# Neighbor to Neighbor

WM is Committed to Keeping You Informed Austin Community Landfill Spring 2024

# MANAGER'S REPORT

Across central Texas, the bluebonnets are blooming on roadways, which means spring has finally arrived. With the warmer weather comes new projects at the Austin Community Landfill.



Beginning in Q2, we will expand our landfill collection system by installing

multiple new wells. Once the Q2 gas project is complete, we will start a 10-acre project to add a layer of topsoil to a landfill section to promote native grass growth and beautification.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 512-823-2896. We are open Monday - Friday from 7 AM -5 PM and Saturday from 7 AM until noon.



# AUSTIN COMMUNITY LANDFILL POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

In November 2023, the Austin Community Pollinator Garden was recertified as a Wildlife Habitat by the Wildlife Habitat Council.

"The Austin Community Pollinator Garden is recognized as meeting the strict requirements of WHC Conservation Certification," said Margaret O'Gorman, President, WHC. "Companies achieving WHC Conservation Certification, like WM, are environmental leaders, voluntarily managing their lands to support sustainable ecosystems and the communities that surround them."

# EMBRACE ECO-FRIENDLY SPRING CLEANING: THREE GREEN APPROACHES

As spring blossoms, so does the tradition of spring cleaning. This year, consider adopting eco-friendly practices to refresh your space while minimizing environmental impact. Here are three green approaches to elevate your spring-cleaning routine:

#### **1. DIY Natural Cleaners:**

Swap out conventional cleaning products for DIY natural cleaners. You can create a versatile all-purpose cleaner by mixing equal parts water and distilled white vinegar. Baking soda is another eco-friendly staple that can tackle various cleaning tasks. By using these homemade alternatives, you reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals and cut down on single-use plastic packaging.

#### 2. Declutter Responsibly:

Instead of contributing to landfill waste, declutter responsibly using a sustainable approach. Donate items in good condition to local charities or thrift stores. For items that have reached the end of their life, explore recycling options at earth911.com.

#### 3. Energy-Efficient Deep Clean:

Make your spring-cleaning energy-efficient by optimizing your cleaning routine. Choose daylight hours to maximize natural light, reducing the need for artificial lighting. Use cold water to wash linens and air-dry them instead of a dryer. For energy-efficient vacuuming, ensure your vacuum cleaner has a clean filter, and focus on high-traffic areas to maximize effectiveness. Reduce waste by using reusable and washable cleaning cloths instead of paper towels.

By incorporating these eco-friendly practices into your spring-cleaning routine, you create a healthier living environment and contribute to a greener planet. Embrace sustainability, one scrub and sweep at a time, and make your spring cleaning a positive force for your home and the earth.

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