

Center Stream

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

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Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

Saturday: August 1st 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tanger Outlet Mall Parking Lot in 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 for the Lions Club

There will be a charge for the following items:
Monitors – \$5.00 each
TV's – up to 15 inch screens – \$10.00 each
16--32 inch – \$20.00 each and over 32 inch – \$30.

Shredding is limited to 4 Xerox (17"x11") size boxes per vehicle.

Summer Environmental Festival Saturday, July 18th

This is certainly one summer event you don't want to miss. So mark your calendar and bring the family out for a good time and show your support for our environment!

The Environmental Co-op is hosting the first, of what we hope may become an annual Summer Environmental Festival. The fun will take place from 9AM – 2PM on Saturday, July 18th in front of the Co-op office at 401 N. Adelaide St. In fact, the whole 400 block of N. Adelaide will be blocked off to accommodate all our festival needs.

We hope the location will bring more awareness of where the Co-op is located and the booths and activities will bring more awareness of the scope of work the Co-op is involved with all over the County.

Currently we have educational booths planned to bring environmental information to the public on topics including Composting, Sq. Ft. Gardening, Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Rainwater

Harvesting and more. We will have activities for kids of all ages, including: recycling crafts table, Chia pet station, leatherworking, and an envelope creation station.

In addition to our informational and activity booths, we will have produce available from local farmers. And from Noon – 1PM we will have hot-dogs, chips, and drinks available for lunch.



Pictured: Donita Everett, Co-op Office Manager; Marilyn May, Co-op Executive Director; Jason Kelley, Forney Walmart Co-manager.

Environmental Co-op received funding from Walmart in Forney to help with their ongoing Electronic Recycling Collection Program. The funding will help with advertising and setup of the collection programs. For more information please call the Co-op at 972-524-0007.



Environmental Odyssey Art Winners still Receiving Recognition



Picture from left to right: Marilyn May, Environmental Co-op Executive Director; Sharon Smith, Monday Primary Lab Instructor; Dick Demien, IESI; Tami Stanley, Kennedy Elementary Science Lab Aide; Debbie Wood, Terrell ISD Administrative Service Director; Donita Everett, Environmental Co-op Office Manager.

During the last Environmental Odyssey Steering Committee Meeting of 2009 Dick Demien with IESI presented \$100 each to 2nd grade science teachers at J. F. Kennedy Elementary in Terrell and Monday Primary in Kaufman for their school's participation in the Recycled Art Contest. This year a new Essay Contest was developed and the students were asked to write about how they can "Take Care of Texas" with ideas they learned from Environmental Odyssey. The winning students received Wal-Mart gift cards. Kathy Nguyen, J. F. Kennedy Elementary, Terrell and Kaitlyn Stambuagh, Monday Primary, Kaufman received \$20 gift cards for First place. Hector Hernandez, J. F. Kennedy Elementary, Terrell and Heather Klose, Monday Primary, Kaufman received \$15 gift cards for Second place. Jennifer Rodriguez, J. F. Kennedy Elementary, Terrell and Emily Matthews, Monday Primary, Kaufman received \$10 gift cards for Third place. Honorable mentions were Anahi Cardenas, J. F. Kennedy Elementary, Terrell and Priscilla Lopez, Monday Primary, Kaufman who received \$5 gift cards. Environmental Co-op Executive Director stated "We thank IESI for their generous donations for all the prizes, the competition was fierce and all the children were so excited to be a part of the program."

Environmental Co-op and Tanger Outlet Mall Team up for a Greener World



Katy Schell, General Manager Tanger Outlet Mall; Candice Boswell and Marilyn May of the Environmental Co-op.

It was Earth Month at Tanger Outlet Mall from April 1st to May 16th and we teamed up with them to bring "Green" awareness to patrons and visitors. Just inside the Mall Customer Service Corner, a display table was set up with free brochures and information on water conservation, recycling tips, composting, and more. Children's coloring books, bookmarks, and stickers were available as well. The walls of the visitor center were decorated with artwork from second graders at Monday Primary School in Kaufman and J.F. Kennedy Elementary School in Terrell. The display and artwork remained throughout "Earth Month." In addition to special offers and discounts, Tanger Outlet Mall offered reusable shopping totes and environmentally-friendly gift card packaging. Materials were replaced each week due to heavy traffic each day.

Keep Drugs Out of the Water Supply!!!

Doctors, pharmacists, and until recently, even the federal government long advised patients to flush unused pharmaceuticals down the toilet. Then trace amounts of drugs began showing up in the nation's water supply.

