# Sustainability Snapsh@t

# **GLASS RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS**



Keep Waco Beautiful recently placed a new Glass4Good<sup>™</sup> recycling bin in Parking Lot S, across from the Mail Center in the CSC. The bin can be used by anyone in the community. All products must be emptied and clean from debris, but there is no need to remove labels. Items **not** accepted include: mirrors, ceramics, drinking glasses, Pyrex glassware, solar panels, vases, and broken glass.

Every glass bottle being recycled will be remade into a new glass bottle, diverting from the landfill, saving on emissions and creating jobs. Every glass weigh-in will donate proceeds to United Way Waco-McLennan County to further their mission in our community.

For more information about Glass4Good<sup>™</sup> in Waco, visit <u>www.keepwacobeautiful.org/glass4good</u>.

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



### **STREET CLEAN-UP, JUNE 22**

MCC's Summer street clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participants will meet in parking lot R on Powell Drive at 10:30 a.m.

Supplies are provided by Keep Waco Beautiful, Inc.

Please bring your own filled, reusable water bottle, wear close-toed shoes, and dress for the weather. Long pants are preferred.

All volunteers must complete a consent release form before the clean-up begins:

If you need more information please email Donna Wiley at <u>dwiley@mclennan.edu</u>

### SAVE THE DATE: SHRED DAY OCTOBER 6, 2023

Please start saving your materials for our upcoming Fall event. For assistance with picking up items prior to October, contact Cynthia Niles at <u>cniles@mclennan.edu</u> or 254-299-8863. Batteries and Styrofoam will also be accepted, make sure Styrofoam is clean and separate from your shred materials. More details coming soon.

#### Total Amount Collected: 3,451 Pounds

Cumulative impact on our environment: 1.73 – Tons of paper destroyed and recycled 29 – Trees saved 166 – Gallons of oil saved 6 – Cubic yards of landfill space saved 7,075 – KW of power saved 12,079 – Gallons of water saved Thank you to all who participated in April



Download the Free WACO CURBSIDE App for weekly cart reminders, material placement questions in Waste Wizard, and service alerts! soildwasteinfo@wacotx.gov | (254) 299-2612 | waco-texas.com/solidwaste

### **MCC'S SPRING SHRED DAY REPORT**





### **RECYCLING ON CAMPUS**

The blue City of Waco recycle dumpsters on campus are available for employees to bring recycling from home. If you bring items, please use clear bags for your recycled materials.

When the City drivers see black bags, they consider the dumpster contaminated with trash, so the entire dumpster will be emptied into trash receptacles.

Campus dumpster locations: By the Highlands Gym, MAC, LTC, and CSC



### MCC'S SPRING ARBOR DAY





### WELCOME TO THE SUSTAINABLITY COMMITTEE - REID MAKOWSKY

Reid Makowsky is a Waco native. He earned a PhD in Literature from Baylor University in 2014 and began teaching writing and British literature at MCC in the Fall of 2014. For the last eight years he and his wife Katherine have been developing a garden that emphasizes native plants, low water usage, and friendliness to wildlife. In his spare time, Reid enjoys gardening, trail running, and spending time with friends and family.



To contact the MCC sustainability committee, please feel free to send an email to <u>sustainability@mclennan.edu</u>

# Sustainability in the C@mmunity

### 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUZZ OFF EVENT





**DRAIN** standing water in your yard and neighborhood. **Also make sure you properly dispose and drain old tires so they are not breeding grounds for mosquitoes.** 

Water Restrictions remain in effect!

Visit wacowater.com for the most up-to-date information on restrictions

### Helpful Water Conservation Tips!

- Reducing irrigation makes the biggest impact in conserving water!
- Reuse rainwater.
- > Take shorter showers/baths.
- > Fix leaks around your house.
- > Don't over soap your washing machines.
- > Only run full loads of clothes and dishes.
- > Turn off water when brushing your teeth.

### **GREEN COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE**



September 18-19 | Waco, Texas



The Green Communities Conference is put on by the Waco Sustainability Network, a group of over 20 public and private organizations seeking to see a greener future in our city. Join us this September to advance the culture of sustainability in Texas. Registration opens July 2023

### **KEEP WACO BEAUTIFUL EVENT**

# SUMMER RIVER CLEANUP FOR TRIWACO

JULY 8 | 9AM - 11AM

THANKS TO OUR PARTNER



200 S UNIVERSITY PARK

## SUMMER HEAT IS APPROACHING!



HEAT SAFETY TIPS Stay cool, Waco! Please remember to stay cool and hydrated.

### Heat Safety Tips:

- ✓ Drink water often. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
- ✓ Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are outside or in a building without airconditioning.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area. Air conditioning is the strongest protective factor against heatrelated illness.
- Check on your friends, family and neighbors during heat waves.

# CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR BOAT! STOP THE SPREAD OF MUSSELS

What you may not be able to see can hurt your favorite fishing spot. Zebra mussel larvae are invisible to the naked eye and are highly invasive. These freshwater mussels can grow up to 1 ½ inches long. They form clusters on hard surfaces; causing both environmental and economic damage.

Regulations require that you clean and drain your boat, live wells, bilges and bait buckets and then dry trailers and gear before moving it to another water body. It is illegal to transport zebra mussels – knowingly or unknowingly. Clean your boat with a high-pressure sprayer at least 140-degree F., use soap if necessary, drain all live wells and do not transport water from other water bodies, dry your boat in the sunlight for about a week after transport from another Lake.



As of June 12, 2023, Lake Waco was confirmed Zebra Mussel free. The City of Waco, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will remain vigilant throughout the summer months on all boat and water inspections to Save our Lake!

Current infested Lakes in Texas: tpwd.texas.gov/zebramussels



### **PREVENTING WASTE & POLLUTION**

Schedule an Educational Tour to Learn about Recycling from the City of Waco

Do you have a class or a group that would be interested in taking a tour of the Cobbs Recycling Center or the City Landfill?

It is important for people to see where their waste ends up going and how much of it can actually be recycled and reused.

Please contact Ashley Millerd Crownover -Outreach Administrator, City of Waco Solid Waste Services, to schedule your tour.

Email Ashley at: <a href="mailto:ashleym@wacotx.gov">ashleym@wacotx.gov</a>