



The GREENLEAF

Green Team Newsletter



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Green Team Holiday Breakfast



Get in the holiday spirit of recycling

Who: The first 20 potential members, Green Team members, and eco-enthusiasts

What: Breakfast at the Arlington Landfill

When: Thursday, Dec 17th 2009
7am – 8am

Where: Arlington's Landfill
800 Mosier Valley, Arlington, TX

Why: See where your trash goes, learn about methane capture, commercial mulching, and more!

How: RSVP to
Tim.Yatko@arlingtontx.gov
817-459-6152

Dear Team, Eco Enthusiasts, Environmental Friends, Santa,

Happy Holidays everyone. It's time for another Green Breakfast.

Green Breakfast Arlington's Landfill Thursday, December 17th, 2009

And it's nearly time for you to report on your recycling for 2009.

If you are thinking about getting me a gift, what I really want *and need* is your recycling information for 2009!

I'm looking for **the total weight of your recycling from Jan 1 through Dec 31st of this year.** You can make reporting easier by using one of our standard forms. You can find the form with built in weight calculator [here](#). It can be tailored to fit your recycling program. If you have an alternate reporting form, or want to submit your numbers in a simple email, that works too.

Reporting is due Friday, January 22nd at 5:00pm. The first twenty members to give a full and accurate report of their recycling will have their logos featured in a section of January's newsletter. Members that have not turned in their information by this date *will not be recognized* in the full-page Star-Telegram advertisement scheduled for early February.

Wishing you a safe and happy Holidays,

Tim Yatko

Commercial Recycling Coordinator, City of Arlington



*Parking will be at the red star,
Remember your reusable mug for coffee
and juice. Food will be provided.*

City of Arlington Green Team 2009

Year in Review

107 members total, 25,000+ employees

Outstanding Public Education and Outreach Award
from Greater DFW Recycling Alliance

Eco-Fest 2009

Ranger Member Appreciation Game

Green Breakfasts

-Wal-mart -Iscar Metals - Arlington Landfill / Republic

Spotlighted

- Texas Organic Lawn Care -Richter Animal Hospital
-Greater Texas Federal Credit Union -Hampton Inn & Suites
-Downtown Coffee Roasters -Iscar Metals





Welcome Newest Members!

You can find a full list of our members and find links to their websites at:

www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com

Click on "Our Members"

- ★ The Dallas Cowboys
- ★ The Green Oaks School
- ★ Texas Power
- ★ BGK Texas Property Management
- ★ Humperdink's Bar & Grill
- ★ True Blend Chemicals
- ★ ATDS Career Education
- ★ Cornerstone Staffing
- ★ CM2 Design Associates
- ★ Keller Williams Realty – S. Bowen
- ★ SW Financial
- ★ American Pipe & Supply
- ★ Knowledge Learning Center



With the help of Green Team member volunteers and volunteers from the community at large, the October recycling at Cowboy Stadium was a great event.

Special Thanks to Volunteers from
University of Texas at Arlington
Texas Organic Lawn Care
Pete Robinson Insurance
The Pinnacle Corporation
Texas Power

Recycling: Don't Stop There!

The Commercial Recycling and Sustainability workshop held on November 12th was a success!



The focus was on helping businesses go beyond recycling, and encouraging a more holistic approach to improving operations.

The workshop was a joint effort between the City of Arlington, the City of Fort Worth and the Small Business Development Center. The event generated a minimum amount of waste by using reusable plates, encouraging participants to bring their own coffee mugs, and providing recycling and composting bins throughout the concourse.



Special thanks to **Downtown Coffee Roasters** for supplying the coffee and **Republic Waste Services** for providing the food.



Green Team Upgrade



The Green Team program will be going through an upgrade in the coming months. We have secured stimulus funding through the Department of Energy to take the program beyond solid waste reduction and recycling. We will still be encouraging companies to go green by recycling, but there is so much more we will be promoting!

- ✓ Energy Efficiency
- ✓ Water Efficiency
- ✓ Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling
- ✓ Air Quality
- ✓ Employee Engagement



The program upgrade will be based on the Chicago Green Office program. It will be a point-based system with different levels of recognition for environmental commitment. The levels will be:

Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum

Before officially launching we will open up the program design to current members for comment.



Got a story to tell?

Submit a **Spotlight Story** w/pictures for the newsletter, or a **press release** for the webpage. This option is for upcoming environmental events that need to go to press!

