

Keep Blanco Beautiful Newsletter

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2022 Membership Drive

Our membership drive is in full swing! We couldn't do any of this without your support. We will be handing out our 2020 brochure shortly, so get excited! The membership prices are \$300-Sponsor, \$150-Patron, \$100-Business, \$25-Individual, and \$0-Student. If you'd like to fill out the membership form online, please fill out this [link](#). Please send in forms and checks by **March 17** to be guaranteed the name of your company/organization will be on the back of this year's KBB t-shirt. KBB is always looking for volunteers. Join our Beautification Committee on Tuesday mornings in front of City Hall at 9 a.m. weather permitting. We are also always looking for new members to join the other committees as well. Our [committees](#) include Education, Civic/Neighborhood, Education/ Schools, Fundraising/Finance, Law enforcement/Municipal, Public Awareness, and Recycling. You don't have to live in Blanco to be a part of this wonderful organization. All are welcomed!

Annual Cleanups are Coming Soon!

KBB's annual 22nd Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and 15th Blanco River Clean-Up on Sat., April 2, 2022. The event will begin at Bindseil Park at 9 a.m. This event is possible with

the support of Keep America Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful, Hill Country Junk, and the City of Blanco. Volunteer groups for the event are asked to register before the event and this can be done in multiple ways this year. One is by calling Retta Martin, KBB executive director, at 830-833-4720. Another option is to send an email to keepblancobeautiful@gmail.com. A final way to register for the event is to fill it out online at <https://permission.click/PAIEM/us#/signee>. Volunteers need to fill out the registration form before March 11 to be guaranteed a t-shirt and those who sign up late will be assigned to a team at the event. KBB will have a sign-up list for residents who need assistance during the upcoming Trash-Off event at Blanco City Hall or citizens can sign up online at <https://forms.gle/64mTebr4w1DJXcaX6>. The list is for those who need help due

to health disabilities, includes needing up curbside home during Blanco be able to between 8 p.m. starting 14. KBB will collect the curb on Please direct

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concerns, etc; this anyone items picked at their the trash-off. citizens will sign the lists a.m. and 5 on March volunteers the items on April 2. any

questions regarding this list to KBB (not the City). The City of Blanco will also be hosting their Trash-Off event in conjunction with KBB's April 2 event. This event is open to only City residents and will be required to show a voucher before unloading. The City Yard, 455 Jones Avenue, will be open March 28 through April 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. Materials such as trash, metal, batteries, electronics, cars, etc., will be accepted at this location. Tires, paints, household garbage, and animals/carcasses will not be accepted in the City Yard. Both dumpster diving and scavenging are prohibited. The City's Trash-Off is a "rain or shine" event and is open only to Blanco residents. The City reserves the right to refuse any load that may be harmful or unsafe to persons or property,



and is not responsible for any accidents, or damage, to personal property while participating in the Trash-Off event. More information will come regarding the vouchers. Blanco County will be holding its countywide household waste collection event at the end of April. Blanco County residents can bring their recyclables to the county drop-off location, Blanco County/Waste Connections Transfer Station, at 377 Transfer Road in Johnson City. The station will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and acceptable items will be allowed only in household quantities. KBB is looking forward to cleaning up Blanco with the community!

[Click here for more Trash-off details](#)

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TerraCycle Overview

Have you heard of [TerraCycle](#)? Tom Szaky founded the company in 2001 in Trenton, New Jersey with a mission to eliminate waste. The company is so dedicated to the cause that even their offices are made entirely from upcycled waste including meeting rooms made from bottles and vinyl records. "To date, over 202 million people in 21 countries have helped to collect and recycle enough

waste to raise over 44 million dollars for charities around the world,” states TerraCycle’s website.

TerraCycle offers services to help in on the efforts, all a free account and programs can be website along with There are a few money, however, a programs include: a Program, Burt’s Bees Gillette Recycling Recycling Program, Program, and even a Program. After you items, you can



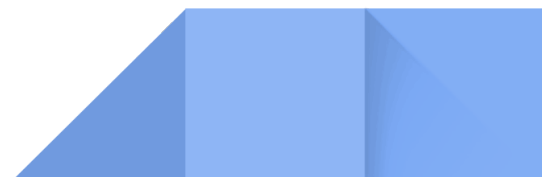
multiple programs and eliminate waste. To join you need to do is create join a program. The found on TerraCycle’s tools and resources. programs that do cost majority do not. Free Brita Recycling Recycle on Us Program, Program, E-Waste Gerber Recycling Hasbro Toy Recycling have collected the download a free

shipping label to mail the product to TerraCycle. The waste is then recycled. If multiple programs interest you, don’t worry. You can join multiple programs. KBB is currently a member of the [TerraCycle Cigarette Waste Recycling Program](#) and recycles the butts from the receptacles around the square. The company even has a Do-It-Yourself page filled with upcycling project ideas on its website. TerraCycle has a points program that is “redeemable for \$0.01 per point cash payment to the non-profit organization or school of your choice.” There are also contests throughout the year where you can win prizes! More information can be found at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>.

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Litter Prevention Tips

There are many ways citizens can help prevent littering. One tip is to keep a litter bag in vehicles; this way a person can have somewhere to put their trash while in the car instead of throwing it out the window. Securing trash cans and dumpster lids to prevent the trash from spilling on the ground from a gust of wind can help too. Report litterers to the confidential Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)’s [Report a Litter Program](#). Maintaining vehicle tires can prevent roadside blowouts which often result in debris all over the road. Pocket and car ashtrays can hold cigarette butts for smokers. KBB’s [Cigarette Litter Prevention Program](#) (CLPP) still has pocket ashtrays, cigarette litter prevention brochures, and “Don’t Leave Your Butts Behind” window decals available. Lastly,



encourage others to dispose of their litter properly and set an example.

Upcoming Environmental Holidays

World Wildlife Day (3/3)
National Plant a Flower Day (3/12)
International Day of Action for Rivers (3/14)
Global Recycling Day (3/18)
International Day of Forests (3/21)
World Water Day (3/22)
National Environmental Education Week (4/19-23)
National Park Week (4/16-4/24)
Dark Sky Week (4/22-4/30)
Earth Day (4/22)
Arbor Day (4/29)
National Love a Tree Day (5/16)
National Bike-to-Work Day (5/20)
World Bee Day (5/20)

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