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News from Waste Management's Austin Community Landfill

Dear Neighbors



James "Bubba" Smith

Summer is almost here and that signals celebrations like graduations and weddings as well as moving season for many. Congrats and good luck to our neighbors!

Things have been fairly quiet at the landfill. We have hosted many tours for local school and youth groups.

Recent rains are keeping the Wildlife Habitat bee and butterfly gardens green and growing. We are still looking for volunteers who want to help take care of these gardens.

We continue to keep the park entrance off Springdale Road closed due to unauthorized camps and litter problems. We regret this inconvenience.

As always, please call us if you have any questions about the landfill.

James "Bubba" Smith
Landfill Manager



Landfill Manager Mike Perez shows a neighborhood group how special equipment allows Waste Management to monitor leachate levels at the landfill. Leachate is liquid created from rainfall and the natural decomposition of trash.

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

To save paper and costs, Waste Management plans to discontinue its print newsletter but will continue to make it available on its website. We will also happily email it to you.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send your contact information to Jessica at jengelhardt@rifeline.com



Austin Community Landfill

9900 Giles Road
Austin, TX 78754



Our Door is Open

Waste Management is committed to the community and maintains an open-door policy. We can arrange for a tour of the landfill for you or any interested organization. And we're always eager to answer your questions.

Just give us a call - 512-272-9387.

<http://austincommunitylandfill.wm.com>

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REMINDER: Cover Your Load!

Many people move during the summer, or start big household renovation projects. And that means lots of extra debris needs to go to the landfill.



Waste Management wants to remind people to "cover their loads" when transporting this debris in your trucks and trailers. Here are some helpful tips:

- 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.
- Tightly secure the tarp with ropes, bungee cords, netting or straps.
- Put lighter items at the bottom of the load.
- When transporting large items, make sure they are tied down and secured to the truck or trailer so they don't move.
- A tarp is not required if the debris is completely enclosed by a load-carrying compartment.
- Make sure your truck or trailer bed does not have a hole, crack or other opening where debris can escape.
- Don't overload — keep material level with the truck bed or trailer.
- Before leaving the landfill, remove any loose material that may remain in the trailer or truck bed.

Keeping Austin Beautiful

Waste Management was, once again, a proud sponsor of Keep Austin Beautiful, participating in its annual Clean Sweep and other community activities. Congrats

to Keep Austin Beautiful for organizing more than 4,300 volunteers who contributed 8,700 hours of service to clean up and beautify our city in April.



This year, Waste Management cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for all the Clean Sweep volunteers who worked together to clean more than 130 sites around the city. The projects ranged

from on-the-water clean-ups in kayaks and canoes to cleaning up illegal dump sites.

Waste Management provided three roll-offs to ensure bulk items collected for the city-wide clean-up were properly disposed.

In addition, Waste Management provided free disposal vouchers for a recent community service project by Indeed.com, a web-based job site.



Sam Pleasant with Indeed.com

(L-R), Waste Management employees Bill Haberstro, Daniel Rumsey, Forrest Tubb, Tom Decker, Jeremy Croke and Ashley Faseler grilled hamburgers at the Clean Sweep party



Waste Management Supports Bluebonnet Trail Elementary

Waste Management sponsored the Make-a-Wish Dance at Bluebonnet Trail Elementary in March. The children danced to the DJ and enjoyed snacks and refreshments provided by Waste Management.

Waste Management, a long-time supporter of Manor Education Foundation, made a \$3,000 contribution to the non-profit in Fall 2012 to support important math and science programs at Bluebonnet Trail Elementary.



Sophia Arenaz, a Bluebonnet kindergarten student, strikes a pose at the Make-a-Wish dance.