Books: 13 boxes
 - Records: 1 box
 - School/Office Supplies: 4 boxes
 - CD's & DVD's 6 boxes
 - Brita Products: 1 box
 - Holiday Lights: 6 boxes
 - Ink Cartridges: 1 box
 - Bread Tags: 1 box
 - X-rays: 1 box
 - Smoke detectors: 2 individual
 - Cords: 3 boxes



Woodridge Recycling Extravaganza



- May 16, 2026
- Hosted by Christ the Servant Church
- 380 cars
- Collected for SCARCE
 - Books: 67 boxes

Boxes of Books Collected

**744 boxes of books collected so far at Recycling Extravaganzas!
That's 22,320 lbs of books!**



Upcoming 2026 DPC Recycling Extravaganzas

June 6* – West Chicago

July 25 – Darien

August 1 – Naperville

August 1 – Addison Township

August 29 – Lisle Township

August 29 – Roselle (tentative)

September 19* – Downers Grove

September 5 – West Chicago

October 3 – Milton Township

October 3 – Wood Dale

October 10 – Darien

October 17 – Glen Ellyn

October 31 – Woodridge

November 7 – Carol Stream

November 21 – Addison Township

** = Accepting meds/syringes/EpiPens*

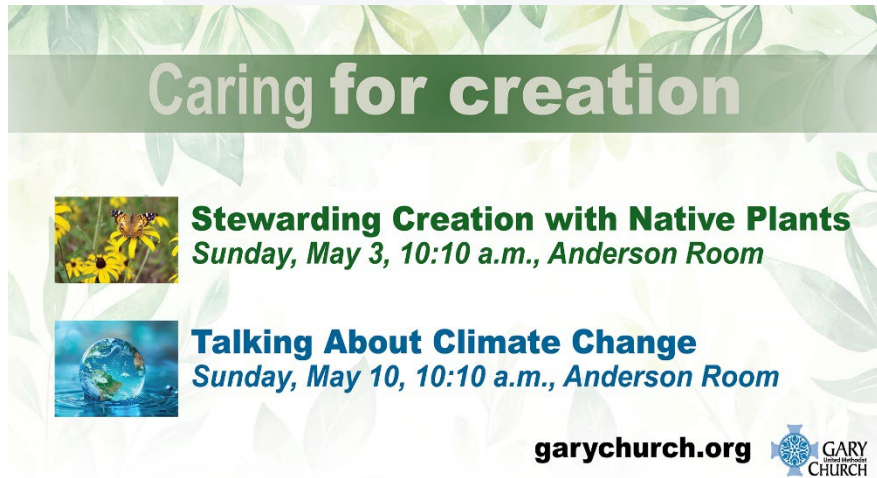
2026 Medicine & Syringe/EpiPen Collections

West Chicago – June 6
Downers Grove – September 19





Where is Away Exhibit


- At Gary United Methodist Church (Wheaton) for the month of May!
- Part of their “Caring for Creation” projects this spring.
 - Prairie Path Cleanup
 - Environmental education presentations



Caring for creation

 **Stewarding Creation with Native Plants**
Sunday, May 3, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room

 **Talking About Climate Change**
Sunday, May 10, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room

garychurch.org 



Growin' Green Garden Market at SCARCE

Saturday, May 2, 9am-1pm

500+
attendees!

Featured:

- Organic Seedlings
- Native Plants
- Food Scrap Amended Compost
- Local Eco-Vendors
- Gardening Books
- Garden Tool Sharpening
- Hands-on Activities & Crafts for Kids
- Fun Jewelry, Decor, Toys, and More!



Chicago Glue and Machine

- Earned their Earth Flag from SCARCE in 2023 (pictured top)
- Became a Certified Illinois Green Business on May 6, 2026 (pictured bottom)
- First in DuPage County to do so.
- Integrated sustainability across their operations through:
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Water Conservation
 - Waste Reduction
 - Pollution Prevention
 - Transportation
 - Community Engagement



Villa Park Library Repair Fair in Partnership with SCARCE

- May 9th from 11am-3pm
- Featured:
 - Crystal/china/porcelain repair
 - Stained glasswork repair
 - Clothing repair
 - Small appliance repair
 - Clock repair



Electronics Repair



Sewing Repair

Compost Workshop at SCARCE

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm-8pm

- Educational composting workshop.
- Offered assistance to homeowners that would like to set up indoor composting or backyard composting.
- Discussed the benefits of compost and various compost bin options.

Next composting workshop: June 18 at the Villa Park Library from 7pm-8:30pm



SCARCE Blowing Up on TikTok

Views: 26.3K

Likes: 1,407

Comments: 38

Saves: 646



Musical Instruments



Alex, a music teacher for CUSD 200 (Wheaton/Warrenville) acquired 9 refurbished instruments for her students on May 27, 2026.

- Alto Saxophone (2)
- Trombone (2)
- Clarinet (2)
- Cornet
- French Horn
- Baritone Horn

Smoke Detectors

- 3 boxes shipped to Curie Services (approximately 115 per box)
 - 55.3 lbs
 - 56 lbs
 - 55.1 lbs
- 166.4 lbs total!
- Funded by DuPage County Board Member Initiative



Upcoming Events

Hendrickson (Woodridge) will be receiving their Earth Flag on Friday, June 5th, 2026 at 10:15am!



Solar Energy Teacher Training Workshop at SCARCE coming in June!

