

Environmental Co-op

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 1833
Terrell, TX 75160

Office Address:

401 N. Adelaide St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Phone: 972-524-0007

Fax: 972-551-0854

Email: environmentalco-op@cebridge.net

Website: www.trashbusters.org

Published August, 2007

Marilyn May, Executive Director

Environmental Co-op (the Co-op) is proud to bring the Environmental Resource Directory and Recycling Guide to aid Kaufman County residents in awareness and knowledge about how you can participate in managing the waste stream in your community.

The information presented in this resource guide is provided as a service to the community by Environmental Co-op, a non-profit organization. As such, this organization is maintained by its members and operates with funds provided by grants and with the combined efforts and support of like-minded businesses.

The resources in this booklet should not be viewed as a comprehensive list. Names included in the pages of this booklet do not represent any endorsement by the Co-op of that company or individual, its practices, policies, personnel or technology, nor does the exclusion of any company represent disapproval by the Co-op.

**A special *THANKS* to these businesses
that supported the printing of this book:**

Madix, Inc.

Shiels Engineering, Inc.

U-Rent-It Sales and Service

McHone Metal Fabrication, Inc.

NUCOR Building Systems, Inc.

Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative

Wal-Mart Distribution Center of Terrell

Bluebonnet Resource & Development Cooperative

Table of Contents

Citizens' Convenience Stations	3
Solid Waste Disposal with Permit	3
Kaufman Trash and Recycle Center.	4
Terrell Citizens' Convenience Station.	4
Kaufman County Pct. 4 ECO-Station	4
Kaufman County Free Recycling Locations	5
Pct. 1 – Kaufman Recycling Center.	5
Pct. 3 – Terrell Recycling Center	5
Pct. 4 – Kemp ECO-Station.	6
HHW Disposal Site for Citizens of Kaufman County	7
Help Stop Illegal Dumping!	8
Kaufman County Abatement Officers	8
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle	9
Household Hazardous Waste.	10
HHW/Disposing of Old Paint	10
HHW/Pesticide Tips	11
Alternatives to Common Household Chemicals	11
Eco-Ramp to the Information Highway.	12–13
Composting—The 3 Rs in Action	14
Master Composter Classes	14
Grasscycling and Mulching.	14
Vermi-composting—Composting with Worms	15
Aluminum Recycling Facts	16
Plastics Recycling.	16
Electronics Recycling	17
Recycling Cell Phones	17
Pollution and Your Water—Understanding Stormwater	18
You Dump It—You Drink It	19
Do Your Share for Cleaner Air	20
Burning Your Trash-Creates Big Problems.	20
Paper Recycling Program.	21
Keep Kaufman County Beautiful Programs	22
Texas Plants That Can Take the Heat	22
Recycling Directory.	23–28
Becoming a Co-op Member	29
Volunteers are a Valuable Resources	29
Environmental Co-op Accomplishments.	30
Annual Business Membership Levels.	31
Annual Sponsorship Levels	31
Annual Individual Membership	32
Application for Membership	32

Citizens' Convenience Stations

Solid Waste Disposal with Permit

Kaufman County has three Citizens' Convenience Stations where residents can dispose of unwanted solid waste such as household garbage, carpet and carpet pads, furniture, mattresses, and residential building materials such as wood fencing, sheet rock and wood paneling. They are called Citizens' Convenience Stations (CCS). Commercial contractors and private waste haulers are not allowed to dispose of trash at these sites.

Citizens' Convenience Stations (CCS) are not landfills. In fact, all the landfills in Kaufman County were closed in the early 1990s. These disposal sites have large ramps where citizens can drive up and drop trash into a large open top dumpster. When the dumpster is full of compacted trash, the contracted waste hauler takes it to a landfill outside the County. The Convenience Stations do not eliminate the need for landfills—they simply make dumping of solid waste more convenient for citizens and help prevent illegal dumping on the roadside.

These CCS facilities are located in Kaufman (Precinct 1), Terrell (Precinct 2), and Kemp (Precinct 4). They are operated as joint partnerships between the City of Kaufman and Kaufman County and the City of Terrell and Kaufman County. The Kaufman Trash & Recycle Center and the Terrell Recycling Center were built as part of the overall implementation of the Kaufman County 20 Year Solid Waste Management Plan with grant funds awarded through the North Texas Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Permits are required to dispose of trash at the Convenience Stations.

Cost of a permit is based on size of load. No permits are issued on site. They must be obtained ahead of time at the following locations:

Residents of City of Kaufman (City Hall)	972-932-2216
Residents of City of Terrell (City Hall).	972-551-6604
Residents of Kaufman County (Kaufman County Sub-Courthouse)	972-932-4331
Residents of South Kaufman County (Kemp Sub-Courthouse)	903-498-3492
Residents of East Kaufman County (Terrell Sub-Courthouse)	972-563-9611

WE ARE the earth's greatest resource. We can find ways to reduce and better manage our stream of trash through a coordinated mix of practices that include **reducing** the amount of waste, **reusing** what we can, and **recycling** the many materials that can be reused as raw material for new products. The use of recycled materials in industry is fast becoming the industry standard. The average home disposes of four pounds of trash per person each day, or, about 28 pounds of trash per person every week. In a year, that means 22 million tons of trash is generated just in the state of Texas. Almost 67% of that trash makes its way into our landfills, landfills that are running out of capacity. And, new landfills are very difficult to open.

Citizens' Convenience Stations

KAUFMAN TRASH & RECYCLE CENTER

Co-located with Kaufman Recycling Center

Kaufman City Hall: 972-932-2216

Kaufman County Courthouse: 972-932-4331

Kaufman Public Works: 972-932-2216

Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn: 972-932-3684

East First North Street at Alton Street

Hours of Operation: Wednesday thru Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (TRASH)

Permit Cost based on size of load—No permits issued on site

Purchase permits in advance at Kaufman City Hall during regular business hours.

TERRELL CITIZENS' CONVENIENCE STATION

Co-located with Terrell Recycling Center

Terrell City Hall: 972-551-6604 (for City residents)

Kaufman County Sub-Courthouse: 972-563-9611 (for County residents)

Terrell Convenience Station: 972-551-6628

Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn: 972-563-5362

CR 319 (Between FM 429N and Hwy. 34)

Hours of Operation: Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (TRASH)

Permit Cost based on size of load—No permits issued on site

Purchase permits in advance at Terrell City Hall during regular business hours.

