



The GREENLEAF

Green Team Newsletter



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Green Team : Brown Bag Lunch

Does your business want to host a Green Team Brown Bag lunch in March?

The Green Team is looking for a few good businesses to open their doors to other members and potential members.

It is an opportunity to share lessons you have learned while setting up your recycling programs, but also a chance to show off the other green features of your company. If you are interested in hosting a lunchtime tour (no lunch need be provided by you), then please contact Tim at 817-459-6152

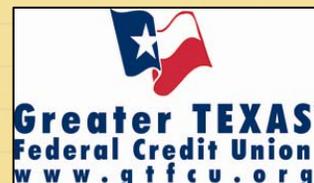
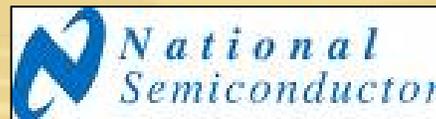
Dear Team,

A big thanks to all the 2008 members for their due diligence in reporting. We were able to get the advertisement out on schedule and I have received a lot of positive feedback from members and non-members alike.

Our final numbers, **14,925** tons, were just a few shy of the 15,000 mark. Comparatively, the residential recycling program diverted 18,111 tons for the 2008 calendar year. One goal for the coming year is to get past the 150 member mark. That will easily put us passed the 2008 numbers for both the residential and commercial programs.

In this issue I've created a special section for the first ten members to report their 2008 numbers. An informal polling of these members revealed that their recycling coordinators were not necessarily engaged with recycling all the time, but they kept up their tracking on a monthly basis. See? Tracking is easy!

Sincerely,
Tim Yatko
Commercial Recycling Coordinator, City of Arlington



These members were the first to report their 2008 recycling information. A special thanks to them!





Our Newest Members

- ★ [El Chico – North Collins](#)
- ★ [Pratt & Whitney](#)
- ★ [Parkview Fellowship](#)
- ★ [Progressive Inc.](#)
- ★ [Arlington Pathology Association](#)

Mo Leaves, Mo Problems?

Go Green, Go Bag-less!



Texas Organic Lawn Care LLC is a lawn care company with a non-traditional method of leaf removal. Instead of bagging and hauling leaves to the landfill, Texas Organic shreds the leaves and takes them to be turned into mulch. The company's owner, Casey Cunningham says, "It just makes sense. Bagging and landfilling leaves is a needless waste of organic material. We should be putting the leaves to better use, such as a mulch or an ingredient in compost."

Texas Organic Lawn Care launched its new "Go Bag-less" service this past Fall to great success. "Over the course of the leaf season we recycled over 26 tons of leaves. That's just incredible to me. Customers that would have normally had over 100 bags on their curb destined for the landfill, now have zero. I think our customers appreciate the fact we don't bag our leaves. They feel proud about the part they play in making Arlington greener."

Texas Organic Lawn Care is an Arlington based company that understands the need and desire to protect our city. In addition to not bagging leaves, Texas organic also:

- Mulches grass: they don't bag grass. It's better for the lawn if grass is mulched
- Mulches trimmings: shrub clippings are also mulched on site
- Uses organic fertilizer: fertilizer is produce-based (corn and alfalfa). This eliminates synthetic runoff during rain storms and homeowner watering.



Samuel is an environmental steward in training. He has been with the company for ten months.



The Arlington Green Team



program would like to recognize the following businesses for their commitment to the environment. In 2008, they collectively recycled 14,925 tons of material, or a bumper-to-bumper line of recycling trucks approximately 9 miles long.

<p>City of Arlington ASC Industries National Semi-Conductor VNR-1 Communications, Inc. Hampton Inn & Suites - South Arlington Iscar Metals, Inc. Inovar Packaging Group Arlington Independent School District Coffee Haus Downtown Coffee Roasters Lane Supply, Inc. Republic Waste Services Surgery Center of Arlington Whole Foods The Pinnacle Corporation</p>	<p>North Central Texas Council of Governments Medical Clinic of North Texas, Arlington OB South Texas Department of Health Services University of Texas at Arlington Arlington Chamber of Commerce Children's Cultural Academy Crown Plaza Suites Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Cancer Research Foundation of North Texas Maren Karsen Salon TCC Southeast Campus Westlake's Arlington Hardware Pete Robinson Insurance KP Monaco & Associates Calloway's Nursery Richter Animal Hospital United States Cold Storage Texas Organic Lawn Care ITT Technical Institute Texas Health Resources Mycoskie, McInnis & Associates El Chico Restaurant Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County</p>	<p>Schickel, Rollins and Associates Inc. Decision Analyst Greater Texas Federal Credit Union Spartech Corporation Kamping of America (KOA) L3 Communications Courtyard Marriott Fonner Hearing Aid Center General Motors Rooms to GO Arlington Memorial Pratt & Whitney Southern Flair Photography Abtibi-Bowater, Inc. Six Flags Over Texas David Slater, DDS, Inc. Texas Rangers - Ballpark in Arlington Alternative Mailing & Shipping Systems Corporate Express Cardinal Showers Fort Worth Star-Telegram Parkview Fellowship</p>
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To find out more about how to start a commercial recycling program, please visit www.arlingtongreenteam.com or call 817-459-6152.

These organizations have committed to recycling at least three materials and keeping track of the amount they recycle. If you are a business or non-profit interested in recycling or already have a program in place, the City invites you to join the Team!

Contact us at www.arlingtongreenteam.com or 817-459-6152.

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