

Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Funding Report for Fiscal Years 2016/2017

IMPACTS & RESULTS IN YOUR REGION





Regional Solid Waste Grants Program



33 percent of the revenue is dedicated to local and regional solid waste projects consistent with regional plans approved by the commission in accordance with this chapter and to update and maintain those plans. Those revenues shall be allocated to municipal solid waste geographic planning regions for use by local governments and regional planning commissions according to a formula established by the commission that takes into account population, area, solid waste fee generation, and public health needs. Each planning region shall issue a biennial report to the legislature detailing how the revenue is spent.



**TEXAS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT
CHAPTER 361**



HOW IT WORKS



TRASH

Garbage is picked up from homes and businesses, loaded into trucks and delivered to landfills.

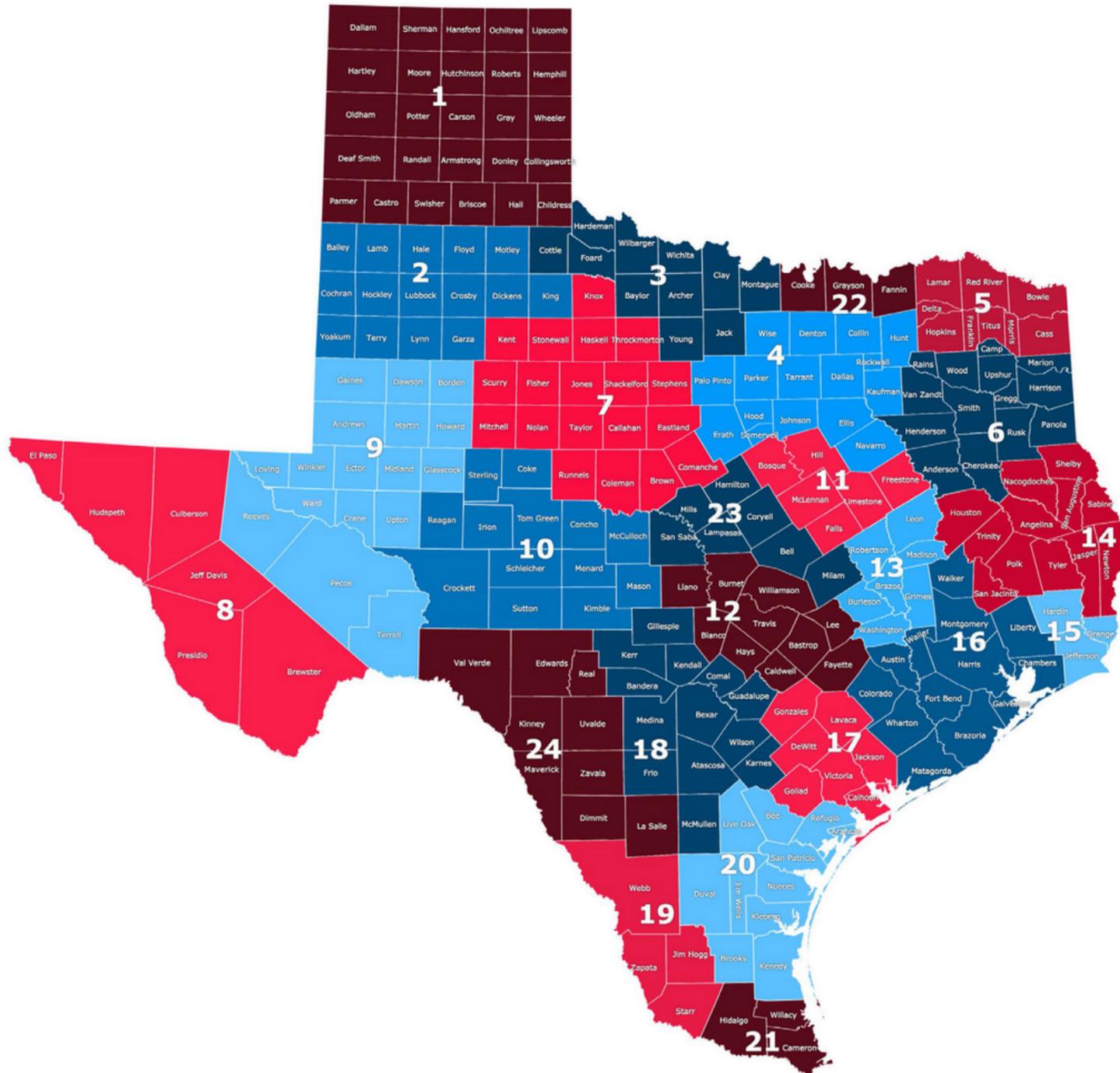
LANDFILL

Trucks assessed a "tipping fee" for trash they deliver to the landfill. 33% of the amount collected is deposited into a state dedicated account for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program.

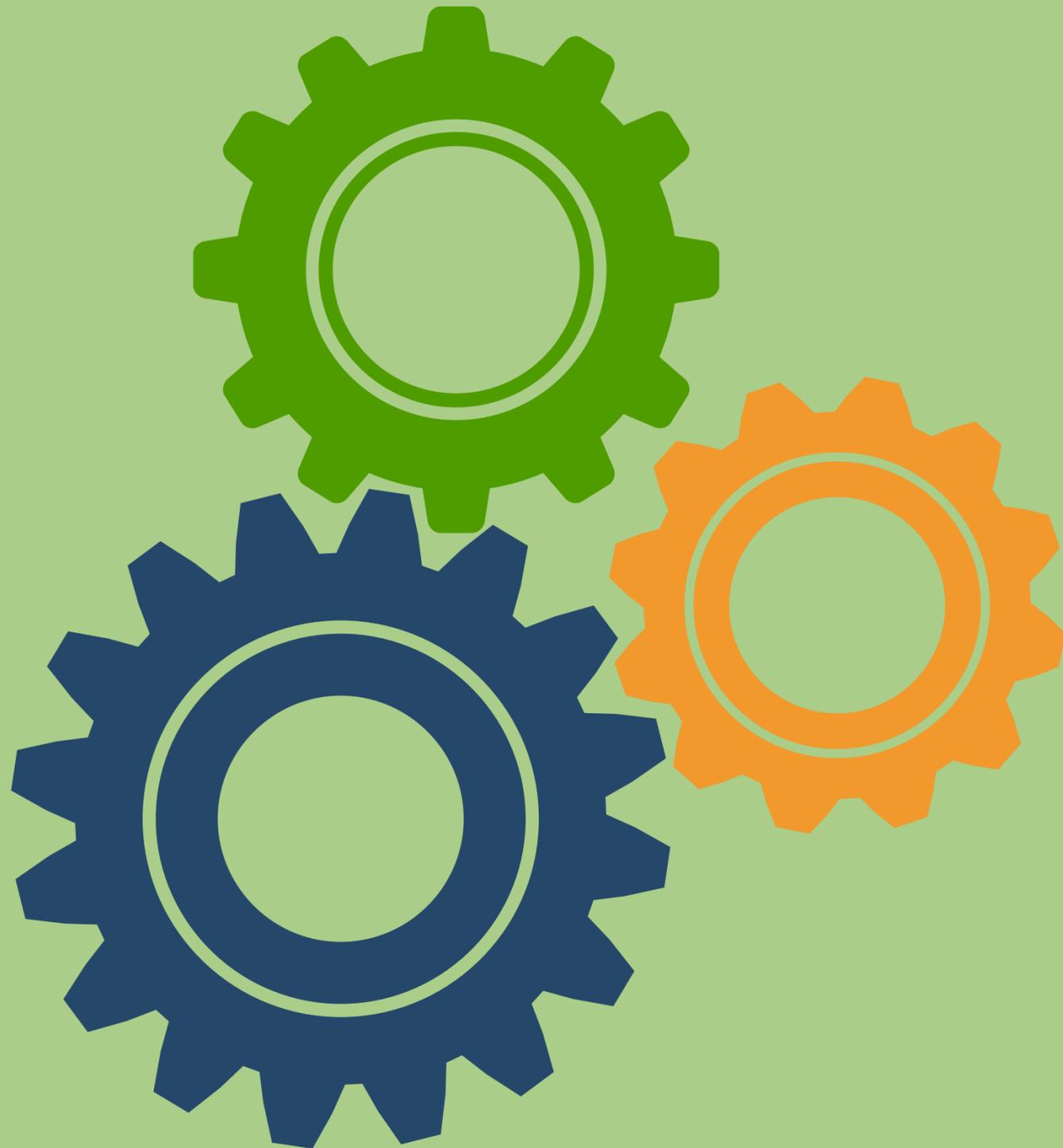
LEGISLATURE

The Legislature appropriates funds from the dedicated account for the regional grants.

