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News from Waste Management at the Austin Community Landfill

Waste Management Honors Youth Group at Texas Environmental Excellence Awards

For small communities like Booker, TX, recycling can be a challenge. Students from Booker ISD's environmental-science class conquered this challenge by seeking help from organization like Cooperative Teamwork & Recycling Assistance, which offers opportunities for rural recycling through a hub-and-spoke cooperative model. In addition, they secured initial funding through nonprofits, residents, and public and private agencies. In 2010, the students from Booker ISD opened the doors to the Kiowa Recycling Center, a student-led and student-maintained recycling center for their community. The program recycles about 90 tons of cardboard a year amongst other items. To date, the Kiowa Recycling Center has diverted 1 million pounds of materials from the landfill.

In addition to the recycling center, the students also started a community garden which feeds the city's emergency medical technicians, volunteer firefighters and residents. Most recently, the students have been working to add a rain-capturing devices and drip irrigation to supply a sustainable water source to the garden.

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards program celebrates the efforts of citizens, communities, businesses, and organizations that preserve and protect the Texas environment. Because of their innovation and accomplishments, the Kiowa Recycling Center was the winner at the 2016 Texas Environmental Awards in the Youth Category. Waste Management honored the Kiowa Recycling Center with a donation of \$2,500 to aid in the continuation of this project.



April 14, 2016- A behind the scenes look at the winner of the 2016 Texas Environmental Excellence Award for the Youth Category in Booker, Tx. Pictured here, science instructor Ms. Karen Freelove and her high school students help elementary school students plant seeds that will eventually be transferred to the front of the Kiowa Recycling Center. (Photo: Texas Environmental Excellence Awards)



May 4, 2016- Chuck Rivette of Waste Management presented a check to the students of Kiowa Recycling Center at the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony in Austin, TX. (Photo: Texas Environmental Excellence Awards)

Austin Community Landfill

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Phone: (512) 272-9387

Landfill Hours

Monday- Friday: 7 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 7 AM to Noon
Sunday: Closed



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Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe half the year is already gone. Summer is here and I would like to remind you to stay cool and hydrated as Central Texas heats up.

During the month of May, the Austin area received an unprecedented 15" of rain. In fact, May, 2016 is now the wettest month on record for Central Texas. The landfill was able to continue operation during the wet weather but there is always a challenge with odors. To combat the odors we added portable misting systems to the working face area and we use additional alternative daily cover. We acknowledge that odors are a public concern and frustration. We sincerely appreciate the community's patience during times like these.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me.

-Bubba Smith



Manor, TX- Austin Community Landfill District Manager, Bubba Smith, (center) accepts Business Partner of the Year Award from Manor ISD Superintendent-elect, Dr. Royce Avery (left) and Bluebonnet Elementary Principal Debby Ewald (right.)



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Air Quality Protection

Waste Management works to minimize potential odors associated with landfill operations in several ways. Because odors may be associated with landfill gas, the facility employs a landfill gas collection and control system. The system at Austin Community Landfill currently consists of a XX network of gas extraction wells installed in deposited waste areas to remove the gas.

To minimize odors from newly deposited waste, the company covers new waste with a minimum of 6 inches of soil. In addition, gas monitoring probes have been installed around the perimeter of the facility to detect potential mitigation of landfill gas. Both the collection and monitoring well networks are routinely expanded as needed.

For more information about landfill gas monitoring at Austin Community Landfill, please visit our website, austincommunitylandfill.wm.com.



Gas probes, like the one above, are installed around the landfill. They are tested on a regular basis to determine if landfill gas is migrating off the site.

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