KAUFMAN CO. PREC. 4 ECO-STATION

Kaufman County Prec. 4 Sub-Courthouse Tel: 903-498-3492

ECO-Station: 903-498-4135

6520 Plainview Drive, Kemp, TX 75143

(US 175 at Plainview Dr.)

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (TRASH)

Permit Cost based on size of load—No permits issued on site unless a credit card or debit card is used.

Purchase permits in advance at

Kaufman County Sub-Courthouse at Kemp,
103 N. Main St., Kemp – Open from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Coupons can be purchased on site at this location with a credit card or debit card
(a 2.45% convenience fee charged for credit card transactions).

Kaufman County FREE Recycling Locations

Precinct 1 – Kaufman Recycling Center

Located at Kaufman Citizen's Convenience Station

East First North and Alton Streets

Hours of Operation: Wednesday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

RECYCLE MATERIAL	COMMENTS
Aluminum cans, tin cans	Should be rinsed
Newspaper, magazines, telephone books, office paper, cardboard	Can be mixed
Glass containers	Should be rinsed
Plastic bottles and containers	Should be clean; no plastic bags or packaging
Cardboard	Must be clean, flatten corrugated boxes
Oil and oil filters Transmission fluid	Residents only recycle at Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn, 600 N. Nash in Kaufman
Brush – Mulch	Will only accept brush by permit , however, mulch is available to residents at no charge.
Tires	Limit 4 per residence per day.

Precinct 3 – Terrell Recycling Center

Located at the Terrell Citizens' Convenience Station

CR 319 (North of Terrell, between FM 429 N and Hwy. 34)

Hours of Operation: Wednesday and Saturday Only 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

City Hall	972-551-6604
Convenience Station	972-551-6628
Co. Courthouse	972-932-4331
Pct. 3 maintenance Barn	972-563-5362

RECYCLE MATERIAL	COMMENTS
Aluminum and tin cans	Should be rinsed, can be mixed.
Newspaper, office and computer paper, magazines, paperbacks	No cardboard or packing material at this location.
Plastic bottles and containers	Should be rinsed
Oil and oil filters	In sealed containers; recycle oil and filters at the Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn, 601 E. Nash, Terrell
Brush and Mulch	No larger than 4" in diameter and 8' in length; no wire or nails. Wood chips available free of charge from the Delphine St. recycling location.

Precinct 4 – Kemp Eco-Station

Located on US 175 and Plainview Drive
(6520 Plainview Drive, Kemp, TX 75143)

Hours of operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ECO-Station 903-498-4135
Kaufman County Sub-Courthouse 903-498-3492

Coupons (permits) are required to dispose of trash. Cost of disposal is based on size of load. Coupons must be obtained prior to hauling. Minimum charge for disposal is \$7.50

Free Disposal of Recyclables

Kaufman County promotes and encourages the disposal of recyclable products at the Kaufman County Convenience Stations, the newest of which is the Kemp ECO-Station in the southern sector of the County. Some of the items that will be accepted at the ECO-Station are:

- Aluminum
- Glass bottles
- Cardboard (No waxed cardboard accepted. Please break down boxes before placing them in container.)
- Metal
- Plastics #1 and #2 (look for national recycling symbol with number on bottom of bottles)
- Batteries (car, lithium, and rechargeable)
- Motor oil and oil filters
- Tires—limit 4 tires per person per day
- Eyeglasses
- Newspaper, shredded paper, office paper, magazines and junk mail
- Steel/Tin—household food cans must be rinsed.



HHW Disposal Site for Citizens of Kaufman County

No Commercial Dumping

Located on US 175 and Plainview Drive
(6520 Plainview Drive, Kemp, TX 75143)

Hours of operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ECO-Station 903-498-4135

Coupons required for HHW Disposal – \$10 for up to 25 pounds of materials
Purchase coupons at Kaufman County Prec. 4 Sub-Courthouse – 903-498-3492
103 E. Main St., Kemp, TX 75143

Acceptable HHW	These items will NOT BE ACCEPTED
Pool & yard chemicals	Latex Paint (not HHW)
Craft/hobby supplies	Business or medical waste
Batteries, all sizes and types	Containers larger than 5 gallons
Automotive fluids (oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, etc.)	Explosive or shock sensitive materials
Home repair chemical products	Smoke detectors or other radioactive material
Oil based paints and thinners	Compressed gas or explosives including ammunition
Household cleaners & chemicals	
Fluorescent light tubes	



Help Stop Illegal Dumping!

ILLEGAL DUMPING BECOMES EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

Report illegal dumping to:
Kaufman County Law Enforcement Center (972-932-4337) or
THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ILLEGAL DUMPING
HOTLINE 1-888-335-DUMP
24 hours a day

Dumping trash in unauthorized locations can cause public health and safety concerns. Common violations include: throwing litter out of a car or boat, and unfortunately also includes the dumping of household trash, construction debris or yard waste on land or roadways. Among materials being dumped illegally by contractors are: shingles, bricks, fencing, lime, fill material from pool excavation, and wood such as lumber and plywood.

Citizens can take an active role in stopping illegal dumping:

- Always dispose of your own litter properly. Teach your children to respect the environment and their neighborhood by disposing of trash properly.
- Do not transport unsecured debris in the back of a vehicle. Use a tarp or other cover.
- Organize volunteer cleanups of roadways and illegal dumpsites—studies show people are less likely to litter in clean areas.
- Do not pay roofing or other contractors until they present you with a landfill receipt showing that your waste was properly disposed.
- Write or call your city or county elected officials and let them know that illegal dumping is a concern in your community.

Littering is not just a crime, it's an insult to Texas.

Cigarette butts, soda cans, candy bar wrappers, lottery tickets are litter. Throwing litter out of your vehicle is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500. For a repeat offender, the penalty is increased to a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$2000 and up to 180 days in jail.

**Kaufman County Abatement Officers
investigate illegal dumping on roadways.**

Call 972-932-4337
to report concerns or problem.



Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Reduce

- Select products with very little packaging—consider packaging waste before buying.
- Don't buy more than required.
- Plan ahead and avoid impulse buying.
- Use refillable containers.
- Buy in bulk.
- Buy products that contain recycled materials in packaging and content.
- Look for higher quality goods that are made to last a long time.
- Start a compost pile to reduce volume of grass and leaves going to the landfill.
- Fix broken toys and appliances instead of throwing them away (or give them to someone who will).



Reuse

Reuse everything possible. Reusable products and containers result in less waste, which results in conservation of raw materials and natural resources. Many products are designed for more than one use, such as using a ceramic coffee mug instead of disposable foam cups. Examine labels to see if the product is recycled or recyclable. Choose packaging that is consumer friendly.

Recycle

Recycling is the process by which materials are collected and used as raw materials for new products. Recycling saves potentially useful materials from ending up in a landfill or from being burned.

- Recycling paper uses 60% less energy than manufacturing paper from timber.
- Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a bulb for four hours.
- Each aluminum can that is recycled saves enough electric energy to run a television for three hours.

Products labeled as containing 'post-consumer' content means that the product was made with materials that have been used by consumers—what you recycle, rather than with materials from the original production process using virgin materials. And, by purchasing recycled goods, consumers are creating higher demand for recycling. More demand means less expensive merchandise. Do your part. "Buy Recycled".

Examine labels to see if the product is recycled or recyclable. Look for the words *RECYCLED* or *RECYCLABLE*. Ask the store manager to stock both recyclable products and products packaged in recycled material.

- Consider the use of alternatives to harsh chemicals. But, when you use paints, chemicals and other types of hazardous waste, dispose of them properly.
- Reduce your waste by reusing. Avoid over-packaged contents in the things you buy. Recycle everything that can be recycled: paper, glass and all types of metals. Compost your yard clippings, and mulch instead of fertilize.
- Conserve energy by turning out lights and television when they are no longer being used. Reduce thermostat of heating and cooling, by even a single degree. Buy 'energy efficient.' Use less gasoline by becoming conscious of your driving habits.

Inspire your friends and neighbors to be environmentally conscious. Teach those around you by setting a good example.

**BE ECO-FRIENDLY
REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is the discarded, unused or leftover portion of household products containing toxic chemicals. Any product labeled **WARNING, CAUTION, POISONOUS, TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, REACTIVE** or **EXPLOSIVE** is considered hazardous and needs special care to be used and disposed of safely.

Many products used in the home contain hazardous chemicals. Some of the most common HHW includes paint and paint products, pesticides and fertilizers, motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, automotive batteries and household batteries, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosol sprays, pool chemicals and many others.

Improper use, storage or disposal of these products can contaminate natural resources including the water supply. Our very life depends upon an uncontaminated water supply. Careless disposal of hazardous waste can endanger the integrity of the landfill liners, resulting in groundwater pollution.

The proper way to dispose of household hazardous wastes is to participate in a community collection event or take the products to a HHW Collection Center. Personnel trained in handling household chemicals will take those products and properly dispose of them or recycle them.

Each resident of Kaufman County can help control household hazardous materials by:

- Reading the label to determine how to use the product safely.
- Purchasing only the amount of product needed and using up the contents.
- Sharing leftovers with neighbors, businesses or organizations who will use them properly for their intended purpose.
- Recycling used motor oil, oil filters and auto batteries at Kaufman County HHW Center, or at dealers where those products are purchased.
- Keeping all household chemical products out of the reach of children and pets.
- Disposing of chemical solids in original containers whenever possible.
- Using less toxic, chemical-free alternatives.

Also remember:

- Do not dump into septic system or storm drainage system.
- Do not dispose of liquid chemicals, banned pesticides, batteries or motor oil in the trash.
- Do not burn chemicals and do not dump or bury containers of leftover chemical products in the yard or garden.
- Do not use pesticide or chemical containers for other purposes. Residues remain in the container and will contaminate other materials placed in the containers.
- Do not mix chemicals together. (Combining chemicals can result in a chemical reaction that can be very dangerous to your health.)

Disposing of Old Paint

Oil base paint and cleaners: Dispose at the Kaufman County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center at the Kaufman County Pct. 4 ECO-Station at Kemp. For information call the HHW Center, 903-498-4135, or call Environmental Co-op at 972-524-0007.

NOTE: Latex (water base) paints: Latex paint is NOT a hazardous chemical and can be disposed of in your trash pickup if it is dry. Remove the lid from the paint can and let it sit a few days to solidify. To rush this process, pour onto large sheets of plastic and dry it in the open-air. Mixing kitty litter into the paint can will help speed up the drying process also.

HHW/Pesticide tips

Whenever it is time for the popular pastime of gardening, it is also time to take care of pesky insects. Do you realize the impact your activities have on our water? Small changes can add up to big improvements. Consider the following tips before pouring on the pesticide.

Use physical and biological controls to eliminate pests in the garden and around the house. For example, proper use of sand barrier around the base of the house can keep out termites. Boric acid is a good remedy for cockroaches. Additionally, using “good bugs” in your garden to keep “bad bugs” out is a safe, biological method of controlling unwanted insects without insecticides.

If natural remedies are not successful, use pesticides sparingly. Read and follow the instructions every time you use household chemicals. Be sure to secure the material when finished so that there are no leaks.

Environmental responsibility is up to each of us. Using these tips regularly will make them into earth-friendly habits.

Alternatives to common household chemicals

Laundry bleach – 1/2 cup either white vinegar, baking soda or borax

Floor or furniture polish – Substitute 1 part lemon juice and 2 parts olive oil or vegetable oil.

Glass cleaner – Mix vinegar with equal parts water, or use undiluted alcohol as a substitute.

Rug deodorizer and cleaner – Lightly sprinkle baking soda on dry rugs and carpet, then vacuum.

Toilet bowl cleaner – A toilet brush with baking soda on it is a great substitute.

Roach killer – Use equal parts of boric acid and powdered sugar.

Ant killer – Try chili powder or Drione (silica gel), or Max Force bait to hinder entry of ants.

Oven cleaner – Mix baking soda with water to form a paste and use to clean.

Fertilizers – Organic fertilizers, like compost or fish emulsion, bone or blood meal, earthworm castings or liquid seaweed work great.

