

WM NEWS

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Atascocita Landfill Spring 2022

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22 - HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE?

April 22nd will be the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day! Have you ever wondered how the Earth Day began?

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson as a day of education about environmental issues and man's environmental impact to Earth. In cities across the U.S., more than 20 million people participated by rallying, protesting, marching, taking nature walks, coordinating community cleanups, and hosting "teach-ins" to cultivate awareness. Senator Nelson was known as an "environmental senator" but led his vision with bipartisan support focusing on encouraging youth voices.

Later that year, the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act were adopted followed by President Richard Nixon's signed legislation that created the Environmental Protection Agency which we now know as the EPA. The general public first heard about Earth Day from a full-page ad that ran in the New York Times on Jan. 18, 1970.

Since that very first Earth Day, the awareness has grown, and Earth Day is now celebrated globally sometimes extending a

full seven days – known as Earth Week – focused on green living.

WM works to "Make Every Day Earth Day" by bringing awareness to environmental values and teaching the "4 Rs of Green Living" which are: reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose. WM endeavors to get the most possible value out of every type of material every day.

How will you celebrate Earth Day? What will you do to make a difference? Here are a few ideas:

- If you don't need something, like a straw, coffee stopper, plastic shopping bag, etc., just say "No" and refuse it politely.

- Repurpose items like an old metal egg basket into a hanging lamp.

- Use reusable water bottles, shopping bags, and coffee mugs. Some coffee shops give a discount for bringing your own mug.

To learn more about recycling or what you can do to help our planet, visit wm.com/recyclerright. Together, we can all make a difference!



MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello Spring! We've had a busy first quarter at the landfill. Operations have been steady and several projects have been completed. We recently installed an additional eight solar-powered misters at the landfill to reduce odors. A new 11-acre cell was constructed and opened on January 28, and we installed a new sign at the front of our property.

Looking ahead, we will be disking and seeding the landfill this Spring. We will also be adding 10-15 new gas wells which will extract landfill gas (LFG). This will reduce odors and add more volume to the renewable energy plant

(RNG). The RNG plant converts LFG to RNG that is used for many items such as natural gas within your home and powering natural gas vehicles/engines. The landfill gas team has done an exceptional job at being two steps ahead of new source performance standards regulations (NSPS) through the EPA.

In addition, we have also enjoyed supporting various community events and activities. We were, once again, proud sponsors of the Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cookoff in February. Not only were we a sponsor, but many WM employees volunteered at the event,

as they do each year. In March, we hosted students from the Humble ISD MOSAIC program to discuss career paths within WM. We're also proud to partner again with the Humble Area Boys Baseball Association for their Fun Day in April, as well as the annual Good Oil Days event in downtown Humble.

As a reminder, our landfill is open to the public Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



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Public Landfill Hours

Monday- Friday: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed



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HUMBLE CUSTOMER WINS \$1 MILLION AT WM PHOENIX OPEN



When Sam Ryder hit an ace on the 16th hole at the WM Phoenix Open on Saturday, February 12, it was literally a one-million-dollar shot. Ryder's hole-in-one earned Space City Gym, located in Humble, \$1 million through "WM's Million Dollar Shot" contest. The WM Million Dollar Shot Contest is open to all small business customers (<\$1,000 per month) with an active My WM Online Profile. The contest gives 20 randomly selected finalists the chance at winning \$1,000,000 if a player in their randomly paired golf team hits a hole-in-one during the third round of the WMPO. Space City Gym was paired with Ryder's golfing trio before the tournament, and they now have one million more reasons to love WM.

Area Vice President Don Smith (second from left) and Chief Customer Officer Mike Watson (right) made the check presentation at Space City Gym in February. Accepting the check were Manager Lazarus Crumedy (left) and owners Jonathan Guzman (middle) and Maira Benitez (second from right).



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RECYCLE RIGHT

Three Basic Rules

Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.



**Recycle clean
bottles, cans, paper
and cardboard.**



**Keep food and
liquid out of your
recycling.**



**No loose plastic
bags and no bagged
recyclables.**

*Please call us anytime if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

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