

Center Stream Newsletter



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

Environmental Co-op Mission

Enhance the environment of Kaufman County and surrounding areas by eliminating unsound environmental practices through public education and initiation and management of programs for the protection of the environment and natural resources.

Illegal Dumping Gets Ford Tough

Kaufman County Abatement Officers are riding around on a new set of wheels made possible through a Grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) with funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Part of the \$80,000 grant funds were used to purchase a new 2011 Ford F250 for use in environmental enforcement efforts to help keep Kaufman County Clean and Green.



The truck was unveiled in August at the Stop Illegal Dumping Roundtable meeting in Desoto. In addition to the truck itself, the grant has funded new computers, printers, and safety gear for the officers and new surveillance cameras to be placed around the county to help stop illegal dumping activities, which had been on a rise during recent economic hardships. The new equipment provides a great visual example of how cities and counties can continue to prosper even in difficult financial times, thanks to TCEQ funds through NCTCOG grants.



Aluminum Recycling at 57.4%

Sept. 14 – Aluminum can recycling has reached 57.4% in the U.S. last year, according to several trade groups working to increase landfill diversion of the containers.

“The aluminum can is infinitely recyclable,” said Steve Larkin, president of the Aluminum Association. “A recycled can is able to be back on the store shelf in as little as 60 days—using 95% less energy and 95% less greenhouse gas emissions than creating a can from new metal.”

The Aluminum Association, Can Manufacturers Institute and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries have been working to increase recycling of aluminum beverage cans, and said the rate of 57.4% for the cans is the highest of any used beverage container.

In 2009, Americans and the aluminum industry recycled nearly 55.5 billion aluminum cans, nearly 2.3 billion more than in 2008.



World's Largest Wind Farm Opens off UK Coast

LONDON – The world's largest offshore windfarm opened off the southeast coast of England on Thursday, as part of the British government's push to boost renewable energy.

Swedish energy company Vattenfall, which constructed the wind farm, said the 100 turbines off the coast of Thanet could, at their peak, produce enough electricity a year to power the equivalent of more than 200,000 homes.



The huge site on the North Sea, built seven miles off the coast, will boost the renewable energy now generated by the onshore and offshore wind turbines around the U.K.

With the opening of the Thanet wind farm, Britain now has the capacity to produce 5 gigawatts of wind-powered energy—

roughly the amount of energy needed to power all the homes in Scotland, Energy Secretary Chris Huhne said.

Britain gets only 3 percent of its energy from renewable sources but is aiming for a target of 15 percent by 2020. The nation ranks 25th of 27 European Union countries on action on green power.

"We are an island nation and I firmly believe we should be harnessing our wind, wave and tidal resources to the maximum," Huhne said at a ceremony at sea as he officially opened the Thanet wind farm.

Each Thanet turbine is up to 380 feet tall and the site is as large as 4,000 football fields. Vattenfall said its new farm could generate 300 megawatts of energy at full capacity, although critics note that wind power output can be intermittent and variable. The company said the farm is expected to operate for at least 25 years.

Environmental group Friends of the Earth said Britain's record on renewable energy is still dismal and urged more investment in green energy projects.

The group wants the British government to guarantee funding of at least 2 billion pounds (\$3.1 billion) a year for the Green Investment Bank, which aims to boost private-sector spending on low-carbon technology.

Trinity River Trash Bash 9/18/10

What a turnout Environmental Co-op had at the 8th Annual Kaufman County Trinity River Trash Bash on September 18th. 76 citizens and students including Ms. Cannon, Ms. Barnes and Crandall High School Principal, Ms. Pruitt, geared up in gloves and armed themselves with litter picker uppers and collection bags to clean up FM 3039 in Crandall/Combine.



It was a very successful event! 400 pounds of trash and 280 pounds of recyclables were collected for a total of 680 pounds of illegally dumped material cleaned off the roadways. There were pictures, refreshments, and prize drawings which provided a fun time for everyone. This event was sponsored by Environmental Co-op, a 501c3 environmental nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve natural resources through education, promoting and encouraging everyone to reduce what they use, reuse what they can, re-buy recycled materials and recycle whenever possible.



"It was great to have this large of a turn out. We are so thrilled to be able to put this program together each year and every year it grows in participants. We would like to thank Dr. Duane Wilson, DDS; Dairy Queen; Crandall Cotton Gin; Crandall Economic Development Corp; and Subway for sponsoring this event. Their contributions allowed us to provide the cleanup group with refreshments and prizes," stated Marilyn May, Executive Director of Environmental Co-op.