ALWAYS LABEL ALL HOMEMADE MIXTURES WITH CONTENTS AND RECOMMENDED USE

Eco Ramp to the Information Superhighway

The worldwide web has a wealth of information. Sites and links about recycling, hazardous waste, composting and other environmental subjects are listed below. If you have a favorite environmental reference and wish to share with the Co-op and its membership, drop us an e-mail at environmentalco-op@cebridge.net. Your local library is also a treasure chest of information on environmental topics.

Subject	Web Address	Brief Description
Personal Favorite	www.trashbusters.org	Environmental Co-op's Website—Provides excellent information about the Co-op., membership, events, laws and other useful information about initiatives to manage solid waste in Kaufman County.
Composting and Vermi-composting	www.mastercomposter.com	Excellent site covering how-to of composting.
	www.wormdigest.com	Quarterly newspaper about worms and worm composting—A network of people, information and resources on the use of worms for organic waste conversion and soil enrichment.
	www.oldgrowth.org/compost	Hub of information for composting, products and services.
Environmental and Educational	www.epa.gov/recyclecity	Facts, fun, games, activities for all ages. Visit Dumptown to see how the people turned their backward town around.
	www.eelink.net	Link to environmental educational—great teacher resource.
	www.enn.com	Environmental News Network—link to environmental education-awareness.
	www.epa.gov	United States Environmental Protection Agency—includes regulations, publications environmental programs.
Recycling	www.1800cleanup.org	Earth's 911 partnership between public and private sectors; ZIP code selection for local recycling opportunities.
	www.recycle.net/recycle	Information related to secondary or recyclable commodities, by-products, used and surplus items or materials.
	www.ntcra.org	North Texas Corporate Recycling Association
	www.recycletx.com	Recycling Alliance of Texas
	www.grn.com	Global Recycling Network - recycling-related topics; link to Emerald City, an on-line site for gifts made from recycled materials.
	www.plasticsresource.com	Information on plastics and the environment including resource conservation, recycling, "Use Less Stuff," and a primer on effective community recycling.

Solid Waste	www.solidwaste.com	Solid waste news, products showcase, resource library, calendar of events.
	www.swana.org	Solid Waste Association of North America—Information on municipal solid waste issues.
	www.envasns.org	Covers municipal, industrial, hazardous waste disposal subjects.
Miscellaneous	www.tceq.state.tx.us	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality—State of Texas environmental information.
	www.dfwinfo.gov	North Central Texas Council of Governments—Local 16-county region that plans for common needs, including environmental.
	www.twua.org/p2	Texas Water Utilities Association and TNRCC—Tips for pollution prevention to reduce waste and save money.

Composting—The 3 Rs in Action

Composting is a natural way to recycle organic materials such as grass, leaves, manure and vegetable scraps. Composting reduces the volume of solid waste going to the landfills, with the added benefit of reusing the material as a free soil amendment for gardens, yards, flower beds, and other landscaping, thereby recycling nutrients back into the soil.

Composting is the natural breakdown (or decomposition) of organic materials. Decomposition and recycling of organic materials are an essential part of soil building and healthy plant growth. Finished compost is a dark, crumbly and earth-smelling material that can improve soil texture, increase the ability of the soil to absorb air and water, suppress weed growth, decrease erosion, loosen tight, heavy clay soil, and reduce the need to apply commercial soil additives.

Master Composter Classes

Environmental Co-op sponsors Master Composter classes twice a year. These classes, sanctioned by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), are open to anyone who is interested in learning about composting. The class is comprised of 16 hours of classroom time that includes lecture, video, and personal 'hands-on' experience to learn how to build a compost pile.

The class also requires students to contribute 20 hours of volunteer service. Service opportunities in Kaufman County have included working at public events that the Co-op participates in, working with school children on environmental issues such as composting or vermi-composting, maintenance of compost demonstration sites, giving neighborhood demonstrations, or working in the Co-op office. Watch your local newspaper, call the Co-op office at 972-524-0007, or visit our website www.trashbusters.org to find the class schedule. And, log on to www.dirtdoctor.com for information about Howard Garrett's Basic Organic Program.

Grasscycling and Mulching

Grasscycling means leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose into the soil. Grasscycling makes turf greener and tougher, prevents common turf diseases, reduces lawn fertilizer requirements, cuts down on watering needs and eliminates disposal of grass clippings.

Mulch is a layer of material covering the soil surface around plants. It helps moderate soil temperature for better root development, conserves moisture by reducing evaporation; prevents soil compaction/crusting; reduces disease problems; reduces weed problems.

Trees and brush can be chipped and returned to the earth as valuable mulch to protect your plants during winter, improve weed control, retain water in the soil around flowerbeds, and add a decorative touch to your landscaping. Environmental Co-op is your community resource for recycling information. Call 972-524-0007 to receive tree mulching information.

Vermicomposting—Composting with Worms!

Worm composting involves using brown-nose or red wiggler worms to turn food scraps, shredded newspapers and cardboard into a rich compost which can be added to potted plants, lawns or gardens. It is convenient, and it can be done indoors or outdoors.

The vermi-composting process is simple and has many advantages, including recycling organic waste, newspaper and cardboard. Vermicompost contains worm castings (manure) but also contains partially decomposed bedding and organic waste with recognizable fragments of plants, food and bedding. Worm composting means decomposing materials in a controlled environment where earthworms, rather than bacteria, do most of the work.

Building a satisfactory worm bin is easy and inexpensive, and worm compost can be harvested in two or three months. The volume of material decreases as the earthworms eat the decaying food, bacteria and bedding material, churning it through their digestive tracts to deposit it as vermi-compost.

Learn more about vermi-composting through one of the classes offered by Environmental Co-op. We will show you how to build a worm box, feed worms and harvest the compost for use indoors or out.

KEEP KAUFMAN COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

a Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate

**If you have an interest in becoming part of KKCB,
please call the Co-op at 972-524-0007**

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY—Plant a Tree

Environmental Co-op has a excellent tree planting and care brochure that can be downloaded off our website www.trashbusters.org or call 972-524-0007 for your copy.

Aluminum Recycling Facts








Aluminum is 100% recyclable and can be recycled an infinite number of times. For every ton of recycled aluminum, 95% less energy is required to produce UBC from recycled aluminum, and 95% less air and water pollution is generated. Recycling one aluminum can conserves enough energy to run a TV for three hours, or keep a 100-watt bulb burning for 20 hours! 34.8 billion aluminum cans are thrown away each year. All of them are recyclable.

