

How to make recycling a seamless part of everyday living

Recycling might seem difficult at first, but it is an essential practice that can easily become part of your daily routine with just a few simple tips:

- Stick to the four basic categories: Familiarize yourself with the primary recycling categories paper, plastic, metal and glass.
- Prepare your items properly: Before placing items in your blue recycling cart, make sure to empty out any leftover food or liquids, rinse containers thoroughly to remove any residue, and allow them to dry completely.
- Explore beyond the kitchen: Look around your home to identify other recyclable items. Many everyday items, such as shampoo bottles, laundry detergent containers, shoe boxes and glass jars, can be recycled.

Staying informed about the types of materials that can be recycled and using these tips can significantly reduce waste and promote sustainability.



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National Preparedness Month: A time to build community resilience

North Texans face a wide range of natural hazards with unique impacts. Although preparedness is a personal responsibility, it is also a shared responsibility that requires communities to work together. Here are some hazard preparedness tips to help you build a successful disaster plan.



Severe weather

- When you hear the outdoor warning system, move to a safe room on the lowest interior level of your home and seek information.
- Keep an emergency kit with food, water, flashlights, batteries, portable chargers, helmets and a weather radio.
- If a flood warning is issued, move to higher ground and never drive through flooded roads.
- $\bullet \ {\hbox{For more information about preparedness or go-kits:}} \ knowhat 2do.com$

Extreme hear

- Drink plenty of water, wear light clothing and limit outdoor activity during peak heating hours.
- Take frequent breaks while outdoors.

Other resources

- Sign up for Community Connect: https://bit.ly/fwcommunityconnect
- Sign up for Fort Worth Code Red alerts: https://cfw.pub/3WtMJ3o
- For residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or blind, register for the Accessible Hazard Alerts System: https://stear.texas.gov

Scan the QR code at right to sign up to receive free emergency voice, text or email alerts. © FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/emo

Help kids learn to save water this back-to-school season

The Fort Worth Water Department is partnering with Tarrant Regional Water District to provide free youth programs and resources for students in all grade levels and all schools in Fort Worth.

This includes public schools in Fort Worth Independent School District as well as private or charter schools in the city. These youth programs are designed to align with the statewide TEKS curriculum and empower youth to become water champions.

In partnership with the National Theatre for Children, Fort Worth Water is presenting *Winning Water: Tales of Tarrant County* to kindergarten through fifth-grade students. This is a funny, action-packed, professional theatre show about the value of water, its local journey and ways to conserve and protect this amazing resource.

The Conservation Captains program teaches fifth-graders how clean water reaches faucets and how students can lead the way in water conservation every day. All participating students receive a free Fort Worth Water activity book.

The MeterHero program teaches high school students enrolled in AP Environmental Science to collect and analyze their own water use data, design and implement water-efficiency experiments at home and measure and share their findings.

 $\label{thm:conservation} To \ learn \ more \ about \ these \ free \ programs, email \ \textit{WaterConservation@FortWorthTexas.gov}.$

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WORTH KNOWING



Fort Worth Animal Care & Control has launched its first-ever "Chip Spot" at Winslow's Cafe, a new community resource designed to help quickly reunite lost pets with their families. If you come across a lost dog or cat, instead of driving to a veterinary clinic or animal shelter, you can now visit Winslow's Cafe, which has been equipped with a microchip scanner to help in identifying and reuniting pets with their owners. Winslow's Café is at 4101 Camp Bowie Blvd.



The City of Fort Worth invites residents to take an active role in strengthening their neighborhoods by joining the **Code Rangers** program, a volunteer effort that supports clean, safe and vibrant communities. Code Rangers are trained to recognize and report potential code violations, helping the City respond more effectively. Volunteers do not issue citations. Instead, their online reports allow the City to send courteous, informative letters to property owners and residents, promoting voluntary compliance and a spirit of cooperation.

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Fort Worth has a new moniker after Gov. Greg Abbott signed a resolution designating the City as the official **Aviation and Defense Capital of Texas**. Fort Worth stands out as one of North America's leading aerospace and defense hubs. The region's aerospace sector is not just about aircraft manufacturing; it encompasses the production of missiles, drones and unmanned aircraft.

WORTH GOING

Celebrate the start of ¡Celebramos! with a free admission day at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. On Saturday, Sept. 13, enjoy complimentary access to the lush 120-acre campus to kick off this vibrant celebration of Hispanic heritage, culture and community. Wander through the gardens, explore seasonal displays and experience the beauty of nature while honoring the diverse traditions that enrich Fort Worth. No tickets or reservations required. Simply show up and enjoy the day.

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