

Center Stream

**Keeping our members current on Kaufman County's
waste stream news**

A Service of Environmental Co-op

Fall 2008



Make a Difference Day October 25

Volunteers in the Cedar Creek area will celebrate Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 25. Make a Difference Day is an annual event that brings volunteers and projects together to benefit the community and is organized by the Rotary Club of Cedar Creek Lake. "Going green" will be the theme of this year's event.

In keeping with the theme of "Going Green" for Make a Difference Day on October 25, the Environmental Co-op and the Cedar Creek Rotary Club are sharing a few tips that everyone can use to Make a Difference for the environment.

"Think reduce, reuse and recycle as you volunteer for Make a Difference Day," said Glenna Brown, Program Manager for the Environmental Co-op in Terrell. Suggestions for reducing the amount of trash we generate include:

- Select products with little or no packaging
- Buy in bulk to reduce product packaging and waste
- Buy products that contain recycled materials in packaging and content
- Bring your own canvas bag(s) to the grocery store to reduce the number of plastic bags that make their way into your home—remember to get your bag credit
- Fix broken toys and appliances instead of throwing them away (or give them to someone who will refurbish them and donate them to a homeless shelter or to underprivileged neighbors)
- Switch to electronic billing and invitations to reduce use of paper products. Check out www.evite.com to issue invitations.
- Cut down on junk mail and save trees—visit www.dma.org to stop catalogs and junk mail
- Prevent credit card companies from sending pre-approved credit card applications—visit www.OptOutPreScreen.com

Reuse everything possible. Reusable products and containers result in less waste, which results in conservation of raw materials and natural resources. Suggestions for reusing include:

- Donate used clothing to a clothing drive or clothes closet set up in the community
- Sponsor a shoe drive to donate used athletic shoes to the Shoe Bank—www.shoebank.org

- Sponsor a children's book, CD and DVD swap so children can get different books to read, music to listen to and movies to watch—save resources and money
- Recycle cell phones—several non-profit organizations take used cell phones, including the Eco-Station in Kemp and the Environmental Co-op in Terrell—www.trashbusters.org
- Use ceramics, silverware, glassware and used cloth napkins at your next party to reduce waste
- Compost your food scraps in a compost pile
- Donate old cars, working or not, to charities that accept them to raise funds

Recycling also saves natural resources. Recycling is the process by which materials are collected and used as raw materials for new products. Recycling saves useful materials from ending up in a landfill. Kaufman County residents can recycle at the Eco-Station; Kaufman Trash & Recycle Center and Terrell Citizen's Convenience Station:

- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin cans—household food cans—must be rinsed (labels OK)
- Cardboard—broken down and flattened
- Newspaper, shredded paper, office paper, magazines and junk mail
- Plastics #1 and #2 (at Eco-Station) #3-7 also accepted at Kaufman and Terrell
- Tires—limit 4 tires per person per day
- Motor oil and oil filters

Recycling Focus of Grant Applications

Once again, recycling is a hot topic in many North Texas communities, as indicated by a high number of 2009 solid waste grant program applications focused on supporting the region's goal to increase recycling. Of the 40 grant applications submitted by local governments in May for TY2009 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) solid waste management funds, 30 are focused upon advancing the "Time to Recycle" goal of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan of North Central Texas.

Kaufman County Urban Forester Speaks with Kemp Economic Development Board

On September 2, Urban Forester Pam Corder spoke to the Kemp Economic Development Board about the importance of trees in their city.



Left to right: County Urban Forester Pam Corder, Board Member Dorothy Locklin, Mayor Billy Teel, Board President Jody Deller.

Addition to Co-op Staff

Glenna Brown has joined the Co-op as Program Manager, and her duties will include implementation of two recycling grants, two water grants, and establishing environmental programs for the school districts in Kaufman County.

Glenna worked for the Co-op in its initial stages from 1998 to 2001, when she joined the City of Plano as its Recycling Education Coordinator. She also has experience with Allied Waste Services in its Customer Service department.

