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News from Waste Management's Williamson County Landfill

Dear Neighbors



James "Bubba" Smith,
District Manager

We are happy to report that Waste Management and Williamson County hosted another successful collection day for household hazardous waste. The next collection day will be in the Spring – watch for the date in the next newsletter.

The holidays are upon us, and as we feast, give gifts, decorate, and travel, we also consume a lot of resources and generate waste. Here are some tips on how to reduce trash while still enjoying the holidays:



Decorating

- Use more energy-efficient mini-lights rather than larger lights
- Wrap gifts in newspaper, paper bags or a child's artwork
- Wrap a gift with a gift – use scarves, table linens, belts

Cards

- Buy cards made from recycled paper and printed in non-toxic inks
- Consider substituting postcards for cards that require envelopes
- Re-use front of holiday cards as gift tags

Green Gift Ideas

- Give a garden! Seeds, gloves, tools are great gifts
- Family recipes
- Tickets to sports, music, theater events
- Free baby-sitting
- Bird feeder and seed

All of us at Waste Management and the Williamson County Landfill and Recycling Center wish you and your family a joyous and wonderful holiday.

Have a great holiday!

James "Bubba" Smith

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Wednesday, December 26 – Saturday, January 12

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon

Please remove lights, tree stands, garland, tinsel and decorations. Flocked trees are not accepted.



Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the Hutto Food Pantry when you bring your trees!

New Pollinator Garden at Williamson County Landfill

Volunteers from the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Good Water Master Naturalists are helping build a new pollinator garden at the front entrance of the Williamson County Landfill. Waste Management cleared a 40' by 40' area and has built a walkway so visitors can easily access the garden. Volunteers have planted wildflower seeds and plants that will help support pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are critical for crops and flowering plants.

Williamson County and Waste Management want to recognize and thank Sterlin Barton, Good Water Master Naturalist; Marilyn Perez, Native Plant Society of Texas – Williamson County Chapter; and Wayne Rhoden, Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, for their leadership and work in building this new wildlife habitat area.

If you are interested in volunteering on this project, please contact Jessica at 512-344-9195.



(left to right) Kieran Carroll and Joe Enriquez with Waste Management work with volunteers Marilyn Perez, Sterlin Barton and Wayne Rhoden on the pollinator garden.

Williamson County Landfill

600 Landfill Road
Phone: (512) 759-8881 Fax (512) 759-5004

Landfill Hours

Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. – noon
Sunday: Closed

Recycling Center Hours

Monday through Friday:
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Noon
Sunday: Closed
(512) 846-2756



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The Williamson County Landfill and Recycling Center will be closed on the following dates in observance of the holidays:

Christmas, December 25
 New Year's Day, January 1

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Nearly 27 Tons Collected During Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

About 400 Williamson County residents dropped off, on average, 135 pounds of materials per person during the October 6 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held by Williamson County and Waste Management. That equals nearly 27 tons of materials!



Here is a snapshot of the materials collected:

Paint and paint related materials	30,234 lbs
Pesticides	3,297 lbs
Flammable liquids	2,580 lbs
Alkaline, lithium, nickel cad batteries	2,418 lbs
Flammable solids	1,502 lbs
Aerosols	872 lbs
Other	1,215 lbs
TOTAL	42,118 lbs

Additional Items Collected

Used oil	220 gals (1,768 lbs)
Oil filters	150 lbs
Lead acid batteries	59 batteries (2,248 lbs)
E-Waste	7,500 lbs
TOTAL	11,666 lbs



IN THE COMMUNITY



Waste Management sponsored the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Olde Tyme Days Festival and provided free trash disposal services.

The Smith Family Robinson band, whose drummer is Hutto City Councilmember Michael Smith, entertained Olde Tyme Days Festival go-ers.

Cathy Teague, John Home, Marlene Coffman and Shannon Ferguson at the Williamson County Sheriff's Department Victim Assistance bake sale, which was co-chaired by Teague and Ferguson and supported by Waste Management.



Waste Management was the platinum sponsor of the Hutto Rotary Club's First Veteran's Memorial Golf Tournament. From left to right, Kieran Carroll, Justin Randall and Mike Perez.

Waste Management's Jessica Engelhardt helps sell t-shirts during the Williamson County Brown Santa's Nightmare on Jail Hill Haunted House in October.