The aluminum recycling loop takes approximately 90 days from the time it is purchased from the store, its contents used, container collected, melted into a new container and returns to the store. Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild the entire U.S. commercial airline fleet. Aluminum cans take up to five hundred years to decompose when landfilled.

About 65% of America's aluminum is being recycled, yet more than one million tons of aluminum containers and packaging (cans, food trays, and foil) are thrown away each year. The first aluminum beverage can appeared in 1963. The act of recycling used cans began in 1968 in California. One million pounds of aluminum cans were recovered that year, an amount that is melted in about four hours today.

Plastics Recycling

There are about 50 different groups of plastics, with hundreds of different varieties. All types of plastic are recyclable. To make sorting and recycling easier, the American Society of Plastics Industry developed a standard marking code to help consumers identify and sort the main types of plastic. These types and their most common uses are:

	PET (or PETE)	Polyethylene terephthalate – Fizzy drink bottles and oven-ready meal trays.
	HDPE	High-density polyethylene – Bottles for milk and washing-up liquids.
	PVC	Polyvinyl chloride – Food trays, cling film, bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo.
	LDPE	Low density polyethylene – Carrier bags and bin liners.
	PP	Polypropylene – Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.
	PS	Polystyrene – Yogurt pots, foam meat or fish trays, hamburger boxes and egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, protective packaging for electronic goods and toys.
	OTHER	Any other plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories. An example is melamine, which is often used in plastic plates and cups.

Electronics Recycling

Electronics recycling events have been so popular that we have organized cleanups again and again as a way to dispose of, or recycle, components of electronics. Waste electronics are hard to dispose of, and can be quite costly. They include computers, monitors, keyboards (laptops, too), scanners, printers, copiers/fax machines, cell/corded phones, ink jet and laser cartridges, stereos, and batteries (rechargeable and non).

Watch your local newspaper. To dispose of televisions, however, a \$20 fee is imposed due to the restrictions of 'electronics'.

Recycling Cell Phones

Cell phones contain no less than 8 toxic substances including: arsenic, antimony, beryllium, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel and zinc.

Obsolete cellular phones are becoming a very large part of our waste stream. Over 65 million cellular phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating 30,000 tons of potentially hazardous waste. This year an estimated 130 million cellular phones will be discarded annually in the U. S. alone.

On the average Americans replace their cellular phones every 18 months, and it is predicted that this will increase to every 12 months. Because of this the Co-op has started a cellular phone recycling collection program for unwanted cellular telephones and accessories. Collection Boxes are located at the following sites. We hope you will take advantage of this free disposal opportunity.

Collection boxes are located in the lobbies of these environmentally-conscious businesses:

Environmental Co-op Office . . . 401 E. Adelaide St., Terrell

Kaufman Trash Disposal & Recycling Center 400 Alton St., Kaufman 972-932-2161
(Ask the attendant where the collection box is located.)

Century 21, Schaeffer & Associates L.L.C. 705 W. Moore Ave. (Hwy 80), Terrell

Kaufman County Precinct 4 ECO-Station 6520 Pleasantview Dr.,
(Hwy 175) Kemp

Pollution and Your Water

Understanding Stormwater: WHY IS STORMWATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

We're all too familiar with the Texas downpours, how heavy Texas rains flow over the hard ground, sidewalks and other surfaces until the rainwater can finally be absorbed by the earth. What we don't see is the debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants that flow into a storm sewer system, a lake, a stream, river or wetland, and eventually the coastal water. Anything that enters a water source is eventually discharged, untreated, into the bodies of water we use for everyday life.

Polluted stormwater runoff affects us with sediments that cloud water, becoming so serious a condition that it is impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water in which fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist. Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas. All kinds of debris, such as plastic bags, bottles, and trash wash into bodies of water can choke, suffocate or disable water life.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison not only aquatic life, but people and animals that rely on this same water can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish, or ingesting polluted water.

Concerned about rising water bills? Polluted stormwater affects drinking water sources, which, in turn, affect human health and increases drinking water treatment costs.

But what can I do?

Lawn – Don't over water your lawn. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Fertilize only when rain is not forecast within 24 hours. Compost or mulch yard waste. Never allow your grass and leaves to wash into storm drains.

Auto – Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the sewer system. Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your lawn so that the water infiltrates into the ground. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids properly.

Septic – Leaking or poorly maintained septic systems release bacteria and viruses that flow into storm water. Inspect your system every three years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3–5 years). Don't dispose of household hazardous waste into sinks or toilets. Log on to www.watersmart.org to learn more about what water has to go through before it arrives at your house.



You Dump It, You Drink It

Recycling your motor oil helps the environment, saves energy, and protects our drinking water.

Used Motor Oil Collection/Recycling: Motor oil doesn't wear out – it just gets dirty.

Motor oil can be reprocessed and burned in furnaces for heat or in power plants to generate electricity. Processed motor oil can also be used in industrial burners, mixed with asphalts for paving, blended for marine fuels, or made into lubricating oils that meet the same specifications as virgin motor oil.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, recycling two gallons of used motor oil can provide enough electricity to run the average household for a day; cook 48 meals in a microwave oven; vacuum the house for 15 months; or watch television for 180 hours.

Recycling used motor oil keeps it out of rivers, streams, lakes, and ground water. That means keeping it out of drinking water and away from wildlife. Recycling the motor oil from one oil change protects a million gallons of drinking water—or one year's supply for 50 people. When it is time for an oil change, recycle to prevent pollution and conserve energy for a safer, healthier tomorrow.

Place motor oil in a clean, capped container such as a plastic milk jug, and take it, along with used oil filters, to any of the Kaufman County Precinct Barns. Each has a recycling container for used oil and used oil filters. Do the right thing, Recycle!

REMOVE—Do not spill oil onto the ground

CONTAIN—Put your unused motor oil in a clean plastic container with a tight lid.

Never store used oil in a container that once held chemicals, food or beverages.

DO NOT MIX—Do not put together with anti-freeze, solvents, or paint.

RECYCLE—Take used motor oil to a precinct barn, service station or other location that collects used motor oil for recycling.

To find used oil collection centers in this area, call 1-800-CLEANUP, or visit www.cleanup.org.