Glenna is a licensed teacher and is a member of the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling, North Central Texas Recycling Alliance and Solid Waste Association of North America.

Welcome back, Glenna!!



2008 Summer Children's Programs

The Summer Programs were a great success. Programs were presented at the Kaufman County Library, Tri-County Library, and the Forney Library. Other programs were done at Scurry-Rosser High School and Middle School and at Ben Gill Park in Terrell. Over 300 children participated in the various programs. Each presentation had its own set of topics. Pam Corder of the Environmental Co-op taught all about trees including how to tell the age of a tree. Marilyn May, Environmental Co-op Executive Director, presented information on recycling. Vermi-composting, bee keeping and many safety programs were also covered in the presentations. Donita Everette, Vonda Scott, Bill McClain and Don and Susanne Orman assisted in events also.



Tri-County Library program participants learn how to tell a tree's age.

Need Some Help Understanding Ecology?

Henry David Thoreau invented the word ecology in 1852. The word is derived from the Greek word "oikoc" meaning household and "Aoyos" or study so ecology means the study of the household. The word "ecology" is often used in common parlance as a synonym for the natural environment of environmentalism. Likewise "ecologic" or "ecological" is often taken in the sense of environmentally friendly.

Hazardous Waste Training Class Offered

Environmental Co-op partnered with Nucor Building Systems again this year to give a Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response Training Class. This is an annual class available to businesses, counties, cities and individuals that need the training for themselves or their employees. Environmental Co-op provides the 8-hour refresher and 40 hour classes to employees from the Kaufman County area giving them a convenient class in the area. Jason Lengacher, Environmental Manager at Nucor Building Systems demonstrated the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) needed in some Hazmat situations.

Honey Bees Subject of Organic Co-op Meeting

On September 17th a small group gathered at the Organic Co-op meeting to discuss Honey Bees. The DVD '*CITY OF BEES*' was shown and information about bee keeping was given out.

Some interesting things to know about bees: Honey Bees are not native to North America. Honey bees currently pollinate about 90% of all agricultural crops. Honey bees are not likely to sting when foraging for nectar in the back yard or when they are swarming (looking for a new home). They are most likely to sting when their hive is threatened or they are accidentally crushed. Honey bees swarm in spring and fall. African honey bees were imported from Africa to Brazil in 1957. After escaping and mating with European honey bees, they produced a hybrid called an "Africanized honey bee." These bees look like European honey bees to the eye.

These bees are less fussy in their choice of nesting sites; building nests in the ground, tree cavities, in walls of a home or where ever they find a small hole through which to enter. They are more likely to leave a location when conditions are not suitable than the European honey bee. The impulse to sting is 10 times greater than that of European honey bees, attacks last longer and involve more bees.

To see a map of current distribution of Africanized Honey Bees go to: <http://agnews.tamu.edu/bees/> or to ask about submitting a specimen for identification call 979-847-8771 or email: l-bradley2@tamu.edu. To print a guide on being safe with bees go to: honeybee.tamu.edu/bee_safe_quick_guide.html

Some of the trees Margaret Ann Trail noted seeing honey bees foraging in her garden in Kemp included: Redbud, Mexican plum, Mesquite, Bradford pear, Catalpa, Chinese Tallow, Pear, Apricot, Plum, Persimmon, and Peach. Thank you Margaret Ann for sharing this information with us!

HDTV Change

Are you one of the many consumers who have purchased a new television to prepare for the change in broadcasting to high definition? Many have old televisions as a result of this change. You can responsibly dispose of your old television at one of our upcoming electronics recycling events listed on our calendar.

There is a charge for this service. Small screens up to 13 inches will be charged \$10.00, larger screens will be \$20.00 each.

Electronics Recycling Events October 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wal-Mart parking lots in Seagoville and Terrell

Electronics Items that will be collected at no charge include:

Computers—keyboards—(laptops, too)—scanners—printers—copiers/fax machines—cell/corded phones—ink jet and laser cartridges—stereos—microwaves—shavers-mixers-fans-air conditioners-batteries (rechargeable and non) etc.