This cleanup is scheduled annually on the 3rd Saturday every year and we have seen a decrease in litter on FM 3039 since we started the cleanups.

Manufacturer Creates Laptop Case from Plastic Bottles

Sept. 15 – Laptop case and accessory manufacturer Targus has introduced a new laptop case made from recycled plastic bottles.

Named the “Spruce EcoSmart Clamshell,” the case can accommodate a 16-inch laptop and is made from 100% recycled polyester material.

The case also is PVC and nickel free to reduce the amount of toxins released into the environment during the manufacturing process, the company said.

Plastic buckles on the computer cases are recyclable, according to company literature.

Retail price is \$59.99. To see the new case and other accessories made from recycled materials, visit www.targus.com.

UPS Carbon Neutral

Offset the Climate Impact of Your Shipping

For a small per package fee, UPS now offers “UPS carbon neutral” to easily offset the carbon dioxide emissions generated by the transportation of your shipment. You ship as you would normally, and the climate impact is offset for you. They take care of everything, from calculating the emissions to purchasing and retiring the carbon offset to neutralize them.

For UPS carbon neutral, UPS partnered with world-renowned third-party verification and certification organizations to help validate the service’s effectiveness. In addition to being verified by

Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS), an inspection, testing, and verification company, the process is certified by The Carbon Neutral Company adding a solid level of quality and credibility for choosing the carbon neutral shipping options.



Cedar Creek Cleanup 9/25/10

1500 lb Cedar Creek Cleanup

Each year Environmental Co-op partners with Tarrant Regional Water District for their Annual Cedar Creek Cleanup. We had a great turnout for the cleanup this year. The Canupa Chapter BSA, L. David Johnson Jr. really did a good job of getting the scouts out to help clean CR 4023 in Kemp, TX. More than fifty volunteers came out to help and 75% were scouts.

We appreciate all the hard work that was done by Troop 333, Mabank, Troop 337, Kaufman, Troop 339, Forney, and of course the Troop leaders and all volunteers! They removed 1000 lbs of debris, and 500 lbs of recycled material from the roadside, diverting it from our waterway.



Afterwards, everyone was treated to a free picnic at Tom Finley Park sponsored by Tarrant Regional Water District with a bounce house, radio Disney, face painting, door prizes, food & fun.



Volunteering in the Annual Waterway Cleanup Program, means caring for the water in our watershed. Water is the most critical component of our life’s existence. Without clean water resources, we simply cannot survive. The quality and quantity of water found within our watersheds are greatly affected by how we choose to live on the land.

Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Events

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Free for: electronics including computers, laptops, printers, stereos, etc; small appliances including microwaves, shavers, mixers, fans, etc; all types of batteries including rechargeable and car batteries; ink/toner cartridges; cell phones and everything else you might have such as old typewriters, sewing machines, 8-track players, etc.

Fee for: Monitors - \$5; TV's up to 15" \$10; 16-26" \$20; Over 26" \$30.

Cardboard will be collected for recycling.

Eyeglasses will be collected for Lion's Club.

No limit per household on paper shredding. Paper collecting will end when truck is full.

Date: Saturday, October 23rd

Location: Easley Pavilion
200 S. Easley Pkwy
Mabank, TX

Date: Saturday, November 6th

Location: Raines County ISD
1759 W. HWY 69
Emory, TX

Date: Saturday, November 13th

Location: Mesquite Poteet High School
3300 Poteet Drive
Mesquite, TX

Date: Saturday, November 20th

Location: Canton Civic Center
1100 Market Ave N
Canton, TX

Tyrone B. Williams



(Left-right: Donita, Tyrone, Marilyn, David, Vonda, and Candice.)

We regret to inform you that, Tyrone B. Williams, 40, of Edgewood, Texas, passed away Sept. 11, 2010. He is the son of our own Donita Everett. Tyrone worked with us in the recycling plant 2009-2010. He was dependable, hard-working, courteous and fun to be around. He will truly be missed!

Showing Appreciation

Special Thanks goes out to Suzanne Orman, who not only serves on the Board of Directors, but also volunteered 14 hours in September helping with the Green 3 Awards Luncheon and TREES meeting. Whether it is volunteering to talk on behalf of the Co-op at civic group meetings or grilling hot-dogs at the Summer Festival, Suzanne is always eager to help out whenever she can. Thanks, Suzanne. You are a shining example to us all.