Be Part of the Solution

On average, about 4,000,000 people reuse motor oil as a lubricant for other equipment or take it to a recycling facility. Become used motor oil conscience. Become 4,000,001.

Do your part to save water.....we can't replace it or live without it!!

Do Your Share for Cleaner Air

Ten things you can do to make a difference

1. Share a ride or use mass transit
2. Work from home, or, if possible, change your schedule to reduce your driving
3. Wait until after 6 p.m. to refuel and don't top off your tank
4. Combine errands into one trip
5. Avoid drive-through lanes
6. Conserve energy both at home and at work
7. Keep your vehicle properly maintained
8. Avoid using gas engines, such as lawnmowers, until after 6 p.m.
9. Consider purchasing a low-emissions vehicle
10. Report smoking vehicles to 1-800-453-SMOG or www.smokingvehicle.org

FIND OUT MORE:

www.tnrcc.state.tx.us

www.lungus.org

www.cleantexasair.org

www.epa.gov

www.epa.gov/autoemissions

Burning Your Trash —Creates Big Problems

**Open burning is a controversial topic in many communities.
But the health concerns are not questionable.**

An EPA study found that a single household burn barrel may release as many toxic chemicals as a large municipal incinerator.

The average Texas household produces approximately 15 pounds of household hazardous waste per year. Products and packages containing vinyl are extremely dangerous when burned—they produce hydrogen chloride gas that combines with water to form hydrochloric acid in human lungs. Burning also produces toxic dioxin chemicals. Children are particularly susceptible to the toxins released by burn barrels. They absorb up to six times the amount of byproducts that adults absorb from the same air.

Burning releases at least seven known cancer-causing agents into the air, including one believed to be a major factor in lung cancer. Open burning has been linked to a host of health problems, including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments.

Paper Recycling Program

Home or Office—

Your recycled paper helps support Environmental Co-op so we can keep supporting you.

**Newspaper-Magazines-Corrugated Boxes-Office Paper-
Catalogs-Folded Cartons-Paper Bags
Questions? Call 972-524-0007**

Paper Recycling Facts

- Paper takes up the largest volume in a landfill – approximately 41%
- 80% of the paper we throw away is recyclable
- The production of a ton of paper requires 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and more energy per ton than glass or steel
- Americans throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York
- Every day, American business generates enough paper to circle the earth 20 times. Are you doing your part to recycle?
- Using recycled paper for all second and third class mail would save 85 million trees annually
- A record 56.85 billion aluminum beverage cans were recycled in the United States in 1995, about 227 for every person in the nation. This recycling effort saved approximately 12 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, which is enough to supply the residential electric needs of New York City for more than six months.

Paper Drop Off Bin Locations

**Terrell Fire Dept. at City of Terrell
Terrell, Kaufman and Kemp Convenience Stations
City Libraries
City School Campuses
Various Churches**



Terrell Fire Department/City Hall

Keep Kaufman County Beautiful

Organize volunteer cleanups of illegal dump sites and participate in volunteer programs such as Adopt-A-County Road.

FACTS:

Littering Texas roads is like someone littering your home. Cleaning up after litterbugs is costing you money through necessary government spending—\$24 million a year, and is a crime punishable by fine. Keep a litterbag in your vehicles, and use it. Law enforcement personnel are not the only people who can put an end to littering and illegal dumping. Citizens can take an active role in putting an end to these crimes. Report any illegal dump sites to your local or county litter abatement or environmental health department.

About 45% of roadside litter flies out of the back of pickup trucks. Do not transport unsecured debris in the back of your truck—if it blows out, it becomes litter. Throwing cigarette butts out of a car window is littering, creating a fire hazard as well. It takes a cigarette butt 25 years to decompose because of the plastic in the filter.

Always dispose of trash properly. Never dump debris directly into a dumpster. Place trash in bags and secure with twist ties.

Think! Your actions set an example for your children, friends and family.

KEEPING TEXAS ROADS CLEAN IS A JOB FOR ALL AGES.

Interested? Call 972-524-0007



An Affiliate of

TEXAS PLANTS CAN TAKE THE HEAT

A deciduous tree absorbs about 10 pounds of pollutants annually and can add substantially to your property value. Plants that grow naturally in Texas are hardier and require less water. Landscaping with them can make a big difference in your water bill. Each summer we come closer and closer to using more water than the cities can safely deliver. Unless we reduce our usage, new, costly water facilities will have to be built. Or, we can be wiser with the water we have, to have enough to go around. Please do your part by following these simple watering guidelines:

From June 1 to September 30, water only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when using sprinklers.

- Watering with a hand-held hose or soaker hose is a much better choice when possible.
- Water just your lawn, not driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Promptly repair broken or leaky sprinkler heads and systems.
- Turn off sprinklers when the forecast calls for rain.
- Add rain sensors and freeze gauges to existing sprinkler systems.

RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Aerosol/Spray cans	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	HHW = Household Hazardous Waste
Aluminum Cans	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Will purchase aluminum cans, all types of metal and steel.
	Commercial Metals CR 212 Forney, TX 75126 972-564-2744	
Antifreeze	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	
Appliances	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Freon must be removed from refrigerators. Will purchase scrap metal
	Salvation Army 305 W. Fair Kaufman, TX 75142 972-962-1345	Must be in good working condition for charitable donation.
Automobiles	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Will purchase junk cars with titles.
	Ask Charity of your choice	
Batteries (Auto)	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Auto batteries can be recycled. The average battery contains 18 lbs. of recoverable lead, a gallon of sulfuric acid, and about 3 lbs. of polypropylene casing.
	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	Businesses selling new batteries must take old battery.
Batteries (household) Rechargeable & Lithium	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	Use rechargeable batteries when possible to reduce number of batteries discarded.
Batteries (NiCad- commonly found in cellular and cordless phones and other electronic devices.)	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	Can be re-charged up to 1,000 times and may be used for several years before disposal.

