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News from Waste Management at the Austin Community Landfill

Tips for Spring Cleaning

Springtime is just around the corner and often this means spring cleaning. This year, you can give your house a green spring cleaning by following these simple tips.

- Instead of using chemical based cleaners, choose a non-toxic cleaning product that may already be in your homes such as baking soda and vinegar. When combined, this mixture can be used to clean your oven. Alone, vinegar mixed with a little water can be used to clean windows.
- If you are cleaning out the garage, don't throw paints and chemicals in your trash can or down the drain. Check with your city for a local environmental services site.
- Remember you can donate any unwanted building materials, furniture, clothing, and toys to nonprofit organizations.

By following these simple tips, you can be green while cleaning your home this spring. And don't forget, for large clean-ups, consider using Waste Management Bagster services.

PLANNING A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THIS SPRING?

PLAN AHEAD

with the

BAGSTER® DUMPSTER IN A BAG.®

The Bagster® Dumpster in a Bag® is a highly durable, woven bag that can hold up to 3,300 pounds of waste and debris. It's the perfect removal solution for home improvement projects and major home cleanups. Bigger than a garbage bag and smaller than a dumpster, it's the right solution for those projects that don't require a full-size dumpster.

PRODUCT SPECS:

- 8' L x 4' W x 2'6" H
- Holds up to 3,300 lbs/ 3 cubic yards
- Large enough to hold full-size items like doors, cabinets and drywall- even a bathtub!
- Won't tear if punctured (unless a sharp object cuts through it)
- Not waterproof; won't hold liquids

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Buy the Bagster® bag at your local home improvement store. Go to thebagster.com to find a store near you.
- Fill the Bagster® bag with up to 3,300 lbs of debris
- Once the bag is full or your project is complete, schedule and pay for collection on line at thebagster.com or by phone at 1-877-789-BAGS (2247).



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Landfill Hours

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



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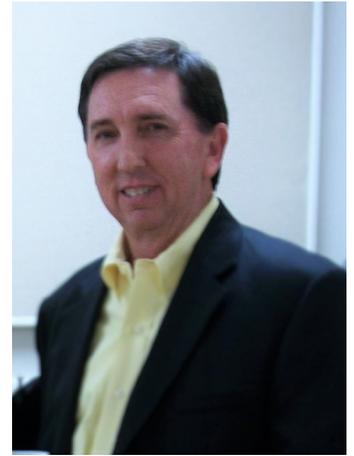
Manager's Report

The last couple of months have been busy at Austin Community Landfill. A lot of exciting activities have been happening at the site.

- At the end of December, we completed construction on a new cell which we started to utilize at the end of January.
- We have replaced 60% of our heavy equipment fleet with Tier 4 heavy equipment. Tier 4 equipment has lower emissions (less particulate emissions and NOx) and is more fuel-efficient than previous Tier 3 standards.
- In mid-June of 2018, we will begin a gas collection expansion project. This project will increase our gas collection operation on the northwest side of the site and should be completed in August of 2018.

I would also like to remind every one that Earth Day is April 22, 2018. There is a fun, exciting event in Austin called *Earthday Recycled Bottle Planting* happening at Treehouse located at 4477 South Lamar Boulevard. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earthday-recycled-bottle-planting-tickets-43852231204> for more information.

As usual, if you have any questions, please give me a call. - *Bubba Smith*



Bubba Smith, Austin Community Landfill District Manager



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Happy Earth Day 2018

April 22nd is Earth Day, however, you can celebrate it all year long. Here are some helpful tips to help you make every day Earth Day!

- Even though 70% of the Earth is covered in water, only 1% is available for human use. Turning off your faucet when you brush your teeth can save about 8 gallons of water a day.
- Transportation is the 2nd biggest source of CO₂ in the U.S. Slowing down while driving not only reduces CO₂, but saves money too. Slowing down just 5 mph can save an average of \$0.14/ gallon.
- 22% of the energy used in the U.S. powers our homes. Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a computer for 3 hours, run a TV. for two hours or light a 14-watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- 40% of all food produced in the U.S. goes into landfills. By reducing food waste, the U.S. could save \$165 billion each year, 20% of freshwater and 4% of the energy budget.

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