Regional Councils of Governments



- Alamo Area Council of Governments (18)
- Ark-Tex Council of Governments (5)
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (13)
- Capital Area Council of Governments (12)
- Central Texas Council of Governments (23)
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments (20)
- Concho Valley Council of Governments (10)
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments (14)
- East Texas Council of Governments (6)
- Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (17)
- Heart of Texas Council of Governments (11)
- Houston-Galveston Area Council (16)
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (21)
- Middle Rio Grande Development Council (24)
- Nortex Regional Planning Commission (3)
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (4)
- Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (1)
- Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (9)
- Rio Grande Council of Governments (8)
- South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (15)
- South Plains Association of Governments (2)
- South Texas Development Council (19)
- Texoma Council of Governments (22)
- West Central Texas Council of Governments (7)



Regional Planning & Coordination

Protecting health & safety

COGs help local governments better deliver services to their constituents by providing technical assistance to local governments in the implementation and evaluation of solid waste management programs; education and outreach activities, programs, and printed materials that provide a unified message but can also be customized for local governments; and regional training such as environmental enforcement for peace officers and disaster debris management for emergency managers.

WHY USE COGS TO OVERSEE GRANTS

LOCAL FAMILIARITY

Grant proposals are evaluated by public and private experts from each region who are familiar with the region's needs and issues.

ACCOUNTABILITY

COGs administered a wide range of grants, from \$324 to \$370,032 in Fiscal Years 2016/2017, with legislatively set-forth methods of accountability.

PARTNERSHIP

COGs work with governments to develop and update Regional Solid Waste Management Plans.

EFFICIENCY

COGs know what activities are under way in their areas, thus decreasing the chance for duplication of efforts.