Books	Terrell Recycling Center	Paperbacks only. Recycling is free
	Books & Crannies 305 W. Moore Ave. Terrell 972-563-5481	Used books bought, traded, and sold.
	Half Price Books (several locations in Dallas area)	Used books, tapes, CD's bought and sold.
Brush	Terrell and Kaufman Recycling Centers	Citizens can take brush to convenience stations for chipping; chipped wood available for free. to use as mulch at Kaufman Trash & Recycling Center
Bulky items (sofas, mattresses, etc.)	Kaufman, Terrell Convenience and Precinct 4 ECO- Station	Permit required for disposal
Carpet, carpet pads	Kaufman, Terrell Convenience and Precinct 4 ECO-Station	Permit required for disposal. Check with local flooring dealers for take-back policy.
Cell Phones	Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide Terrell 972-524-0007	Recycle during sponsored Electronic Recycling Events, or drop them off at the office.
Christmas trees	Call the Co-op about chipping of discarded Christmas trees. 972-524-0007	Watch local papers for details during the holidays.
Corrugated cardboard	Environmental Co-op 972-524-0007 Drop flattened cardboard into large bin located behind Terrell City Hall at High and Adelaide Streets. Well lit on cement pad.	Will take cardboard, paper, newspaper, office, milled paper and cereal boxes, office supply boxes, etc.
	Garland Location of Corrugated Services 726 E. Walnut Garland, TX 75204 972-494-4059	Will purchase cardboard and other paper, including newspaper, office, milled paper and other paperboard such as cereal boxes.
Computers and other electronic equipment	Environmental Co-op sponsors electronic recycling events periodically. Call for next event. 972-524-0007	Electronics are refurbished, reconditioned, remarketed. Used, obsolete and off-lease computers and other electronic equipment are recycled. Do not put old computers in the landfill.
Clothing and Household items	Salvation Army 305 W. Fair Kaufman, TX 75142 972-962-1345	Clothing and household items must be clean and in good condition. Call for details.
	Share Center Jones St. Terrell	Clothing and household items must be clean and in good condition. Call for details.

Craft items (egg cartons, yarn, Buttons, material, etc.)	Pilot Club of Terrell	See any Pilot Club member for details.
	Contact senior centers, clubs, day care centers for projects and crafts.	
Eye glasses	Family Vision Center 110 N. Adelaide Terrell, TX 75160 972-563-3253	Accepts donations of eyeglasses
	All Wal-Mart Vision Centers	
	Lions Clubs Bring to Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide Terrell 972-524-0007	Collected at Environmental Co-op on behalf of Terrell Lions Club for the visually impaired.
Fluorescent lamps and bulbs	Can be taken to Kaufman County Precinct 4 HHW Collection Center	Coupons required
Furniture	Donate to favorite charity, including Salvation Army, Share Center or check with thrift and resale shops.	Must be clean and in good condition. If unusable, dispose of at Kaufman, Terrell Convenience or Prec. 4 ECO Stations. Permit required.
Glass (bottles, jars, and containers)	Kaufman and ECO Station Recycling Centers	Please rinse.
Greeting cards	Check with local charities, Sunday School classes, day care centers or senior centers to see if cards are needed for projects.	Great for art projects.
Grocery bags—paper	Can be put in any paper recycling container	
Grocery Bags—plastic	Wal-Mart and most grocers accept for recycling.	Ask at Customer Service Desk
	Salvation Army 305 W. Fair Kaufman, TX 75142 972-962-1345	Will accept clean bags for reuse in thrift store.
Hangers—clothes	Many cleaners will take hangers; call first.	Metal hangers can be taken to metal recyclers
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) (paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc.)	The HHW Collection Center is located at the Kaufman County Precinct 4 ECO-Station in Kemp.	Coupons are required. \$10 for up to 25# of HHW materials

Ink Jet cartridges (printers and/or laser cartridges and toners)	Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide Terrell 972-524-0007	Contact us at 972-524-0007, or go to www.trashbusters.org for information on a program to recycle ink jet and laser printer cartridges.
	B & B Laser Recharger Quinlan, TX 75474 903-962-1345	Will recondition and recharge (refill) laser cartridges and toners. Will take back ink jet cartridges for recycling. Pickup and delivery service in many cities.
Junk mail (also see 'Paper')	For removal on mailing lists write to: Mail Preference Service Direct marketing Association P.O. Box 9008 Farmingdale, NY 11735	Ask to be removed from many national 'junk mail' lists. More tips at: www.obviously.com/junkmail/
Magazines/ catalogues	Kaufman, Terrell, & ECO-Station Recycling locations	Recycling is free
	Environmental Co-op paper recycling bin located in Terrell behind City Hall on High & Adelaide Sts.	All types of business and resident paper accepted. Please flatten cardboard. Recycling is free.
Metal, scrap (including aluminum cans and metal cans)	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Will purchase scrap metal, motors, auto batteries. No wire fencing, no toxic containers
	Commercial Metals CR 212 Forney 972-564-2744	Purchases all types of scrap metals. Also see 'Aluminum'.
Moving boxes	Check with mover about take-back policy	See also 'Cardboard' for recycling opportunities
	The Shipping Zone 203 E. Main St. Forney, TX 75126	Re-uses corrugated boxes, packaging materials.
Newspapers, ad inserts, feed bags (no wax paper)	Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide Terrell 972-524-0007	Large covered bin located behind City of Terrell Fire Dept. Cardboard okay at this location. Recycling is free.
	Kaufman, Terrell, ECO-Station Recycling locations	Drop off at these sites.
	Elite Printing 302 E. Nash Terrell 972-524-9080	Accepts paper to shred and use in packaging.