During this collection event we will also take: Eyeglasses will be collected for the Lions Club

There will be a charge for the following items (cash only):

Monitors – \$5.00 each
TV's – Small up to 13-inch screens – \$10.00 each
14-inch and larger screens – \$20.00 each

All businesses, schools and citizens are welcome to participate.

We also have electronic recycling events scheduled for Garland and Mesquite in November. See our calendar for details.

Two Grants Bring More Recycling

The City of Terrell and Kaufman County have been awarded two new recycling grants from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Environmental Co-op will manage the new grants.

“The City of Terrell grant will allow us to establish two new drop-off recycling centers in Terrell,” according to Marilyn May, Executive Director of the Co-op. Grant funds will also be used to purchase a baler so that the Co-op can collect, bale and sell the recyclable materials.

“Drop-off sites will be announced in the near future,” said Ms. May. “Our goal with this grant is to provide the residents of Terrell with convenient places to recycle cans, bottles, and plastics.”

The second grant will allow the Co-op to open two new recycling centers in Kaufman County. One drop-off site will be located at Commissioner Ray Clark's Pct. 2 barn in Forney, and the second center will be located at Commissioner Ken Schoen's Pct. 3 barn.

Each grant will provide the citizens of Terrell and Kaufman County with convenient drop-off recycling sites only minutes from their homes. "We will place a strong emphasis on information and education about these projects to encourage use of the centers," noted Ms. May.

Ms. May reminds citizens and businesses that the Co-op has already set up a paper and cardboard recycling container near the Terrell Fire Department, at the corner of High and N. Adelaide. This site is open 24/7 to deposit emptied, flattened cardboard and all newspaper, magazines, and junk mail. Please contact the Co-op office at 972-524-0007 for more information about the paper/cardboard recycling program.

Help Take Care of Texas in Your Yard

The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality suggests these steps to help Texas be a better place to live. Go to: takecareoftexas.com for more ideas.

Try Composting

Yard trimmings make up 20% of the waste generated by Texans each year. Instead of throwing them out with the garbage, you can recycle these materials by composting them. Compost can serve as a soil conditioner that will help improve your garden and reduce your water usage. By using mulch and compost on lawns and gardens, Texans could reduce the need for outdoor watering by 30% to 60%. Kaufman Trash & Recycle Center has free mulch available. You load it.

Use an Electric Lawn Mower

For each hour of operation, one gas-powered lawn mower emits 11 times more air pollution than a new car. Forty million American lawn mowers consume 200 million gallons of gasoline per year, and gas-powered garden-tool emissions account for an estimated 5% of the nation's air pollution. Using an electric lawn mower instead can save you 73% in total energy cost.

Collect and Use Rainwater

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. By collecting rainwater for use on your lawn, plants, flowers, trees, and shrubs during the peak summer months, you can save 1,300 gallons of water. If all Texas households collected rainwater for their watering needs, we could keep more than 10 billion gallons of water in our aquifers, lakes, and rivers. Go by the Master Gardeners Rainwater Collection Demonstration at the County South Campus on Hwy 34.

Use Native Plants

Plants that are native to Texas aren't only beautiful; they typically require less water, pesticides, fertilizers, and maintenance—saving you time and money. The deep root systems of many native plants also increase the soil's capacity to store water and reduce runoff. Native plants also attract a variety of birds, and butterflies, by providing diverse habitats and food sources.

Plant Shade Trees

Planting deciduous trees on the south and west sides of your house and around your air conditioner will help save you energy by keeping your home shady and cool in the summer, yet allow the sun to shine through windows to warm your home in the winter. Just three properly placed deciduous trees around your house can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in heating and cooling costs each year.

