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## WASTE MANAGEMENT ENCOURAGES CONTINUED RECYCLING

### Recyclable Materials Needed for Manufacturing Supply Chain to Produce Packaging for Grocery and Medical Supplies

Facial tissues, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes have been flying off store shelves, while families are spending more hours at home to stay healthy and safe during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Waste Management (WM) is calling on everyone to Recycle Right during this time when recyclables are needed more than ever. Recycling is vitally important to our environment, and it has come to play a critical role in certain manufacturing supply chains. Without recyclable materials collected from homes and businesses, our customers, who produce products such as tissue, toweling and packaging boxes for grocery and medical supplies, would not have the raw materials that they need to manufacture these important items. Recycling is an essential service for manufacturing companies delivering these key products.

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To learn more information about Waste Management Recycle Right tips, please visit [wm.com/recycleright](http://wm.com/recycleright).

#### RECYCLE ONLY CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE:

- » Cardboard (without inside packing materials)
- » Paper products including newspapers, junk mail, office/school paper
- » Paperboard, such as cereal and cracker boxes
- » Plastic bottles and jugs
- » Steel, tin and aluminum cans

In addition, several leading industry organizations have weighed in calling for increased recycling to meet the needed demand during this time, including:

- » The American Forest and Paper Association
- » The Association of Plastic Recyclers
- » The Institute of Scrap Metal Recyclables
- » The Recycling Partnership

#### THROW AWAY:

- » Plastic, latex and cloth disposable gloves, disposable masks
- » Liquid soap and hand sanitizer bottles that contain residue
- » Disinfectant wipes
- » Facial tissues, napkins and paper towels
- » Disposable plates, cups and cutlery
- » Takeout containers
- » Leftover food and liquids
- » Plastic bags and plastic film wrap
- » Hoses, cords, polystyrene foam and other



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Sunday: Closed



## MANAGER'S REPORT

Happy Spring from Austin Community Landfill! A lot of exciting activities are happening at the site. First, we've been working to expand our gas system. The project should wrap up in April. Next, I am pleased to announce Jessica Bovine, our long-time operations specialist, was promoted to Landfill Operations Manager. I know she will do great in her new role.

This past December, the Austin Community Landfill Wildlife Habitat was recertified by the Wildlife Habitat Council at the Silver Tier level for its continued work and support of Texas plants and pollinators. And, in February, employees at the landfill brushed up on their emergency training. The training, which includes CPR and first aid, prepares our employees to assist when needed in an emergency situation. It also reinforces WM's commitment to safety, employees, and customers and I pleased so many employees attended the class.

As usual, if you have any questions, please give me a call. Stay safe! - Jesse Andrade



Jesse Andrade, Austin Community Landfill District Manager



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## Bluebonnets - 3 Facts About our State Flower

Texas Bluebonnets have already begun to bloom for 2020! To help you get the most out of enjoying our state flower, below are a few quick questions and answers regarding bluebonnets from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center.

### Q1: When do bluebonnets bloom?

A1: Normally, they start blooming in central/ east Texas toward the end of March. The peak of the season is early April.

### Q3: Is it illegal to pick bluebonnets?

A3: No, but it is encouraged that you leave them in place so everyone can enjoy them.

### Q3: What are bluebonnets good for?

A3: First, they make our roadways and fields look amazing! Next, they help with nitrogen levels in the soil which is beneficial to other plants. Also, they are attractive to pollinators as food, and they support several butterflies as host plants including northern cloudywing, gray hairstreak, Henry's elfin, painted and American lady, and orange sulphur butterflies.



Bluebonnets at Waste Management's Austin Community Landfill

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