Oil (automotive) and Oil filters	Oil change and lube businesses	Several in county take oil for recycling; no charge.
	Local disposal sites: Kaufman County Recycling Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pct. 1 Maintenance Barn 600 N. Nash in Kaufman • Pct. 2 Maintenance Barn FM 741 @ FM 2932 in Forney • Pct. 4 ECO-Station 6520 Plainview Rd., Kemp 	Oil should be in sealed containers. Never dump oil on ground or into storm drains.
Packing Materials (Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap)	The Shipping Zone 203 E. Main St. Forney, TX 75126 972-564-1212	Will accept packing material, including boxes. Must be clean.
	Elite Printing 302 E. Nash St. Terrell 972-524-9080	Accepts paper to shred for packaging; Accepts Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap.
Paint	See p. 10 for HHW handling oil based paints and thinners.	Latex paint is not a HHW product. It is disposable, if dry, in trash pickup.
Pallets and wooden boxes	Champion Pallett & Pkg. 1500 Champion Terrell	
Paper products, office, computer	Environmental Co-op 401 N. Adelaide Terrell 972-524-0007	Large covered bin located behind City of Terrell Fire Dept., Flattened Cardboard okay at this location.
	Abitibi School Recycling bins located at: Forney, Terrell, Kaufman & Crandall ISDs Also, at local libraries.	Green and yellow containers are located in school parking lots for residential use.
	Kaufman, Terrell, ECO-Station Recycling Centers	Recycling is free.
Plastic containers (bottles, jugs)	Kaufman, Terrell, ECO-Station Recycling Centers	Recycling is free.
Propane cylinders	Home Depot—Terrell, and other locations	Cannot be put into trash.
Smoke Alarms	Return to manufacturer or distributor. If unsure of manufacturer, call First Alert Corporation at 800-323-9005 for return details.	Detector companies accept returned smoke alarms for disposal as hazardous waste. Do not dispose in landfill or incinerator.
Telephone books	Abitibi Recycling bins located at I.S.D.s in Kaufman County.	Due to the high glue content in telephone books, these are not recyclable in The Co-op Paper Recycling bin behind City of Terrell Fire Dept.

Tin cans (Bimetal or steel)	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Will purchase scrap metal
	Kaufman, Terrell and ECO-Station Recycling Centers	Recycling is free.
Tires	Kaufman Trash & Recycling Center, Alton St., Kaufman • Pct. 2 Maintenance Barn FM 741 & FM 2932, Forney • Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn 601 Nash, Terrell • Pct. 4 ECO-Station, 6520 Plainview Dr., Kemp	Limit 4 per household per day
	Tire dealers	Tire dealers will keep old tires when you purchase new tires; some dealers will accept auto tires for a nominal fee.
Toys	Genesis Center Kaufman, TX	Donations accepted; must be clean and in working order.
	Salvation Army 305 W. Fair Kaufman, TX 75142 972-962-1345	
Transmission Fluid	• Pct. 3 Maintenance Barn • 601 Nash, Terrell • Pct. 4 Maintenance Barn • ECO-Station HHW Site, Kemp	Put in closed plastic containers.
	Terrell Iron & Metal Airport Rd. @ S. Delphine Terrell 972-563-5386	Will purchase scrap metal.
	Check with favorite oil and lube business for policy on taking transmission fluid.	
Water heaters	Kaufman Convenience Station	Permit required for disposal
Yard waste (grass, leaves)	Kaufman, Terrell and ECO-Station	Coupon required.
	Use for composting—Don't bag it!	Try making compost with these materials. Recycling is free and good for your yard.

BECOMING A CO-OP MEMBER

Together, we can make a difference !

In 1996, a Citizens Task Force comprised of representatives of the business community, collection firms, waste community groups and residents from various areas of Kaufman County developed the Kaufman County Solid Waste Management Plan. This 20-year plan defines a comprehensive strategy to improve the local environment, meet short term and long-term solid waste needs, create an organizational structure to move the plan forward and inform residents and businesses of the need for proper solid waste management.

The Citizens Task Force became **ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OP**, an organization that operates through pass-through grant funding from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) , and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), as well as numerous other funding opportunities as they become available each year.

Environmental Co-op operates with a Board of Directors chosen by our membership.

You, too, can become a member of the Environmental Co-op campaign dedicated, through public education, to the promotion of recycling programs and littering abatement in Kaufman County. Membership in the Co-op is open to all interested individuals, families, non-profit groups, governmental units, businesses, industries and corporations. Your support makes the difference!

The Co-op has been in existence since December 1998 and is member owned-member controlled-member supported with a mandate to implement Kaufman County's 20 Year Solid Waste Management Plan. You can have a voice in these decisions. As a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. The Board of Directors consists of representation from each County Precinct. Election of directors occurs at our annual meeting in March.

VOLUNTEERS ARE A VALUABLE RESOURCE

Environmental Co-op is a non-profit organization that needs your help. Call us today to ask how you can be a vital partner in all that we do. **972-524-0007**

Environmental Co-op Accomplishments

- Three Citizens Trash and Recycling Convenience Stations, Kemp, Terrell and Kaufman
- We are “Keep Kaufman County Beautiful” an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful
- “Urban Forestry Program” education program
- Master Composter Classes
- Summer “Trash Camp or Compost Camp” for children
- Stop Illegal Dumping Program
- Adopt a County Road Program
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Environmental Fair during Heritage Jubilee
- Paper/Cardboard Recycling Bin at the City of Terrell Building for public use
- Environmental Law Seminar
- Electronic Recycling Program
- School Programs that include Environmental Odyssey, Environmental Clubs and an environmental awareness curriculum
- Presentations available to organizations in the county
- Our website www.trashbusters.org
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center
- Recognition awards
- Work with the County Environmental Crimes Division

All of these services are important to the future of Kaufman County and its citizens. Environmental Co-op will be in the forefront of developing viable trash and recycling programs, information and education. We are your “watchdog” for good management of our environment.

Annual Business Membership Levels

Business memberships are based on the number of employees and entitles the holder to one vote. Dues are assessed annually. A numbered, non-assessable, non-transferable membership certificate will be issued. Dues must be current at the time of the Annual Membership Meeting in March in order to vote for Directors and any other business that comes before the Membership.

Levels of membership:

\$ 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, Kaufman County's non-profit environmental organization and 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).

Annual Individual Membership

\$ 10 – Individual Membership

Individual membership costs just \$10 annually and entitles the holder to one vote. (Fill out the insert in this brochure, or the form may be copied as needed.) A numbered, non-assessable, non-transferable membership certificate will be issued. Dues must be current at the time of the Annual Membership Meeting in March in order to vote for Directors and any other business that comes before the Membership.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Environmental Co-op
P. O. Box 1833 401 N. Adelaide St.
Terrell, TX 75160
972-524-0007

Checks should be made payable to: Environmental Co-op.

Name		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Business Phone		
E-mail address		
Application costs shown on previous page	Individual Membership	\$
	Business Membership # of employees: _____	\$
Sponsorship		\$
Tax deductible gift		\$
TOTAL		\$

The undersigned hereby applies for Environmental Co-op membership, a Texas not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms, conditions and limitations contained in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Co-op and all amendments thereto. (available by request.)

 Voting Member Signature
 (Revised 6/07)

 Date