Leave Grass Clippings on the Lawn

Allow grass clippings to remain on the yard after mowing; they can act as a slow-release fertilizer to your lawn while helping to retain moisture in the soil. This reduces the need for watering and could eliminate the need for fertilizer. Plus, it helps keep fertilizers out of storm drains and as a result, out of rivers, lakes, and bays.

Watering in the morning will save water from being evaporated by the midday heat. That will save you money on your water bill, too!

Master Composter Class Rescheduled, it is not to late to register

The Fall Master Composter Class has been rescheduled for Saturdays, October 4th and 11th, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. This class is a hands-on training class that teaches the basics of composting. Students learn how to build a successful compost pile and how to use compost to build healthy soil for their yards and gardens.

When: Two Saturdays, October 4 & 11

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Co-op Office, 401 N. Adelaide St., Terrell

Cost: \$30.00, fee covers instruction, training materials and lunch each day.

Vermi-compost Class Scheduled

Environmental Co-op will be presenting another Vermicompost class on Saturday, October 18. This is a popular class for young and old to learn how to use worms to compost kitchen waste.

Participants will construct their own bin to take home.

Phyllis Boerner will be presenting the class again.

Location: Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide, Terrell

Time: 10:00a.m.to Noon

Cost: \$15.00 (cost includes class and completed bin with worms to take home.

Please register no later than October 15th by contacting

Environmental Co-op 972-524-0007 or email us

envionmentalco-op@cebridge.net .

Need to Clear Lots of Land?

The Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge has used goats to clear acres of thick brush and grass. Typically Refuge managers use manpower and heavy equipment to remove brush and small limbs. Goats can be cost effective, don't burn fossil fuels and reduce the carbon footprint.

The Refuge manager said local landowners and government officials were pleased with the results. This year they plan to graze the goats on 50–60 acres. They will be followed by student work crews who will cut higher limbs. Goats are now being considered for other refuges and additional areas at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex and throughout the region.

Want more information? Contact Sacramento Refuge Manager Kelly Moroney, Kelly_Moroney@fws.gov; Sacramento Refuge assistant fire management officer Kipp Morrill, Kipp_Morrill@fws.gov, 530-934-2801.

Roping the Texas Breezes

Sound economic principles are driving wind energy development in Texas. The fact that wind energy is clean, reliable and inexhaustible is icing on the cake. Jerry Patterson, Texas General Land Office Commissioner

Immense wind turbines are becoming a familiar sight, silhouetted against Texas skies. Wind power development in Texas has more than quadrupled since the Renewable Portfolio Standard was established in 1999. Wind resource areas in the Texas Panhandle, along the Gulf Coast south of Galveston, and in the mountain passes and ridge tops of the Trans-Pecos offer Texas some of the greatest wind power potential in the United States, with consistently high wind speeds capable of sustaining a productive wind farm.

Texas holds the record for the world's largest wind farm, Horse Hollow Wind Energy Center. In addition, the Sweetwater wind farm more than doubled in capacity to 585 megawatts, pushing it from fifth to second place in the size rankings, while the state's Buffalo Gap wind facility expanded to 353 megawatts, placing it in fifth place for size. The recently completed 364-megawatt Capricorn Ridge wind facility, also in Texas, landed in fourth place. The largest new Texas facility is the 209-MW Roscoe Wind Farm, located about 50 miles west of Abilene.

Wind Energy Transmission

In Texas the demand for additional wind power has grown so rapidly that the Texas electric transmission grid has a critical need for expansion. In 2006, Texas Governor Rick Perry announced commitments of \$10 billion from private companies to increase wind-generating capacity in the state by 7,000 megawatts, contingent on the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) approving construction of additional transmission capacity to windy areas of the state.

