

# NEIGHBOR

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

Austin Community Landfill  
Spring 2022

## EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22 - HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE?

April 22nd will be the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day! Have you ever wondered how the Earth Day began?

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson as a day of education about environmental issues and man's environmental impact to Earth. In cities across the U.S., more than 20 million people participated by rallying, protesting, marching, taking nature walks, coordinating community clean-ups, and hosting "teach-ins" to cultivate awareness. Senator Nelson was known as an "environmental senator" but led his vision with bipartisan support focusing on encouraging youth voices.

Later that year, the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act were adopted followed by President Richard Nixon's signed legislation that created the Environmental Protection Agency which we now know as the EPA. The general public first heard about Earth Day from a full-page ad that ran in the New York Times on Jan. 18, 1970.

Since that very first Earth Day, the awareness has grown, and Earth Day is now celebrated globally sometimes extending a

full seven days – known as Earth Week – focused on green living.

WM works to "Make Every Day Earth Day" by bringing awareness to environmental values and teaching the "4 Rs of Green Living" which are: reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose. WM endeavors to get the most possible value out of every type of material every day.

How will you celebrate Earth Day? What will you do to make a difference? Here are a few ideas:

- If you don't need something, like a straw, coffee stopper, plastic shopping bag, etc., just say "No" and refuse it politely.
- Repurpose items like an old metal egg basket into a hanging lamp.
- Use reusable water bottles, shopping bags, and coffee mugs. Some coffee shops give a discount for bringing your own mug.

To learn more about recycling or what you can do to help our planet, visit [wm.com/recyclerright](http://wm.com/recyclerright). Together, we can all make a difference!



## 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 received some outstanding recognition. Our pollinator garden received wildlife habitat certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council.

The garden has been a dedicated habitat since 2008 featuring native plants which offer a healthy environment for bees, butterflies, caterpillars, and hummingbirds. Austin Community Landfill will be recognized

for its certification at the 2022 Conservation Conference in Detroit this summer.

In addition, our landfill was recognized at the 2021 Annual Conference for WM of Texas and Oklahoma and honored with the "Excellence in Environmental Compliance" award.



In project news, we will be adding 14 new vertical wells and three new horizontal wells. We'll also be running approximately 1600 ft. of new header pipe. The construction will be complete in two phases with the first phase planned for completion by May.

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



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## RECYCLE RIGHT

### Three Basic Rules

Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.



**Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.**



**Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.**



**No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.**

\*Please call us anytime if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.  
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