If there is a place where you live that will accept unused pharmaceuticals take them there. Some pharmacies will take the medicine and dispose of it. The fire station might take the unused medicine. If none of these work out mix the pills with coffee grounds or kitty litter, entombing them in sealed containers, and toss them in the trash.

New Baler Has Arrived



Donita Everett, Tyrone Williams, Marilyn May, David Williams, Vonda Scott, and Candice Boswell completed first bale of cardboard with the new baler.

On April 3rd, a brand new blue baler was delivered to our rental property on Airport Road. Less than a week later, on Thursday, April 9th, the co-op staff produced the inauguration bale. “By hand, we loaded probably 90% of an enormous mound of cardboard before we completed that first bale,” said Candice, Boswell Program Manager.

In June, the first truck load of recycled bales were loaded and hauled off. There were 27 bales total, most were cardboard, one was white paper, and another was mixed paper. In addition to the 27 bales, 2 ½ palates of catalogs were also hauled off. There were 27 bales total, most were cardboard, one was white paper, and another was mixed paper. In addition to the 27 bales, 2 ½ palates of catalogs were also hauled off.

We’re off to a great start and eagerly awaiting the official weight and earnings results from the first load.

A second baler has been donated to the Co-op by Arlington Ind. School District. Electricity for the second baler has already been set-up and the baler is due to arrive Monday, June 29.

Terrell Recycling Center at N. High and Delphine gets information Kiosk

Be sure to stop by the new information kiosk as you drop-off your recycling and find out what’s going on and what you can do to Keep Kaufman County Clean and Green. Made possible with grant funds from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the building talents of Mr. Henry Wallace, and donated installation time and efforts from Precinct 3. Environmental Co-op arranged for the new kiosk to be built at the recycling center located behind the sub-courthouse at E. High and N. Delphine Streets. The kiosk will be frequently updated to include both county and Co-op events.



Photo - Back Row: Mickey Porter, Barry Carter (Pct 3 Supervisor), Gayre Davis, Candice Boswell (Co-op), Ralph Wallace; Front Row: Henry Wallace, and Billy Locke.

OLD WIVES’ TALES AND GARDENING

There are many old wives’ tales about how various foods and kitchen scraps can be used to help gardens. Are any of these claims valid? Eggshells, hot peppers, and milk are worth a try. Eggshells are a good source of calcium, essential for tomatoes; without it, they develop brown patches known as blossom-end rot. Just crush the shells and sprinkle the bits on the soil. Hot peppers, when made into a spray, can be used to repel harmful insects; the secret ingredient is capsaicin, which is also the compound that makes tongues burn. And milk can be an effective fungicide. One common fungal problem is powdery mildew, which can kill zucchini, squash, melons, and other fruits and vegetables. (The telltale sign: white powder on leaves.) It was found that a mix of milk and water worked just as well at inhibiting fungi as commercial products. For more remedy recipes, go to Parade.com/garden. (Article reprinted from June 28th issue of Parade Magazine).

Buy Refillable Pens and Save Landfill Space

Americans buy more than 5.1 billion pens each year, and most are the disposable type, thrown in the trash once the ink runs dry. That adds up to about 770 tons more of unnecessary plastic waste in landfills each year, according to the National Geographic's True Green at Work book.

Make a better impression in your written work by using long-life refillable pens.



The Green Recycling Machine

On behalf of Kaufman County, the Environmental co-op has just revealed the completion of a brand new 20 ft recycling trailer. The trailer was purchased with TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) grant funds and will be used as a portable recycling container for county events. The trailer has been painted bright green to reflect its environmentally "green" function. It was designed specifically with portable recycling in mind. The Co-op is very excited about this new addition to Kaufman County recycling efforts. To use the trailer for school recycling events or any local event contact Environmental Co-op at 972-524-0007.

Ecological Footprints

It's quite simple. There's one earth and we're six billion people. The footprint is an accounting tool to say how much nature we have essentially in one planet and how much we use. So we can directly compare human demand on nature with nature's supply.

The amount of nature it takes to support your life-style is your "ecological footprint". You begin by estimating the world's resources acre by acre factoring in nature's capacity to regenerate important commodities like trees, food, and fresh water. Then you simply divide those acres of resources by the number of people on the planet.

If we divide up the total ecological production space on the planet by the number of people, what we get is five acres per person. In the U. S. on average we use about 25 to 30 acres per person.

That means to produce all the food, all the fiber, to absorb the CO2 for energy, for example----to provide space for cities and roads etc. If everyone on the planet lived like the average American we actually would need about six planets. But we have only one.