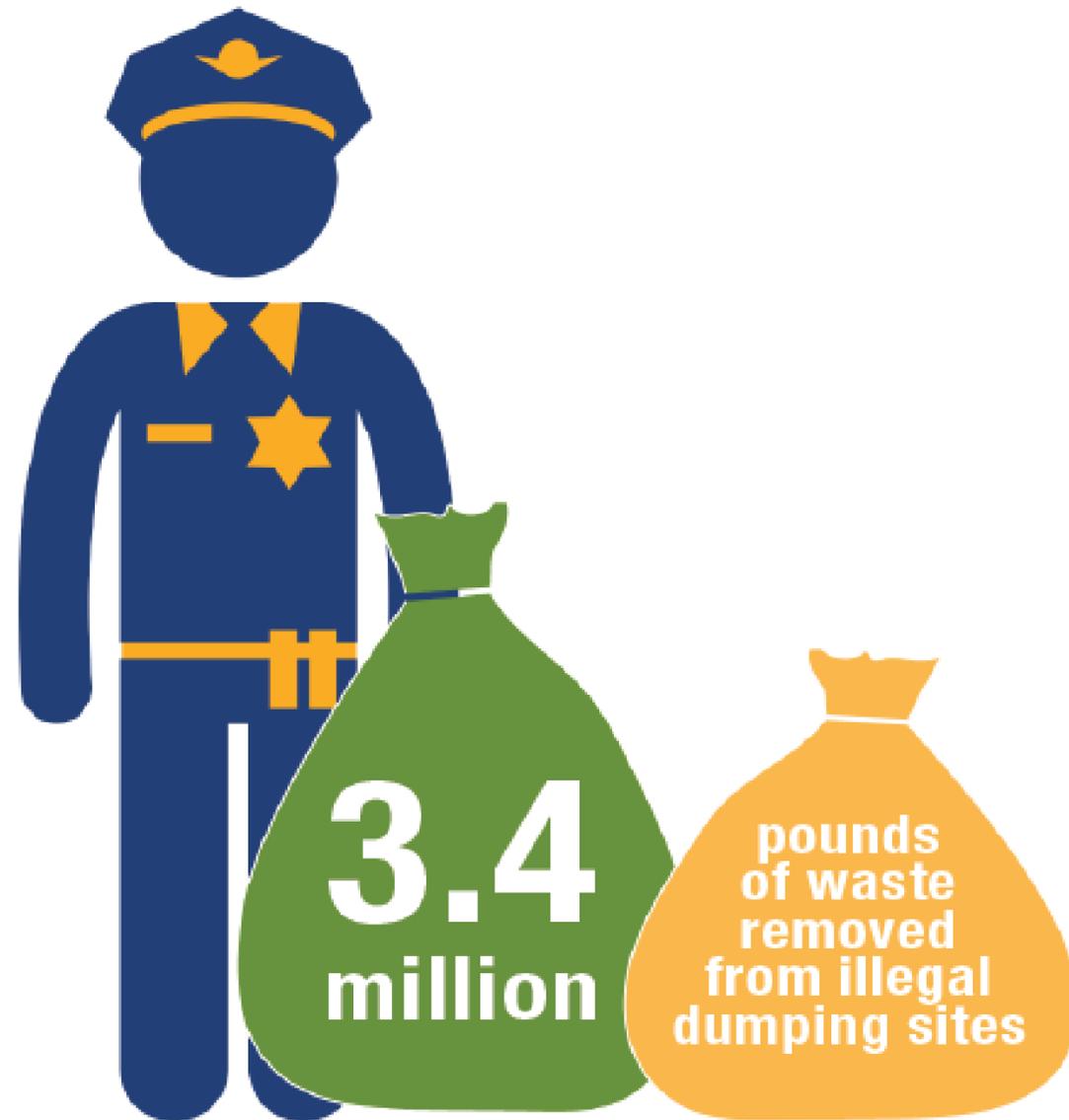
FY 2016-2017 By the Numbers

238

Total Projects

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Grant-funded programs kept Texas clean by investigating **5,421 illegal dumping sites** and enforcing solid waste laws. Partners collected nearly **\$308,000 in fines**.