Coordinated Criminal Environmental Enforcement

Part of an Environmental Enforcement Workshop Series.

Date: November 4, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Cost: None (Space is limited - preregistration is required)

Location: City of DeSoto, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road,
Bluebonnet Room II



This six-hour class provides criminal and civil enforcement officers an opportunity to understand the multiple tools they may use to respond to illegal dumping, water pollution and other forms of local environmental violations, with emphasis on the use of criminal enforcement.

This class has been approved for six continuing education hours for code enforcement officers and registered sanitarians by the Department of State

Health Services, and carries six TCLEOSE hours for peace officers.

All workshops in this series will be facilitated by John Ockels, Ph.D., Director of the Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center, and are provided free of charge by North Central Texas Council of Governments through a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

For additional information and to register online visit www.nctcog.org/envir/events.asp or contact Leo Valencia, NCTCOG, at (817) 608-2363 or email lvalencia@nctcog.org.

Co-op Calendar

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

- October 23 **Electronic Recycling & Shredding Event,**
Mabank Pavilion, 9 a.m. – noon
- Make a Difference Day**
Cedar Creek area volunteer workday.
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
All day free bulky trash collection at
200 S. Easley Pkwy.
- Scarecrow Festival,**
City of Kaufman Downtown Square.
Co-op will have a booth. Parade at 9 a.m.
- October 26 **Kaufman County Hay Show**
Kaufman County Fairgrounds; 5 p.m.
Co-op Booth, New Stop Illegal Dumping
Banners are here.
- November 6 **Electronic Recycling**
Emory, 9 a.m. – noon
- November 13 **Electronic Recycling,**
Mesquite, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- November 20 **Canton Electronic Recycling Event,**
Canton Civic Center.
9 a.m. – noon
- November 16 **E Business - Advisory Meeting**
location TBA, 10 a.m.
- December 11 **Terrell Christmas Parade,** 10 a.m.

CO-OP Gets New Email Addresses

In recent efforts to increase efficiency at the Co-op, office space has been de-cluttered, job duties have been reassigned, a new Program Director has been hired, email address have been changed to coordinate with our website in order to create a more consistent message and you can find us now on FACEBOOK!

Please update our email addresses as follows:

Primary: eco@trashbusters.org

Replaces: environmentalco-op@cebridge.net

Programs: ecoprograms@trashbusters.org

Liz Goulding is our new Program Director. Watch for a feature on her in our next newsletter!

Director: ecodirector@trashbusters.org

Replaces: mmay@cebridge.net

Administration: ecoadmin@trashbusters.org

Replaces: enviroed@cebridge.net

Kaufman County Resources

Precinct 1 – Kaufman Recycling Center

Located at Kaufman Citizen's Convenience Station
East First North and Alton Streets
(From Hwy. 34 N. go N.W. on East First North
and North on Alton)

Hours: Wednesday–Saturday 8 am–4 pm

City Hall - 972-932-2216
Public Works - 972-932-2216
Co. Courthouse - 972-932-4331
Recycling Center - 972-932-2161
Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn - 972-932-3684

Material Accepted	Comments
All cans	Rinsed, Labels OK
Cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, paperback books, phone books	Can be mixed
#1 & #2 Plastics (bottles and jugs)	Rinsed
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	Recycle only at Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn, 600 N. Nash, Kaufman
Tires	4 at a time

Pct. 2 – Forney Recycling Drop off Center

Located at Pct 2 Maintenance Barn, Forney
(Corner of FM 741 and 2932)
Serving Precinct 2
Open: Monday–Friday 7:00 am–3:30 pm

For information call:
Pct. 2 Maintenance Barn – 972-564-7282
Pct 2 Office – 972-564-4054

Material accepted	Comments
All cans	Rinsed, Labels OK
Cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, paperback books, phone books	Can be mixed
#1 and #2 Plastics (bottles & jugs)	Rinsed, labels OK
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	At Precinct 2 maintenance Barn

Precinct 3 – Terrell Citizens Convenience Station (TRASH – not recycling)

Located on CR 319 (North of Terrell between
FM 429 N. & Hwy. 34 N.)
Open: Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm

City Hall - 972-551-6604
Convenience Station - 972-551-6628
Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn - 972-563-5362
**Only residential trash and bulky waste with permit
Wood chips are available free of charge. You load.**

