

Holiday Tips from Waste Management at the Austin Community Landfill

Start a New Tradition By Making Your Holidays “Green” This Year

Waste Management challenges its customers and neighbors to start a new tradition that will bring new meaning to their traditional holiday celebrations. Here are a few ways to reduce, reuse and recycle during the holidays:

- Use recyclable bags when shopping for your holiday gifts or food. Paper bag production consumes more than 14 million trees annually in the U.S. so by using reusable bags you are reducing the amount of paper bags used.
- Use eco-friendly decorations: With a little imagination, you can create your own “green” decorations and have a lot of fun in the process. Consider using elements from nature, such as pine cones, fresh trees, garland or wreaths which can be composted after the holidays.
- Everyone loves a good holiday party! You can become the most eco-conscious host or hostess this year by hosting a party that uses washable utensils, plates, glasses, napkins, and table covers. And, don’t forget to set up a recycling bin for items that can not be reused or composted.
- Invite the neighbors: Inviting your neighbors to share your eco-friendly holiday is an opportunity to reduce the amount of waste generated through hosting two holiday meals and is a great way to save your neighbors from making a road trip to visit family members that live far away.
- Reduce, recycle: Reduce the overall amount of waste you may produce during the holidays by purchasing only as much as you need and selecting products that have less packaging or can be recycled.

“We would like to remind our communities that there are always opportunities to conserve every day, especially during the holiday season,” said Bubba Smith, District Manager for the Austin Community Landfill. “At Waste Management, we’re working to find the most efficient and forward-thinking approach to handling waste. With the help of our communities, all of us can help protect the environment and improve the quality of life on the planet we share.”

More “Green” tips for After the Holiday Meal



Compost your food scraps.



Freeze excess leftovers.



Create new meals using leftovers.



Donate uncooked food to someone or an organization in need.

Austin Community Landfill

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Landfill Hours

Monday- Friday: 7 AM to 5 PM

Saturday: 7 AM to Noon

Sunday: Closed

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that 2017 has almost come to an end. Even though the holidays are right around the corner, it has been business as usual at the landfill. We just finished construction on a 15-acre disposal cell and capped another 20-acre cell that had reached its final elevation.

I would also like take this time to remind you of our FREE tree recycling program at Austin Community Landfill. Residents can drop their trees off December 26, 2016 to January 14, 2017, Monday- Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday from 7 AM to Noon. Trees must be free of all decorations, ornaments, tinels, lights and stands before being dropped off.

In closing, we wish you and your family a safe, happy holiday season. More often than not, we find ourselves getting into a hurry at home and on the roads during this time of the year. I would like to encourage everyone to slow down and use their best judgment to avoid dangerous situations when they are behind the wheel or at home.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me.

-Bubba Smith



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October, 2017- Black Swallowtail Caterpillars at the Austin Community Landfill Wildlife Habitat

Austin Community Wildlife Habitat Update

According to the Wildlife Habitat team, the habitat at the Austin Community Landfill is flourishing. "In 2017, we witnessed a variety of butterflies and skippers in the pollinator garden including Clouded Sulphur, Queen, Metalmark Crescentspot, Buckeye, Pipevine Swallowtail, Monarch, and Phaon Crescent" recounts Wildlife Habitat Team member, Sherrell Cordas.

In September, the Austin Community Landfill Wildlife Habitat was recertified by the Wildlife Habitat Council at the SilverTier level. More information about the Wildlife Habitat Council can be found on their website, www.wildlifehc.org.

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