

Keep Blanco Beautiful Newsletter

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CLPP Items Available!

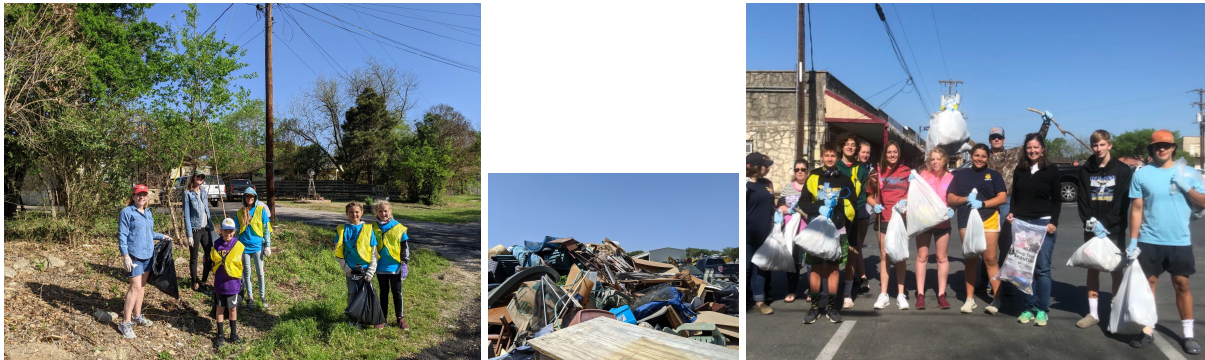
Contact us for free Blanco CLPP items!

KBB's [Cigarette Litter Prevention Program](#) (CLPP) still has pocket ashtrays, cigarette litter brochures, and "Don't Leave Your Butts Behind" window decals available. There are also bumper stickers available that were donated by [Don't Mess with Texas](#) and have sayings such as "Keep Your Butts in the Car." KBB also has business cards, stickers, and personalized pencils available for volunteers. Three more Sidewalk Buttler receptacles were purchased to put around the square. Always remember "don't leave your butts behind!"

Trash-off 2021

The [Great American Cleanup](#) (GAC) is the largest nationwide event sponsored by [Keep America Beautiful](#) designated to help end littering, improve recycling, and beautify America's towns. The overall goal of the event is to inspire individuals to use their experience after the event at their own homes. The GAC runs from March 1st to May 31st each year with over 15,000 communities taking part in this event! [Keep Texas Beautiful](#)

(KTB) along with TxDOT are also involved with the GAC. In April, the [Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off](#) (DMWTTTO) which supports efforts to clear Texas roadsides of trash and includes cleanups will take place April 1- 30. DMWTTTO is part of TxDOT's litter prevention program. On April 10, KBB hosted its annual DMWTTTO and Blanco River Cleanup event. Over 150 volunteers gathered at 9 a.m. at Bindseil Park and then teams went to their designated section of town to clean. Team leaders were given supplies such as trash bags, gloves, t-shirts, safety vests, and hand sanitizer. This event is possible with the support of KAB, KTB, and the [City of Blanco](#). The City of Blanco hosted their Trash-Off event in conjunction with KBB's April 10 event. The city yard, 455 Jones Avenue, was open April 5 through 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. Citizens were able to drop off materials such as trash, metal, batteries, electronics, cars, etc., were accepted but items such as carcasses, tires, and paint were not allowed. The event was open only to Blanco residents, but Blanco County had an event two weeks later on April 24 at the Blanco County/Waste Connections Transfer Station, at 377 Transfer Road in Johnson City. The station was open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and household items accepted included lead-acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, construction debris, carpet, appliances, scrap steel, scrap metal, televisions, mattresses, electronics, and furniture. 90,555 pounds of material was collected during this event. Tires were accepted but there was a fee that varied with the size of the tire; 120 tires were collected. The event was sponsored by [Blanco County](#), [Blanco Pedernales Underground Water Conservation District](#), and [KBB](#).



KBB Recognized as Silver Star Affiliate by KTB

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KBB is always looking for volunteers. The Beautification committee is currently meeting at 8:30 a.m. (to avoid the heat) on Tuesday mornings in front of City Hall weather permitting. The committee maintains the flower beds and pots around the courthouse square and in the park. Our other [committees](#) include: civic/neighborhood, education/ schools, fundraising/finance, law enforcement/municipal, public awareness, and recycling. No special skills are needed and volunteers range in age from 20s - 80s. Volunteers do not need to live in Blanco to be a part of this wonderful organization. All are welcome to join! KBB also has a membership drive each year; the membership prices are: \$300-Sponsor, \$150-Patron, \$75-Business, \$25-Individual, and \$0-Students. Contact us if you would like to become a member!



Water Tips

Water makes up 71% of the earth and up to 90% of our bodies. Basically, water is essential for health, work, and the environment. There are many ways for you to cut back on water usage. One easy way to conserve water is by installing water efficient showers, toilets, and faucets. 60% of water used per day indoors is by running these items. When you replace these items, you will be saving water and also money; some products even reduce electricity bills. To find these products, you can look for a WaterSense label. [WaterSense](#) is "a EPA program designed to encourage water efficiency in the United States through the use of a special label on consumer products." Products with the ENERGY STAR label means that the appliance has met strict energy efficiency requirements. An ENERGY STAR labeled dishwasher uses about 30% less water and a washing machine uses 25-45% less water. Hand washing dishes actually uses more water than simply using your

dishwasher. If you don't have a dishwasher, try using a basin of soapy water or plugging the sink. When you brush your teeth, turn off the water faucet. Try taking shorter showers to reduce water usage. Another way to save water is by making sure the loads are full before running the dishwasher or washing machine. Washing your car with a bucket of water rather than a hose will also help with water conservation. Using a cover over your pool while reducing water evaporation. One last way to conserve water is to check for leaks. Monitor your meter and water bill to find out if there are leaks. Sometimes repairing these leaks will save you 10% on water bills and 10,000 gallons of water. These are just a few ways you can start conserving water.

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Follow us on Social Media

KBB has several new social media pages: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). We would love for you to follow us on our social media pages! Our Twitter account is @BlancoBeautiful; our Instagram account is keepblancobeautiful. We encourage you to use our favorite hashtags: #KeepBlancoBeautiful #BlancoCLPP #Dontleaveyourbuttsbehind #BeautifyBlanco.

Upcoming Environmental Holidays:

World Nature Conservation Day (July 28)
National Honey Bee Day (August 21)
National Wildlife Day (September 4)
International Day of Clean Air (September 7)
National Cleanup Day (September 19)
National Public Lands Day (September 26)
World Rivers Day (September 26)

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