

The Red River Sierra Club is a small group and a part of the 600,000 member national organization. Its mission is “To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environments.” The group meets at 7:00 p.m. each 3rd Thursday of the month (except June, July, & August) at Saint Stephens Episcopal Church, 5023 Lindale (across from Rider H.S.). For more information, call 940/723-2811.

The League of Women Voters of Wichita Falls is a part of the state and national Leagues. Its mission is as follows: “The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.” We publish nonpartisan Voters Guides, hold candidate forums before most elections, and study issues of interest to the members. LWV meets at 11:30 each 1st Wednesday of the month (except July & August) at Luby’s Cafeteria. For more information about the League, write us at P.O. Box 4034, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, or telephone at 940/767-0129.

Call the LWV about other recycling options, that you are aware of. And before you recycle, remember:



USE IT UP,
WEAR IT OUT,
MAKE IT DO.

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Where to Recycle in Wichita Falls



League of Women Voters and Red River Sierra Club

WHERE TO TAKE YOUR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

NEWSPAPERS: Take newspapers (including inserts) to dumpsters at City Fire Stations. Or, place entire newspaper in green yard waste receptacles, used for regular Wednesday curbside pick up by the City.

OFFICE PAPER: The State Hospital will pick up (at businesses or other large users) business paper (computer, copy, etc. including colored) & cardboard to be recycled. If it is confidential, ask for a locked barrel, and the paper will be shredded. For more information, or to be put on the pick up cycle, call 692-1220.

GRASS AND YARD WASTE: To get a green receptacle for City's curbside program, call 761-7977. Must be on curb by 7 am on Wednesdays. (Includes newspapers, magazines, & cardboard). This supports the City composting program.

The "Don't Bag It" Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service consists of mulching your grass clippings and leaving them on the lawn, rather than catching them in a bag, to add nutrients to your grass.

Backyard Composting, when done properly, is a simple & easy way to reduce waste and fertilize your garden with natural products. For more information, contact the County Extension Agent at 940-716-8610. City Sanitation will help, as needed, & provide speakers to schools and groups. Call 761-7977.

HAZARDOUS WASTE, PESTICIDES & PAINT: To recycle or properly dispose of these items, contact Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) at 512-239-1000 or www.tceq.state.tx.us

GLASS & OLD TELEPHONE BOOKS: The City will recycle them if they are brought to the Lawrence Road Transfer Station. Glass will also be accepted at United Stores, the North Wal-Mart, & River Bend Nature Center.

ALUMINUM CANS, BRASS, COPPER, & OTHER SCRAP METAL: Accepted by Bell Processing.

Cans can be donated to the River Bend Nature Center, or the Food Bank, 1320 Midwestern Pkwy.

CHRISTMAS TREES: The City will mulch them for compost if they are delivered to Lucy Park or Kiwanis Park anytime beginning December 26, into early January.

NON-HAZARDOUS RESIDENTIAL WASTE: The City Landfill will receive most items, **except** paint, batteries, tires, and asbestos.

TIRES, MOTOR OIL & BATTERIES: Many businesses that sell these products will accept the old items to be recycled. The City Transfer Station, on Lawrence Road, accepts tires & batteries from cars & small non-commercial trucks.

ELECTRONICS. Cell phones, batteries, & toner cartridges can be left at Best Buy, Office Depot, Circuit City, and River Bend Nature Works. Be sure to end cell phone service, & erase sensitive data. *We know of no computer recycling*, except donations of usable items to Charities or Schools.

PAPER or PLASTIC BAGS: Albertsons, United & Wal-Mart will accept plastic bags for recycling. (Note that the bench outside the Albertsons' west store entrance, was made from 3900 plastic bags.) United & Albertsons will sell you a canvass bag for groceries, and will take 5¢ off your bill for each cloth bag used (theirs or others). Keep cloth or canvas bags in your car and save money and natural resources by avoiding the use of extra plastic or paper bags.

SOME CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, OFFICES AND MANUFACTURING PLANTS have their own recycling projects. Use them. If yours does not - - - why not start one?

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE: The Recycling Center will take newspapers, cardboard, office paper, magazines, aluminum foil, aluminum cans, clear & brown glass, and #1 & #2 plastics. They also take vegetable & fruit tin cans.