Two Terrell RECYCLING Drop-off Centers

1. Located at the corner of E. High and N. Delphine
(behind Pct 3 Sub-Courthouse)
2. 1100 Airport Road

Both locations are open: 24 hrs a day/7 days a week
For information call: Co-op office - 972-524-0007

Material Accepted	Comments
All cans	Rinsed, Labels OK
Cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, paperback books, phone books	Can be mixed
#1 and #2 Plastics (bottles & jugs)	Rinsed, labels OK

Precinct 4 – Kemp ECO-Station

Located at 6520 Plainview Drive off US 175
(North side frontage road)
Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 am–3:30 pm

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

Material accepted	Comments
All cans	Rinsed, Labels OK
Cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, paperback books, phone books.	Can be mixed
Glass containers	Rinsed
#1 & #2 Plastics (bottles & jugs)	Rinsed
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	At the ECO-Station
Tires	Tires - limit 4 tires per person per day
All batteries	Car, cell phone, regular lithium, & alkaline batteries

A Flush of Excitement Greets Composting Toilets

October 8th, 2010

By Barbara Kessler, Green Right Now

Condensed: First came news that actor and green activist Ed Begley is endorsing two composting toilets. Leave it to Ed to go where no man has gone before.



Ed Begley with a composting toilet made by Sancor Industries

Composting toilets save even more water, and reduce chemical pollution, compared with conventional toilets, which have their issues. In the sweep of history, it's been a relatively short time that we've been using vast quantities of drinkable water to convey human waste to distant treatment plants. I won't enumerate the problems with wastewater here; we all have heard about that. Pharmaceuticals are turning up in streams where treated wastewater is discharged; cities struggle with overflow issues when wastewater escapes prematurely during flooding and downpours.

Ultimately, the water we contaminate is returned to us, after being chemically treated and sifted through nature via the water cycle. Then we drink it.

Ed is endorsing the Envirolet and the Santerra Green, which use forced air, heat and microbes, or a small amount of water, to speed the breakdown of the waste. Treated using these methods, human waste soon becomes fertilizer. (Some sludge from traditional waste treatment plants also gets used as fertilizer, but the question remains: Could this be more efficiently done closer to home?).

So before you close the lid on composting toilets (or maybe after you close the lid), you should think about it, next time you're in the john.

Become a Member Today

The Co-op needs your support and your voice. We are a membership based non-profit organization. Membership is open to individuals and businesses that have an interest in improving the environment. In Kaufman County, supporting the Co-op enables us to establish solid waste and recycling programs and provide education program to all citizens in the County. Joining is easy—just fill out the form below and return to the Co-op, along with your membership fee. Members receive discounts on classes, up-to-date information on environmental issues via emails, and a quarterly newsletter. Join today.

YOU can help keep Kaufman Clean and Green!

Annual Membership Levels

- \$ 12 – Individual
- \$ 25 – Non-profit organizations
- \$ 50 – Business with up to 5 employees
- \$ 150 – Business with 6–19 employees
- \$ 250 – Business with more than 20 employees

Annual Sponsorship Levels

Your business can become a sponsor of Environmental Co-op, which entitles you to publicity with your tax deductible gift of:

\$500 Sponsorship: Your business card will be included in our quarterly newsletters, and sponsorship for one educational program of your choice

\$1000 Sponsorship: Your business logo will be added to our public banners, quarterly newsletters, and sponsorship of several educational program(s).

Application for Individual and Business Membership or Sponsorship

The undersigned hereby applies for Environmental Co-op membership, a Texas not-for-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation. Each membership entitles the holder to one vote in matters of Co-op business.

Make check payable to Environmental Co-op, mail to 401 N. Adelaide, St., Terrell, TX 75160

Circle Membership Request: **Individual Business Sponsorship**

Circle Fee (shown above): **\$12 \$25 \$50 \$150 \$250 \$500 \$1000**

Other Tax Deductible Contribution: \$ _____

Total _____

Company Name: _____

Individual or Voting Representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Visit our website at <http://www.trashbusters.org>

Solid Waste Questions? Find the Answers Here:

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Email: eco@trashbusters.org

Information on the Web

www.trashbusters.org
www.epa.gov (we are Region 6)
www.tceq.state.tx.us

Kaufman Trash & Recycling Center

972-932-2161

Terrell Citizens 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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