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RECYCLABLES

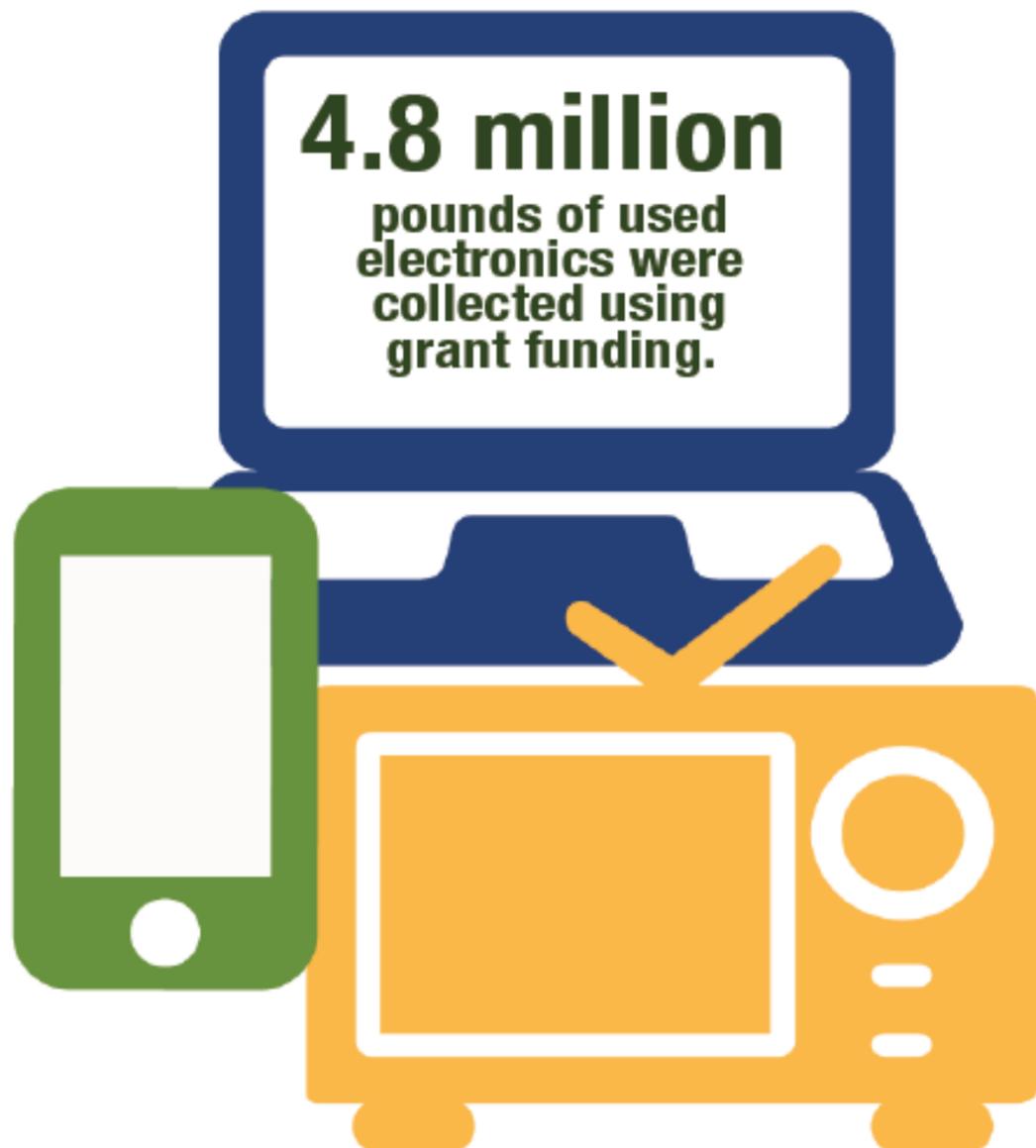
Recyclables collected by grant-funded programs create jobs.



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ELECTRONICS

Used electronics are collected at grant-funded permanent facilities and single-day events.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

More than **24,500 Texans** dropped off an average of **53 pounds of household hazardous waste**, including paint, at permanent facilities and **48 one-time events**.



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Alamo Area Council of Governments

Seguin Curbside Pickup

The City of Seguin organizes curbside household hazardous waste pickups for residents. These events are costly & many communities would be unable to hold them without the resources provided by the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program.



CAPCOG & AISD Partner on Zero Waste Program

12,900

Since inception of the Zero Waste Program, AISD has diverted more than 12,900 tons of waste from landfills through recycling and composting.





East Texas Council of Governments

33

PROJECTS

22

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Houston-Galveston Area Council

More than 245,000 pounds of tires were removed from an illegal commercial dumping site in Chambers County. The tires were recycled and will be used for playgrounds and football fields.



Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.



Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.



VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

- Leaves (do not put in bags)
- Logs
- Plants
- Tree branches



CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

- Building materials
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Plumbing



APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters



ELECTRONICS

- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Cleaning supplies
- Batteries
- Lawn chemicals
- Oils
- Oil-based paints and stains
- Pesticides

For more information contact your local government.

Disaster Debris Resources

About 20 governments and agencies, including FEMA, used the Separating Your Debris flyer to instruct their residents about placing their storm debris at the curb for pickup.

North Central Texas Council of Governments

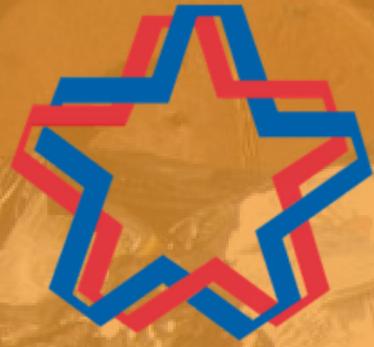
In just 2 collection events, organized using funds from the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program, the City of Cedar Hill collected more than 20,000 pounds of household hazardous waste.





South Plains Association of Governments

Thanks to the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and continued recycling efforts from the City of Meadow and Meadow ISD, more than 55,000 pounds of recyclable materials and debris have been collected and diverted from the landfill.



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