**Report Illegal Dumping to the
Kaufman County Law
Enforcement Center:
972-932-4337**

**North Central Texas Illegal
Dumping Hotline:
1-888-335-3867**

Co-op Continues Youth Education



Candice Boswell, Environmental Co-op Program Manager discusses recycling with Forney 1st graders from Johnson Elementary.

On Wednesday, May 27th, 72 first graders from Johnson Elementary in Forney took a field trip over to the Kaufman County Xeric Garden where groups from the Kaufman County Agri-life Extension service and Environmental Co-op were set up with booths to teach the students various aspects of green living. The students learned about rainwater harvesting, vermi-composting, the importance of

trees, building eco-friendly gardens, recycling; and how all of these work together to conserve our natural resources and facilitate sustainable living for us all. For county resources, tips and more information go to www.trashbusters.org.

Environmental Co-op supporters

A big thanks to NUCOR Building Systems for sponsoring the printing of our newsletter!

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Terrell, TX 75160



Co-op Calendar 2009

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

July 18 – Summer Environmental Festival, 400 Block of N. Adelaide, 9am-2pm
July 25– Vermi-Composting Class, Co-op office (401 N. Adelaide), 10am – Noon. Includes your own bin.
August 1 – Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event in parking lot of Tanger Outlet Mall, 9am-12 noon
Sept 16 – Organic Co-op, Environmental Co-op 6pm
Sept 19 – Trinity River Trash Bash, Crandall High School parking lot, 9 am – 11 am

Part I Master Composter Class, Environmental Co-op, 401 N. Adelaide St., Terrell, 9 am – 4 pm
Sept. 26 – Cedar Creek Cleanup, volunteers needed for cleanup at Cedar Creek Lake, 9am-1pm

Part II Master Composter Class, Environmental Co-op, 401 N. Adelaide St., Terrell, 9am – 4pm
Oct. 17 – Vermi-Composting, Co-op office (401 N. Adelaide), 10am – Noon. Includes your own bin.
Oct 24 – Make a Difference Day – Cedar Creek area volunteer workday, 8am – noon, Mabank arena – free bulky trash collection

Scarecrow Festival, City of Kaufman town square: Co-op booth

Oct 27 – Kaufman County Hay Show, Tues. 5pm at Kaufman County Fairgrounds; Co-op booth
Nov 18 – Organic Co-op, Environmental Co-op, 6pm
Nov 19 – E-Business Advisory Council, Tour Greenstar Recycling Facility, Garland, 10am RSVP Required
Dec 5 – Forney Christmas Parade, Forney
Dec 12 – Terrell Christmas Parade, Terrell



TRASH COLLECTION (non-recycling)

Terrell Citizens 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

Permits required. For information call:
 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.

KAUFMAN COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS:

2 Terrell Drop-off Recycling Centers

Serving City of Terrell and Kaufman County

#1) Located at Corner of N. Delphine and High Street
 (Behind Pct 3. Sub Courthouse)
 Open: Daily

#2) Located at 1100 Airport Road
 Open: 9AM – 5PM Monday – Friday thru Summer
 Open: Daily 24/7 beginning this Fall

For information call:
 Co-op office – 972-524-0007

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Should be rinsed, labels OK
#1 and #2 plastics (water bottles, soda bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles)	Should be rinsed, labels OK

Newspaper, cardboard, office paper, phone books, magazines, paperback books	Can be mixed
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

KEMP ECO-STATION

Days of HHW disposal are Monday - Friday
7am – 3:30pm (closed at lunch time)
For more info: 903-903-498-4135

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.

Pct. 2 (Forney) Drop Off Recycling Center

Located at Pct 2 Maintenance Barn, Forney
(Corner of FM 741 and 2932)
Serving Precinct 2
Open: Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:30pm
For information call:
Pct. 2 Maintenance Barn – 972-564-7282
Pct 2 Office – 972-564-4054

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Please rinse, labels OK
#1 and #2 plastics (water bottles, soda bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles)	Should be rinsed, labels OK
Newspaper, cardboard, office paper, phone books, magazines, paperback books	Can be mixed
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	At Precinct 2 Maintenance Barn

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, Kaufman
Plastic bottles and jugs	Should be rinsed
Glass containers	Should be rinsed

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: 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

Materials accepted	Comments
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Please rinse & mixed OK
Newspaper, office paper, magazines, paperback books	Can be mixed Cardboard also accepted
Oil and oil filters IN SEALED CONTAINERS ONLY	At the ECO-Station
#1 & 2 Plastic bottles & jugs	Should be rinsed
Brush	No larger than 4” diameter and 8’ length; no wire or nails

Solid Waste Questions? Find the Answers Here:

Environmental Co-op

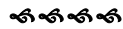
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Information on the Web

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

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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