

Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter

Recycling in Irving

Irving residents have several options available when it comes to the many types of items that are now recyclable. Your main source of information is the City of Irving Solid Waste Services Department's page on the city's website. Here you can find links to topics such as what can and can't be recycled, what days your curbside pickup is, and special events such as document shredding and hazardous household waste collections. For single-family households, the city offers curbside recycling known as "single stream," meaning all the recyclable materials go in the same bag. These blue bags are sold at City Hall and most recreation centers. After collection, the bags are taken for processing at a Materials Recovery Facility, or MRF, in Garland. Here the materials are sorted and shipped to other locations where they can be made into new items. When you recycle, you keep materials out of the landfill and extend its life. In Irving, that facility is the Hunter Ferrell Landfill, 220 W. Hunter Ferrell Road.

KIB Celebrated Earth Month in a Variety of Ways

Every day is Earth Day, but April is filled with eco-friendly events in celebration of Earth Month. KIB's big cleanup on April 11, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, drew 261 volunteers to Trinity View Park. Contech Engineered Solutions followed with a two-day cleanup at Trinity View on April 27-28, their 5th year to partner with KIB in an Earth Day project. Combined with the Trash-Off results, 2,880 pounds of trash and 1,240 pounds of recyclables were kept out of the Trinity River.



KIB Coordinator Rick Hose and mascot "Kirby" promoted recycling at North Lake College's Earth Day Celebration on April 22.

Other options for recycling include the following:

- Paper/cardboard—all Irving ISD campuses and many private schools offer bin recycling, as do some of the area churches. Please only recycle paper that is not contaminated with food residue, and be sure to flatten all the cardboard boxes
- Aluminum—AIT Metals at 600 N. Wildwood will pay per pound for aluminum and steel cans, as well as for scrap metal.
- Electronics—several places take electronics, including Best Buy stores and E-Waste Recycling at 719 N. Britain Road. E-Waste will also recycle clothing, shoes and textiles. You may also consider donating items to an organization like the Disabled American Veterans at 2310 Rock Island Road.
- CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs and rechargeable batteries—stores like Batteries Plus, Lowe's and Home Depot take these for recycling.

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Did You Know?

Thanks go to Solid Waste Services for these recycling facts. Did you know that...

- You can now recycle aseptic containers (juice boxes, milk cartons) in your blue bags.
- All plastic containers—including #6—are now recyclable through curbside pickup.
- The city will offer home chemical collection on June 13 and personal shredding events on July 24 and October 16, at 128 N. Briery. See the City of Irving website for details - www.cityofirving.org, or call Solid Waste Services at 972-721-8059.



"Recycle in Blue, it's what we do" is Irving's motto for curbside single stream collection. (above). KIB volunteers like these Contech employees (below) also use blue bags for recyclables at cleanups