In July 2007, the Texas Public Utility Commission announced its approval for additional transmission lines that could deliver as much as 25,000 megawatts of wind energy from remote areas in the state to urban centers by 2012, depending on how many wind farms are built. New transmission infrastructure will allow all Texans to access the state's vast wind resources. The Electricity Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has identified more than 17,000 megawatts of possible wind energy projects. For more information go to: http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/re_wind.htm

Tapping Power from Trash

WHEN talk turns to alternative energy and global warming, let us not forget about stinking piles of garbage. Buried in airless pockets deep inside landfills, the organic matter in these great mounds of waste are consumed by bacteria that give off gas rich in methane, increasingly used to generate electricity and heat.

In fact, power from landfill methane exceeds solar power in New York and New Jersey, and landfill methane in those states and in Connecticut powers generators that produce a total of 169 megawatts of electricity - almost as much as a small conventional generating station. The methane also provides 16.7 million cubic feet of gas daily for heating and other direct uses.

There is ample opportunity for energy-producing projects at more landfills, in fact, Waste Management and City of Denton both have methane gas capture programs in place in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

If it is not captured, the E.P.A. says, landfill methane becomes a greenhouse gas at least 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas, when it rises into the atmosphere. The agency estimates that landfills account for 25 percent of all methane releases linked to human activity. As a result, capturing methane at former and active landfills is a global housekeeping benefit as well as an important alternative energy niche.

In New York, power from landfill methane far exceeds solar power. In New Jersey, power from landfill methane surpasses both solar and wind power.

Fall Tree Planting and Transplanting

The best time to move most trees and large shrubs is in the fall and winter. This is their main dormant season. Tree balls should be very large in relation to the trunk (about 9 times). The depth of the hole should be just less than the depth of the root ball. That way the ball will be set slightly higher than ground grade allowing for settling. Excess soil should be removed to expose the root flare.

If burlap is used, it should be removed at least from the top of the ball before backfilling. Back fill with the native soil dug from the hole. Soak the backfill with water from a slow running garden hose. Thinning out the top, staking the tree or wrapping the trunk are not recommended.

Mulch with two inches or less around the base of the tree. Keep the mulch away from the root flare and trunk. Extend the mulch out one to two feet so new roots can grow in this area.

Oak Trees

Some of the many species of oaks will grow very well here in north Texas, others won't. The Texas natives are obviously the best group to choose from but some of those don't adapt well to the black and white soils. Oaks that are native to north Texas but thrive only in the red sandy soils, include post oak, black jack oak, water oak and pin oak. Plant these trees in the black and white soils and you're usually, not always, headed for trouble. Other oaks that will grow in most any soil and quite well here in the heavy clay soils include live oak, Texas or shumard red oak, bur oak, chinkapin oak, lacey oak and durand oak.

Recycle your paper and cardboard in Terrell

By placing your recyclable paper and cardboard in the Terrell City Hall recycling bin *you help The Co-op help you!* A paper recycling bin is located beside the City of Terrell Fire Station. This container is provided as a community service for your convenience in recycling paper and cardboard products. Remember, please break the cardboard boxes flat before placing them in the container and do not dispose of phone books in this container. **NO PLASTIC BAGS** please.

Kaufman County's Annual Trinity River Trash Bash

The annual Kaufman County Trinity River Trash Bash, September 29th, was a big success again this year. We had a great turnout from the Crandall Middle School and the Crandall/Combine High School.

We removed 10 tires, and 36 bags of trash from CR 3039, and FM 148 in Crandall.

It is always a great inspiration to see kids come out to participate in these events. They learn and see the

misplaced waste and trash that people so carelessly discard alongside the roadway and in our rivers and streams. This visible form of pollution disrupts wildlife, natural ecosystems, human health and safety, and communities. So remember to use reusable items at waterway picnics, dispose of waste properly in the trash or recycle bins, cover truck beds so loose items cannot fly out, prevent yard clippings from entering sewers they clog waterways and destroy aquatic habitats, and educate others to prevent littering.

Litter decrease water quality, block storm drains which can cause flooding, can kill thousands of animals when they eat it or become entangled in it, damage fishing and recreational boats, cause injury to swimmers, and cost millions of dollars to remove.

