

# Neighbor

## Dear Neighbors

This newsletter is intended to help keep you informed about activities at the landfill – please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions.

In order to take care of the long-term needs of the citizens of Williamson County and the dramatic population growth in the county, Williamson County Commissioners asked Waste Management to expand the County's landfill. The expansion would not only extend the life of the landfill, but will also result in three additional storm water detention ponds and a network of 35 groundwater monitoring wells.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has deemed the application for the landfill expansion to be both "administratively complete" and "technically complete." The TCEQ process for reviewing and approving expansion applications is a public process and as always, we encourage your comments and input.

We also invite you to tour the landfill to get a first-hand look at the landfill's operations.

In other landfill news, Waste Management planted Red Tip Photinia shrubs used for landscape screening at the Recycling Center.



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The new gas system is operational, collecting and removing landfill gas that is created naturally by the decomposition of waste. The gas is destroyed safely at a central, high-temperature flare. The gas system helps control potential landfill odors, reduces the potential for off-site landfill gas migration, and minimizes passive landfill gas emissions.



Gas extraction well collects landfill gas that is produced through the natural decomposition of waste.

Please feel free to go to <http://williamsoncounty-landfill.wm.com> for more information on the Williamson County Landfill or contact Landfill Manager James "Bubba" Smith at (512) 759-8881.

Sincerely,

Frankie Limmer  
Williamson County Precinct #4

Steve Jacobs  
Waste Management

## Recycling Center A Big Hit!

Thank you Williamson County residents for all your recycling! Many neighbors have brought their obsolete computers, cell phones and other electronic equipment to the Williamson County Recycling Center, located at the entrance of the Williamson County Landfill on F.M. 1660.

Since opening, the Recycling Center has collected nearly 25,000 pounds of scrap metal, 4,700 pounds of

cardboard, 2,400 pounds of plastic, 2 dumpsters full of newspapers – and nearly 8,000 pounds of e-waste!

Waste Management also has placed mulch from the landfill at the Recycling Center for residents to pick up for their landscaping, free of charge.

**H** *Free Mulch at the Recycling Center  
Bring your own bags and load up!*



### Williamson County Landfill

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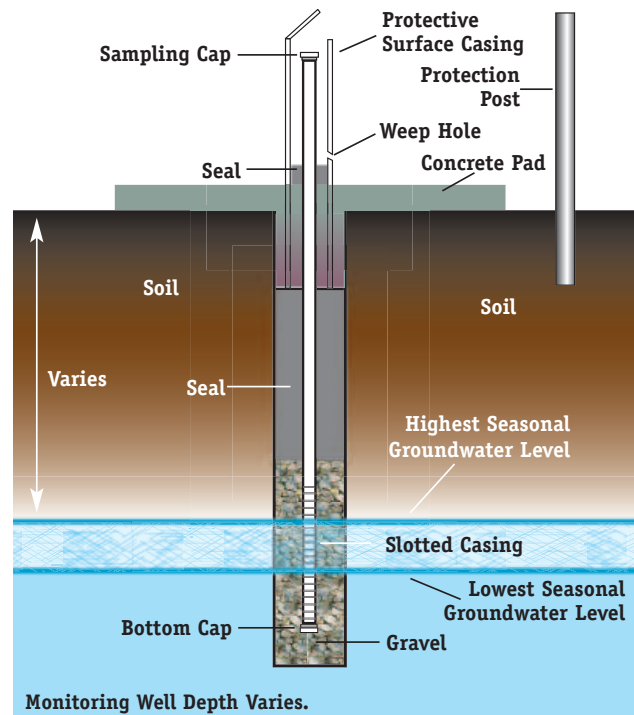


## **G**roundwater Monitoring

The Williamson County Landfill has a liner system to protect groundwater. There is also a groundwater monitoring system that consists of eight groundwater wells located around the active portion of the landfill. Waste Management ensures groundwater protection by sampling and analyzing groundwater collected from these wells.

Waste Management tests for more compounds than required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) landfill regulations. In 15 years of groundwater testing, there has been no hint of any groundwater contamination in the monitoring network that is currently in place within the permitted footprint.

The proposed expansion plans for Williamson County include an expansion of the current groundwater monitoring network to include an additional 35 monitoring wells to be located along the perimeter of the landfill.



## **Community Activities**

As part of the company's community service to area non-profits, Waste Management recently accepted, at no charge, five truckloads of debris from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Round Rock.



## **Children's Hospital of Austin**

a Department of Brackenridge Hospital,  
a member of the HECOM Healthcare Network

Waste Management also sponsored the first annual *Miracle Market* that raised funds for the new Dell Children's Medical Center. The funds will be used to assist the Children's Hospital Volunteers to reach their \$1 million goal to fund an integrated operating suite in the future.

"The new children's hospital is vital to the future of Central Texas, and we are proud to be a part of the efforts to build such a needed facility and to honor the volunteers who donate their time and efforts to help children," says Steve Jacobs, Central Texas Landfill Operations Manager.