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NOTE: The Hazardous Waste Collection Day schedule for April 25, 2020 has been canceled following protocols and recommendations from the State of Texas and Williamson County regarding COVID-19.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ENCOURAGES CONTINUED RECYCLING

Recyclable Materials Needed for Manufacturing Supply Chain to Produce Packaging for Grocery and Medical Supplies

Facial tissues, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes have been flying off store shelves, while families are spending more hours at home to stay healthy and safe during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Waste Management (WM) is calling on everyone to Recycle Right during this time when recyclables are needed more than ever. Recycling is vitally important to our environment, and it has come to play a critical role in certain manufacturing supply chains. Without recyclable materials collected from homes and businesses, our customers, who produce products such as tissue, toweling and packaging boxes for grocery and medical supplies, would not have the raw materials that they need to manufacture these important items. Recycling is an essential service for manufacturing companies delivering these key products.

“Most recyclers don’t think about the importance of placing their clean recyclable materials in their bins, but now it is more important than ever, as recyclable products are playing a critical role for manufacturing businesses,” said Mike Lunow, Waste Management of TexOm Area Director of Recycling. “Across Area, people are generating more household garbage and recyclable materials than usual, and manufacturers are in need of more clean recyclable materials to meet their demands for making basic goods and emergency supplies. We can all do our part by recycling right during these challenging times.”

To learn more information about Waste Management Recycle Right tips, please visit wm.com/recycleright.

RECYCLE ONLY CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE:

- » Cardboard (without inside packing materials)
- » Paper products including newspapers, junk mail, office/school paper
- » Paperboard, such as cereal and cracker boxes
- » Plastic bottles and jugs
- » Steel, tin and aluminum cans

THROW AWAY:

- » Plastic, latex and cloth disposable gloves, disposable masks
- » Liquid soap and hand sanitizer bottles that contain residue
- » Disinfectant wipes
- » Facial tissues, napkins and paper towels
- » Disposable plates, cups and cutlery
- » Takeout containers
- » Leftover food and liquids
- » Plastic bags and plastic film wrap
- » Hoses, cords, polystyrene foam and other packaging

In addition, several leading industry organizations have weighed in calling for increased recycling to meet the needed demand during this time, including:

- » The American Forest and Paper Association
- » The Association of Plastic Recyclers
- » The Institute of Scrap Metal Recyclables
- » The Recycling Partnership

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Landfill Hours

Monday- Friday: 7 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 7 AM to Noon
Sunday: Closed

Hutto Recycling Center Hours

Monday - Friday: 7 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 7 AM to Noon
Sunday: Closed
(512) 846-7256



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MANAGER'S REPORT

Happy Spring everyone! It's been business as usual at Williamson County Landfill. Currently, we are working on the construction of a new cell that should be completed in April. In February, Good Water Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists program and the Williamson County Native Plant Society came to the landfill and worked on the pollinator gardens. The volunteers removed weeds and trimmed plants for the spring.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to introduce our new District Operations Manager, Louis McClure. Since 2018, Louis has served as the landfill foreman at Austin Community Landfill and Williamson County Landfill. Before working in TexOma, Louis worked at multiple landfills in California for 16 years. Join us in welcoming him to the Wilco Landfill Family.

As usual, if you have any questions, please contact me.

- Jesse Andrade, District Manager, 512-823-2896



A volunteer works to trim plants and remove weeds during the pollinator garden work day in February.



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Bluebonnets - 3 Facts About our State Flower

Texas Bluebonnets have already begun to bloom for 2020! To help you get the most out of enjoying our state flower, below are a few quick questions and answers regarding bluebonnets from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Q1: When do bluebonnets bloom?

A1: Normally, they start blooming in central/ east Texas toward the end of March. The peak of the season is early April.

Q3: Is it illegal to pick bluebonnets?

A3: No, but it is encouraged that you leave them in place so everyone can enjoy them.

Q3: What are bluebonnets good for?

A3: First, they make our roadways and fields look amazing! Next, they help with nitrogen levels in the soil which is beneficial to other plants. Also, they are attractive to pollinators as food, and they support several butterflies as host plants including northern cloudywing, gray hairstreak, Henry's elfin, painted and American lady, and orange sulphur butterflies.



Bluebonnets at Waste Management's Austin Community Landfill