"I would like to thank everyone who participated in this annual event, you were great, and we look forward to next years Annual Trinity River Trash Bash," states Donita Everett.

Water Funds Flow to Environmental Co-op

The Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Urban Solutions Center recently announced that Environmental Co-op will receive two grants to develop a water education program for Kaufman, Rockwall, Henderson and Van Zandt Counties.

One \$5,000 grant will allow the Co-op to develop a program for communities, which are part of the Cedar Creek Watershed. The education program will encompass a comprehensive water awareness program centered around the importance of the Cedar Creek watershed, non-point source pollution, controlling illegal dumping and littering around the creeks that feed into Cedar Creek Lake, pollution prevention through proper management of storm drain runoff, and proper disposal of household hazardous waste in order to prevent pollution.

Another \$10,000 grant will help the Co-op target the youth throughout the four counties with a "Talkin' Trash" DVD and coloring book education program. "We will introduce the DVD and presentation to the 11 school districts in the four-county area and to youth groups such as 4-H and Scouts," explained Marilyn May, Executive Director of the Environmental Co-op. "The animated DVD facilitates and promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water resources through a storyline with recyclable items that discuss the importance of illegal littering and the problems littering causes in our waterways."

"We want the Co-op to take an active role in the Trinity River Environmental Restoration Initiative," explained Marilyn May, Executive Director of the Co-op. "With our history of successful environmental education programs, we are looking forward to implementing these two new grants."

Lemon Balm

Lemon Balm is a perennial herb with many uses. Use it for oils, vinegars and liqueurs. It is good for flavoring desserts and makes a high quality honey.

It can be used in teas and has many medicinal uses including help for anxiety, allergies, insomnia, nervousness, itching and shingles. It is good for respiratory problems, has lots of vitamin C and is an antidepressant. It is also good for digestion and soothes nausea and headaches.

Lemon balm likes partial shade, morning sun and afternoon shade is best.

It grows to be 20 to 24 inches in height. It can be attractive in shady area. Spreading can be a concern. Harvest the foliage anytime, using it fresh when possible. When frozen or dried it does not retain its scent as well.




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Co-op Calendar

For more information or for volunteer opportunities, call 972-524-0007.

October 4 & 11 – Master Composter Class 9-4:30 each day
October 18 – Vermi-Compost class at Co-op office from 10 am – noon
October 18 – Electronic Recycling Event Wal-Mart parking lot, Seagoville, 9 am – 1 pm
October 18 – Electronic Recycling Event Wal-Mart parking lot, Terrell, 9 am – 1 pm
October – Shred Day – shred your proprietary information directly into the shredding machine. Mabank area, call for date and time.
October 25 – Scare Crow Festival, City of Kaufman square, Visit the Co-op booth.
October 25 – Make a Difference Day – Cedar Creek Area volunteer workday
October 28 – Kaufman County Hay Show at Kaufman County Fair Grounds - 5pm
October 28 – Kemp school/community program
November 15 – Electronic Recycling Event, Wal-Mart parking lot, Hwy 30, Garland 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
November 15 – Electronic Recycling Event, Wal-Mart parking lot, Hwy 80, Mesquite 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
November 18, – E-Business Advisory Council Terrell 10 am
November 19, – Organic Co op meeting at Co-op office 6pm

Kaufman Recycling Center

Located at East First North Street and Alton Street (From Hwy. 34 N. go N.W. on East First North and then North on Alton)

Open: Wednesday–Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

For information call:

City Hall – 972-932-2216

City Public Works – 972-932-2216

County Courthouse – 972-932-4331

Recycling Center – 972-932-2161

Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn – 972-932-3684

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Should be rinsed
Newspaper, office paper, phone books, magazines	Can be mixed Cardboard also accepted
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	Oil and oil filters can only be recycled at the Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn at 600 N. Nash in Kaufman
Plastic bottles and jugs	Should be rinsed
Glass containers	Should be rinsed

Wood chips are available free of charge. You load.

