



# Illinois Correctional Industries

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### Upcoming Illinois Correctional Industries Events and Conferences

March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, **Eastern Illinois University Vendor Show**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, **Chief Deputy/Jail Administrator Conference**

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 10 AM – 4 PM at Loyola University Chicago, Lake Shore Campus **Sustainable Schools and Higher Ed Symposium, Hosted by Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council, Loyola University Chicago and USGBC-Illinois Chapter**

## Don't Forget Your Rain Barrel

As old man winter releases his grip on the Midwest one can't help from pondering their spring to do list: clean gutters, fertilize lawn, plant annuals, and oh yes, purchase an affordable and efficient rain barrel from Illinois Correctional Industries.

Collecting rainwater for use during the dry months is not only practical; it's traditional. Natives of present-day Thailand used clay containers over 2000 years ago and records show the technique existed throughout the world. With the rising cost of municipal water and usage restrictions across the Midwest homeowners are turning to "harvesting water" to save money and conserve precious resource. Check with your local water supplier for rain barrel rebates.



Menard ICI inmates convert an empty plastic barrel into a rain barrel. The process is rather simple. Holes are drilled in the barrel to allow for the inlet water screen and the overflow fitting. Then a spigot is attached at the bottom for the soaker hose. Reusing the plastic barrels prevents tossing them into a landfill and homeowners collect free water for spring sprucing.

The color of the rain barrel varies with availability. Lightly sanding and then painting the barrel allows home-owners to become creative. Paint the outside to look like an old whiskey barrel, match the siding, or add your favorite sports team!

If anyone is interested in purchasing a rain barrel for \$25.00 contact ICI Customer Service at 800-634-0213 or [www.icicatalog.ILLINOIS.gov](http://www.icicatalog.ILLINOIS.gov).

(Shipping added separately)

## Environment Friendly Picnic Table....Huh?

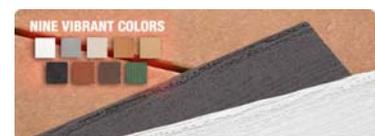
Rarely does anyone take the time to consider whether or not a public picnic table was manufactured with the environment in mind. Instead it is usually "Pass the potato salad".



However, ICI, at Shawnee Correctional Center, deliberately planned the production of "environmentally friendly" picnic tables for Illinois State parks. Visitors can sit on our tables made from recycled plastic.

**Shawnee Illinois Correctional Industries** located in Vienna, Illinois is the metal manufacturing shop for Illinois Correctional Industries. Shawnee ICI makes metal outdoor products such as picnic tables, park benches, player's benches, trash cans and recycling stations. Shawnee ICI has been building picnic tables and park benches featuring recycled plastic lumber since 2005. Plastic lumber matches wood lumber and has many of the same features.

**Engineered Plastics Systems™** manufactures the plastic lumber in many different colors: grey chocolate, white black, green tan redwood, putty, and cedar. The most common colors used by ICI are redwood and green, but have also made many products using the other available colors.



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**Engineered Plastic Systems™** provides the plastic to ICI, made from 100% post-consumer recycled materials. Plastic lumber never rots, crack, and the color is resistant to fading. Plastic products are durable. Using plastic lumber is environmentally responsible by keeping a high volume of plastic out of landfills and repurposing what would normally be viewed as trash. To date ICI has sold hundreds of park benches and picnic tables made with plastic lumber.

### Did you know...?

Almost every hour, nearly 250,000 plastic bottles are thrown away. It is not surprising that plastic bottles constitute close to 50% of recyclable waste in the dumps.

The average time taken by plastic bottles to decompose in a landfill is close to 700 years.

Plastic not only adds to landfill space and takes forever to decompose. Used plastic dumped into the sea kills and destroys sea life at an estimated 1,000,000 sea creatures per year!



Illinois Correctional Industries is proud to be a contributor to the mission of the **Illinois Green Governor's Coordinating Council** by designing products that repurpose 100% post-

consumer plastics into usable products.

To inquire about our products made using plastic lumber contact Illinois Correctional Industries Marketing at: 800-634-0213 or visit our website at [www.icicatalog.gov](http://www.icicatalog.gov).

### Green Cleaning Products

Chemistry, not chemicals, has given us the ability to keep our facilities clean without compromising our health or environment. If you were to search "Chemical free cleaning" you would find 50 pages of results. It is quickly becoming a way of life and not just another trend.

Menard ICI offers four "green certified" Envirosafe products: floor stripper, floor cleaner, floor finisher and a multipurpose cleaner. All of the products produce amazing results. Whether it's a hospital, grocery store, or a state facility or school, administrators understand when a facility looks clean and shiny the residents, employees, and customers have more respect for the facility. How confident do you feel about a business that has grimy floor and a dirty appearance?

As lawsuits increase along with workman's compensation claims, society is moving towards green cleaning products to minimize risk-exposure. Dangerous chemicals require protective clothing that may not be readily available. Even in the home harmful products are used. Combining Comet with bleach produces a poisonous gas for example. Can you afford NOT to use less safe products?

The ICI Envirosafe cleaning products offer a safe alternative and is compliant with the green cleaning schools Public Act 095-0084 effective 8-13-07.

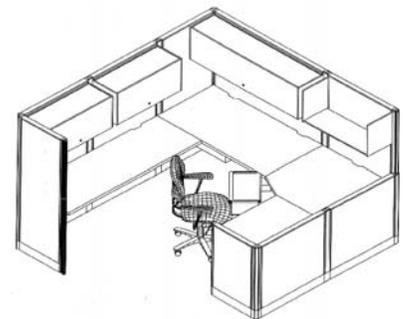
. This is especially relevant when considering

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### Did you know Illinois Correctional Industries can design and install Modular Office Systems to satisfy your specific office needs?

A Modular Panel Office System makes it easy to optimize available space for any number of office applications. Durable modular panel systems are beautifully engineered for use as individual units or a completely integrated office.



Modular Office System, Single Work Station shown with overhead storage/shelving and "U" shaped work surfaces with low front wall

For more information regarding Modular Panel Office Systems contact George Bowen by phone at: 217-558-2200 ext. 7112 or Email: [George.Bowen@doc.illinois.gov](mailto:George.Bowen@doc.illinois.gov).

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