

Recycling

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Too Good To Throw Away! By S. Kitchen

The City of Dallas's recycling program, affectionately named Big Blue, is well under way. Over 50% of what we throw away is recyclable. This means that half of your trash is literally "too good to throw away".

The Dallas Recycling Program is currently accepting these items:

Glass– unbroken bottles and jars of any color (please rinse)



Plastics– bottles, jars and containers labeled # 1,2,3,4,5, & 7 (please rinse)



Metals– steel, tin and aluminum (please rinse)



Paper Products– newspaper, phone books, magazines, catalogs, mixed office paper and mail



Cardboard– flattened cardboard boxes and chip board, cereal and tissue boxes.



If you have questions about acceptable materials please call the City of Dallas Recycle Line 214-670-4475.

The City of Dallas will continue to accept blue bags, available at your local library or recreation center, along with the blue carts. To see if your eligible and to order a blue recycling cart please call 3-1-1.



If your home is not eligible for recycling you can still drop off your recyclables at several locations including the landfill and transfer stations. To find a drop off center near you please visit

http://www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation/dropoff_locations.html.

Home Chemical Waste Disposal

Dallas residents, with a valid driver's license and last month's utility bill, can dispose their chemical waste for free at the Home Chemical Collection Center at 11234 Plano Rd. in Dallas.

For hours and special event information call 214-553-1765.

Items accepted:

- Pool and yard Chemicals
- Craft/Hobby Supplies
- Batteries of all kinds
- Automotive Fluids, inc. oil and filters
- Paint and Home Repair Products
- Fluorescent Bulbs and CFLs
- Home Computers
- Cell Phones



In House Recycling **by Sam Bates and Danny Tarpley**

The City Of Dallas In-House Single-Stream Materials Recycling Program is a Single Stream waste collection program which allows all types of recyclable materials including mixed paper, aluminum and steel cans, plastic and glass bottles to be placed in a single container for desk side or centralized collection. The program has been implemented in 250 City buildings.

The In-House Single-Stream Materials Recycling Program 2007 performance goal was

2,241,483 pounds in collection of recyclable materials. The actual performance was 2,356,985 pounds in collection of recyclable materials. The 2007 performance goal was exceeded by 115,502 pounds (5.15% above the goal).

The contract with the recycling vendor Community Waste Disposal (CWD) has ended. We are now receiving services via an interim agreement with CWD until the new contract becomes effective. BDPS is acquiring new con-

tract services via the proposal process.

The new contract will introduce the following enhancements:

- Provide marketing and educational support:
Posters, Fliers,
Digital Video Disks (DVD's);
Video Cassettes.
- Using trucks with on-board scales, provide accurate accounting of collections at each site.

November Training Schedule

EMS Awareness

Date: Nov 6, 2007
Time: 2-3 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room B

Sustainability class on Gardening using Native Plants

Speaker: Bryan Carpenter, Sierra Club Program Vice-Chair
Date: Nov 8, 2007
Time: 2.30-3.30 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room B

Right to know (RTK 101)

Date: Nov 12, 2007
Time: 2-3 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room A

Waste Storage and Handling (RCRA202)

Date: Nov 13, 2007
Time: 2-3 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room A

Used Oil (OIL101)

Date: Nov 15, 2007
Time: 2-3 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room A

UST- Records (TKI01B)

Date: Nov 20, 2007
Time: 2-3 pm
Location: LIFN Conference Room B

8-hr EMS refresher

Date: November 29, 2007
Time: 8-5 pm
Location: LI Conference Room A



For more information about training classes please contact Meghna Tare at (214)-670-1200 or at meghna.tare@dallascityhall.com.

Class descriptions are also located on the OEQ Intranet site.

In House Recycling *cont.*

- Increase recycling of plastics to include plastics numbers 3, 4, 5, and 7 (We now recycle only plastics numbers 1 and 2).
- Replace cardboard desk side containers with plastic recycling bins. Use attachable one gallon plastic Saddle Totes for trash.
- Replace 95 gallon carts with dumpsters wherever possible. This will minimize transportation fuel costs and environmental emissions.

For more information about the In-House Single-Stream Materials Recycling Program please visit the EBS website and click on In-House Single-Stream Materials Recycling Program.

Michael Wheeler in EBS suggests using the other side of old one sided print outs for back up documents.

Green Tip!

Leave it a Lawn!



Instead of bagging your grass clippings leave them on the lawn. The clippings will break down and provide vital nutrients for your lawn. Think of it as a cheap and environmental way to fertilize. Grass clippings left on the lawn all summer are equivalent to one application of fertilizer.

DSSI Signs Partners

On October 8th the City of Dallas, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the Environmental Protection Agency signed 6 new partners to join the Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative.



New partners include Fox 4, Agriboard Industries, Dallas Habitat for Humanity, Current Energy, Professional Polish, and Green Mountain Energy.



This took place at the Texas Discovery Gardens inside the Texas State Fair. This event kicked off a children's Treasure Hunt that took place all day throughout the garden. The Treasure Hunt helped educate children on several environmental topics including air quality, composting, and recycling.



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Aluminum

Steel

Plastic

Glass

Can

Bottle

Paper

Cardboard

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The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) was formed by the City Council in February 2004 to serve as an internal resource to City of Dallas staff on environmental issues. These issues range from compliance with regulatory requirements to conduct public outreach events and raising awareness related to our environment.

OEQ currently supports the Key Focus Areas of “Staff Accountability” and “Economic Development” in the City of Dallas structure with three services: Environmental Management System, Inspections and Spills, and Outreach and Training.

Recyclables

P	T	S	U	Q	Y	X	M	D	V	K	O	O	Q	U
A	L	N	S	T	Q	U	B	R	U	A	Y	A	J	R
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B	W	Z	M	T	T	G	A	B	Q	A	Y	V	F	A
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M	L	C	S	G	U	C	E	R	O	U	H	O	D	C
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J	A	J	M	B	F	L	D	Q	P	X	J	A	Q	O
G	Y	Y	P	V	E	O	U	K	T	Z	N	R	P	N
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