

WM NEWS

Mesquite Creek Landfill Fall 2025



Manager's Report

Hello, neighbors! It's finally time for a new season. Regardless of what the weather says, the Texas "false fall" is better than no fall at all. While things have remained relatively quiet on the landfill side over the past few months, there is still plenty of meaningful activity happening around Mesquite Creek, both through community partnerships and habitat restoration efforts.

In July, we welcomed newly hired staff from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an up-close look at landfill operations. The hands-on training covered everything from permits to daily site planning, giving attendees a deeper understanding of how we manage the site responsibly. We're always glad to team up with TCEQ and we're proud to help new regulators better understand the important work that goes into safe, sustainable landfill management.

Work at the Mesquite Creek Wildlife Habitat continues. Over the summer we cleared more invasives and trimmed more trees. We welcomed a wildlife conservationist from <u>WHF Texas</u> to provide guidance preparing the ground to plant seed this fall. Our goal is to finish removing invasives and overbearing shrubbery in September so we can plant a wildflower mix in October. In addition to our garden, the recent rains have helped move our wetlands project along as well.

In July, we donated 72 backpacks with supplies to the New Braunfels Food Bank. Later, in August, the City of New Braunfels and WM partnered for the back-to-school event at the food bank to hand out supplies. Together, we hosted an interactive table featuring a spin wheel, recycling true or false questions, and information about local waste collection services. More than 150 attendees visited the table, and nearly 200 community members participated in the event overall. During the event, the food bank distributed backpacks and school supplies to students from Comal and Guadalupe counties, helping families start the school year strong.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. We're proud of the partnerships that are growing here at Mesquite Creek and look forward to sharing more with you soon.



TCEQ staff visiting Mesquite Creek Landfill.



WM and City of New Braunfels Solid Waste staff members at the New Braunfels Food Bank.

