

# Neighbor

## Cover Your Load

It's summertime and that signals moving season and the annual "Cover Your Load" program by Waste Management and the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

Together, the two groups remind area residents to "cover your load" when bringing unwanted debris to area landfills to prevent accidental litter.

"During a move, people clean out their homes and end up with unwanted trash to be disposed of at the landfill," says James "Bubba" Smith, Waste Management district manager. "It's important that residents properly secure their loads with a tarp to prevent debris from littering the roads."

During July, Waste Management distributed a flyer to Williamson County Landfill customers with "Cover Your Load" tips as well as Don't Mess with Texas litterbags and stickers.

Covering your load is not only the right thing to do, it's the law, says Smith. The Texas Transportation Code, as well as Waste Management, requires vehicles be properly equipped to prevent loose material from escaping by blowing or spilling.



*The Austin American Statesman, News 8 Austin, KXAN, Fox-7, KLBJ and Univision did news stories reminding area residents to "cover your loads" to prevent litter.*

### "COVER YOUR LOAD" TIPS

- Use a tarp big enough to completely cover your trailer or truck bed
- Tightly secure the tarp with ropes and/or bungee cords
- Inspect your truck or trailer bed for holes or cracks where debris can escape
- After disposal, remove any loose material that may remain in the trailer or truck bed



## Dear Neighbors

Ground was broken on the new recycling center in mid-May. The contractor is Troy Bonnet Construction. C.D.Y. Engineering designed the 2,000-square-foot metal building to be located on two acres at the landfill entrance.

The recycling center will provide a convenient drop-off location for residents to recycle used oil, paper, corrugated cardboard, plastic, aluminum and scrap metal.

The recycling center is scheduled to open in the fall.

### Landfill Guidelines

The Williamson County Landfill is open for public disposal from Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sundays.

The landfill does not accept batteries, white goods (appliances), liquids, household chemicals, paint, motor oil, used oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, or other hazardous materials.

Tires are collected and recycled for a fee: car tires are \$6 and truck tires are \$10.

Disposal fees depend on the size of the load. Below are the landfill disposal fees; (the rates below include an additional, state-required Texas Commission on Environmental Quality fee which varies, based on the size of the load). Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

- Car load: \$5
- Small pick up truck: \$11.65
- Regular pick up truck: \$13.60
- Trailers with debris: \$6.25/cubic yard

Finally, the landfill expansion is still under review by the TCEQ. For more information, go to <http://williamsoncountylandfill.wm.com>.

Sincerely,

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Waste Management



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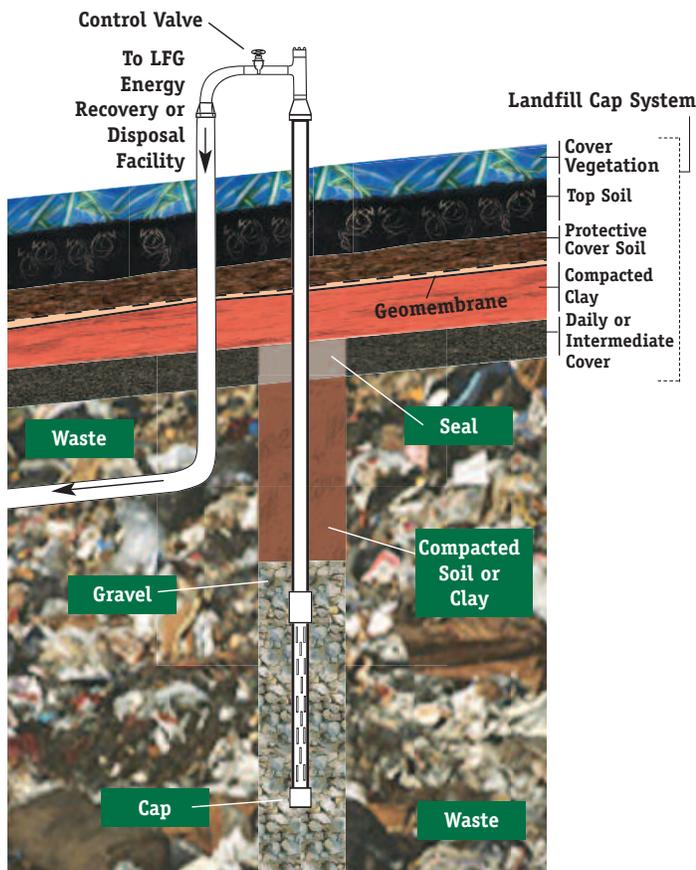
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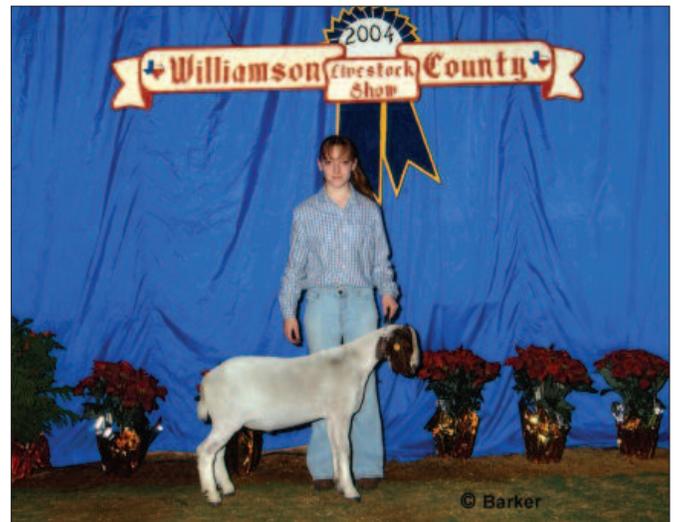


## New Gas Collection System

Waste Management plans to begin installing a new gas extraction and collection system this summer. This type of system collects, removes and destroys landfill gas via a central, high-temperature flare. A gas collection system represents the principal mechanism by which landfill gas emissions (including potential odors) are controlled and minimized.



## Community Activities



Monica Meurer proudly showed her goat at the Williamson County Livestock Show. Waste Management is a supporter of the 4-H club.



(Left to right) Hutto High students Cara Wood, Ashleigh Trejo, Lauren Herber and Mandee Freitag accepted a check from Waste Management's Community Relations Manager Lynda Rife for Make-a-Wish.