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Neighbor to Neighbor- Waste Management is Committed to Keeping You Informed

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Have a Happy

EARTH DAY



Make Every Day Earth Day
#recycleright



For Earth Day, we are asking that everyone continue to do their part to protect the earth and its natural resources. In other words, continue to Make Every Day Earth Day. Here's what you can do to help.

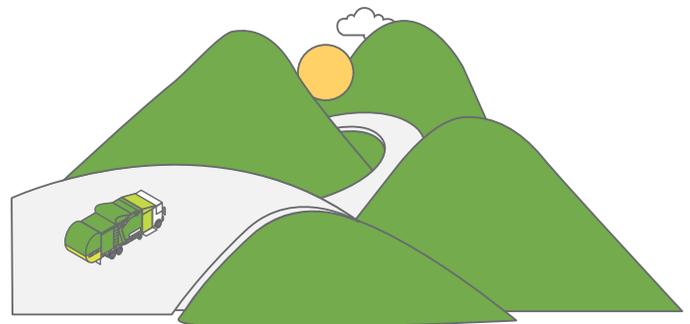
1. Find a way to reduce using something.
2. Get creative and reuse items when you can.
3. Continue to practice good recycling habits.
4. If you don't need something, just refuse it.

Together, we can all make a difference. To learn more about recycling or what you can do to help our planet, visit www.wm.com/recycleright.

Working for a Sustainable Tomorrow Across Texas

Creating a circular economy—one where we get the most possible value out of every type of material—takes everyone's help and happens in places you might not expect. See a few of the many ways Waste Management of Texas, Inc. works with our stakeholders to create value out of waste:

- 1 In the Recycling Cart**
We are dedicated to educating customers about the importance of recycling right—ensuring that everything that goes in the bin is fit for recycling. Encouraging good recycling practices allows us to operate more efficiently, which lowers the cost of recycling for everyone.
- 2 On the Front Lines of a Pandemic**
Throughout the COVID-19, Waste Management of Texas, Inc. continued residential collection without interruption—providing an essential service to customers while supplying critically needed recycled goods for manufacturing industries.
- 3 Underneath a Landfill**
Across the state, Waste Management of Texas, Inc. has nine facilities which convert landfill gas into energy, some of which can be captured and beneficially used as an alternative to fossil fuel.



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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 spring from Austin Community Landfill! Things have been moving along here as usual at the site. Since our last newsletter, we have upgrade our litter abatement program by adding 1,200 feet of 30-foot-tall fencing to help catch any windblown paper. Before summer arrives, we will begin a new construction project that will add 11 new wells and 6,000 feet of pipeline to aid in collecting landfill gas for our gas-to-energy plant.

We are also working on recertifying our Wildlife Habitat Council-certified habitat, a pollinator garden in front of the landfill office. The garden, which has been a dedicated habitat since 2008, is full of native plants that offer a healthy diet and environment for bees, butterflies, caterpillars, and hummingbirds.

Don't forget, Earth Day is just around the corner. In honor of Earth Day, I encourage everyone to take a moment to decide and commit to something they can do differently to benefit the environment. I plan to reduce the number of paper napkins I grab at restaurants and encourage you to do something beneficial for the planet. If you want to learn more about protecting the environment, check out our website: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/social-impact/education-resources>.

As usual, if you have any questions about the facility, don't hesitate to give me a call.



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LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY

In the summer time, the facility will begin a new construction project adding more landfill gas collection wells and pipelines. This upgrade will allow the plant to convert more gas to energy which powers nearby homes and businesses. In fact, during Winter Storm Uri, the plant never lost power and played a vital role in supplying the grid with power. So, how does it work?

