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News from Waste Management at the Austin Community Landfill

HELP KEEP OUR ROADS CLEAN AND LITTER-FREE BY SECURELY COVERING YOUR TRUCK AND TRAILER BEDS WITH A TARP TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL LITTER FROM BLOWING OUT AND ESCAPING.

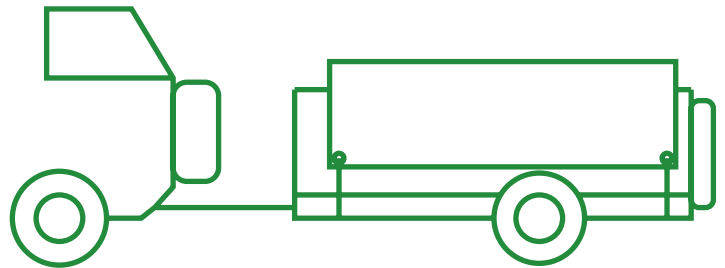
The **Texas Transportation Code (725.021)** requires vehicles be properly equipped to prevent loose material from escaping by blowing or spilling.

- » A vehicle bed carrying a load may not have a hole, crack or other opening through which loose material can escape.
- » In addition, the vehicle must be enclosed on both sides by side panels, on the front by a panel or the vehicle cab, and on the rear by a tailgate or panel.
- » The load shall be covered and the covering firmly secured at the front and back.

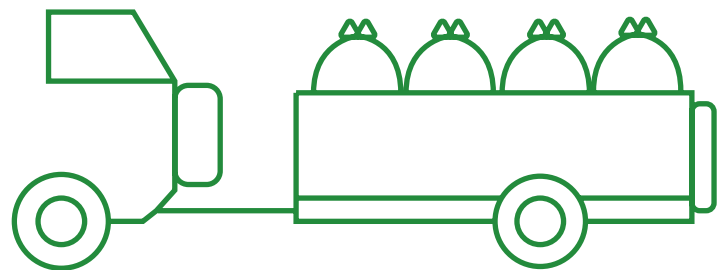
“COVER YOUR LOAD” TIPS FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

- » Use a tarp big enough to completely cover your trailer or truck bed – a minimum of four inches should overlap the sides, front and back of your load - tarps can be purchased from home supply, ranch and farm supply, and many general retailers.
- » Tightly secure the tarp with ropes and/or bungee cords.
- » Put lighter weight items at the bottom of the load.
- » Don't overload – keep material level with the truck bed or trailer
- » When transporting large items, make sure they are tied down and secured to the truck or trailer so they do not move.
- » A tarp is not required if the debris is completely enclosed by a load carrying compartment.
- » Before leaving the landfill, remove any loose material that may remain in the trailer or truck bed, or that spilled on the vehicle during disposal.
- » Remember, to avoid additional fees when visiting the landfill, ensure your load is securely covered.

CORRECT 😊



INCORRECT ☹️



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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

Happy Fall y'all! It's hard to believe it's been around six months since our last community newsletter. Since then, a lot has happened. In July, we completed a new cell on the south side of the landfill. We also expanded our gas collection system on the north side of the landfill and have plans to continue expanding the system into 2020. Our neighbor, The Gas Pedal Company, came to the landfill for a tour. They learned about what we do to remain stewards of the environment, cell construction, and the collection and conversion of landfill gas into energy. We had a really great time.

Before I go, I'd also like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of making sure their loads are covered by a tarp or tied down before they head out to the landfill or other destination. Not only is driving with an unsecured load against the law, it is extremely dangerous. Tarping or tying down your load helps keep our roadways safe, clean and saves taxpayers dollars. See the front of the newsletter for more information.

As usual, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Stay safe!

- Jesse Andrade



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Common Recycling Contaminates During the Fall

Help us continue battling recycling contamination with us during the fall! Keep these common contaminants out of your recycle bin. Visit recycleoftenrecycleright.com or follow us on Twitter, [WM_Texoma](https://twitter.com/WM_Texoma) for more information.



NO Pumpkins

Compost in your backyard, or place with your regular trash.



NO Leaves & Yard Waste

Compost or mulch in your backyard, if not, bag and place with regular trash.



NO Paper Coffee Cups

Compost if possible or place in the trash.



NO Clothing & Bedding

Donate if they are still in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.