Terrell Citizen's Convenience Station

Located on CR 319

(North of Terrell between FM 429 N. & Hwy. 34 N.)

Open: Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm

For information call:

City Hall – 972-551-6604

Convenience Station – 972-551-6628

Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn – 972-563-5362

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Should be rinsed, can be mixed
Newspaper, office paper, phone books, magazines, paperback books	No cardboard or packing material
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	Oil and oil filters can be recycled at the Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn at 601 E. Nash St., Terrell
Plastic bottles and jugs	Should be rinsed
Brush	No larger than 4" diameter and 8' length; no wire or nails

Wood chips are available free of charge. You load.

Kemp ECO-Station

Located at 6520 Plainview Drive off US 175
(north side frontage road)

Hours of operation: Tuesday–Saturday
7:00 am – 3:30 pm

For information call:

Kaufman County Sub Courthouse – 903-498-3492, ext. 1
ECO-Station – 903-498-4135

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Should be rinsed, can be mixed
Newspaper, office paper, magazines, paperback books	Can be mixed Cardboard also accepted
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	At the ECO-Station
Plastic bottles and jugs	Should be rinsed
Brush	No larger than 4" diameter and 8' length; no wire or nails

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)

Days of HHW disposal are Tuesday - Saturday
from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oil based paint (enamels) & thinners	Automotive Fluids
Pesticides, fertilizers	Pool and yard chemicals
Batteries	Household chemicals
Fluorescent light tubes	Craft and hobby supplies

Not Accepted: Business or medical waste; explosive or shock sensitive materials, smoke detectors or other radioactive material, compressed gas or explosives, including ammunition.

Help the Co-op go paperless

It has been our goal at Environmental Co-op to send out as much information via e-mail as possible in order to reduce paper waste. Most of our members like receiving the newsletter and notices by email. We continue to mail newsletters to those who don't.

But, it is a constant struggle to keep email addresses updated for so many members, and we can't do it unless you send us that information. Please let us know when you change e-mail address.

Doing our part to reduce and reuse!

No Time to Waste at Kemp High School

In Marietta Maxwell's Family and Consumer Science Classes at Kemp High School, being "green" is not a fad—it is part of her curriculum.

Her students have been learning about recycling and will develop a green building project centered around their research. Glenna Brown, Program Manager for the Environmental C-op, helped with that project on September 25 when she taught lessons on the history of trash and the value of recycling to save our natural resources.

The students connected the theory of recycling to the practicality of recycling when Ms. Brown displayed examples of products made from recycled materials. She showed them t-shirts made from recycled plastic bottles, floor tiles made from recycled glass and office supplies made from recycled paper. At the end of the presentation, students were able to test their knowledge of recycling with a fun game of Recycle Jeopardy.

Ms. Brown also reminded the students that they can set up a family recycling program at home and take their recycling to the Kemp Eco-Station, located at US 175 and Plainview Drive in Kemp where Kaufman County residents can recycle aluminum cans, household food cans, glass bottles and jars, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, and junk mail.

"We are so excited about Ms. Maxwell's green building project and our part in explaining to her students why it is so important to recycle at home and at school," noted Ms. Brown. "We encourage all Kaufman County residents to recycle at the Kemp Eco-Station."

If you would like to schedule an environmental program for your classroom, please contact Ms. Brown at 972-524-0007.

Solid Waste Questions? Find the Answers Here:

Environmental Co-op

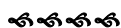
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Information on the Web

www.trashbusters.org
www.tceq.state.tx.us
www.timetorecycle.com
www.epa.gov (we are Region 6)
www.earth911.org
www.nwf.org
www.texasgardener.com
www.earleharrison.com (Jr. Master Composter Program)

Kaufman Trash & Recycling Center

972-932-2161



Terrell Citizen's Convenience Center

972-551-6628

Kemp ECO-Station

903-498-4135

To report illegal dumping activity call: Kaufman County Law Enforcement Center – 972-932-4337

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