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Don't mess with Texas

TRASH-OFF

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Angelina Beautiful/Clean & TXDoT Host the
Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

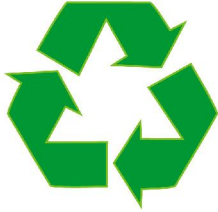
The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off will once again be the premiere event of the annual Great American Cleanup sponsored by Angelina Beautiful/Clean. You have the opportunity to join thousands of Texans and Millions of Americans in this great event.



Please help us "Keep Angelina County Beautiful" by participating. The cleanup will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, April 5th. "With the beginning of spring, this is the best way to make sure everybody has a green and clean year," said Tony Moline.

To register your group, or if you want to join a group, please contact AB/C at 63CLEAN or visit our website: www.angelinabeautifulclean.org.

Going Green Just Got Easier



Paper or Plastic? Now there is something better... a Green Bag. Most chain stores now have another choice for you, but this is one that will continue to give back to the community and the environment. The "Green Bag" is a reusable alternative to the paper or plastic bags given out at every grocery store.

Where do you get these green bags? Answer: In almost every grocery store in Angelina County. In fact, I haven't been inside a grocery store that does not carry these bags.

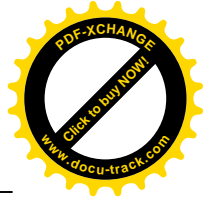
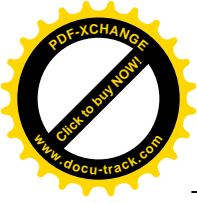
Why should we *pay* to take our groceries home? Here are some simple reasons to switch to a green bag. The fact is it may take up to 1,000 years for a plastic bag to break down in a landfill. Most people take their plastic bags home and then use them as trash can liners. The problem is they don't break down. They are recyclable, but not bio-degradable.

The questions I get asked more often than anything are how much do they cost and how much will they hold? Brookshire Brothers and Wal-Mart sell their bags for \$0.99. Target has a foldable Green Bag you can buy for a few pennies more that will fit in your purse or a side pocket of your vehicle.

How much do they hold? Most green bags carry the same amount of groceries as 4-5 of the every day plastic bags you get at the store. They hold 35-40 pounds of groceries or other items. This means fewer trips to and from your vehicle when you are bringing groceries into your home.

According to Gloria McDonald with Brookshire Brothers, over 35,000 green bags have been sold at the 72 Brookshire Brothers locations in Texas. These bags are available at every Brookshire Brothers in Angelina County, Wal-Mart, Target, and other stores.

Kudos to any store that sells these bags!



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Manure-to-gas plant promises relief for Texas' dairy country

By J.B. Smith - Cox Newspapers (STEPHENVILLE, Texas) – It has the makings of an environmental home run: A project that reduces global warming gases, provides a green alternative to fossil fuel, creates organic fertilizer and helps dairymen get their cow manure out of the polluted North Bosque watershed in Texas. A company called Microgy Inc. expects its new manure-to-gas digester in the heart of the northern Central Texas dairy country to do all that – and make a healthy profit. The company recently opened Huckabay Ridge, which it calls the largest renewable gas plant in North America, possibly the world. Eight huge tanks next to a composting operation mix the manure from 10,000 cows with food waste and convert it into flammable methane. The gas is scrubbed clean, compressed and inserted into a natural gas transmission line, then shipped all the way to Austin, where the Lower Colorado River Authority burns it for electricity for as many as 10,000 homes. That works out to about one home per cow.

Burning the methane is better for the environment than allowing it to escape into the air, because methane has a global warming effect 21 times that of carbon dioxide, which is created when methane is burned. "We're absolutely the pioneers in this," said Pat Chase, a Microgy regional manager based in Sulphur Springs, Texas. "The fact that we can take manure and other materials and digest them and make viable natural gas means the market is really unlimited. It's only limited by how many cows and hogs you have in feedlots." City of Waco officials, who have been fighting dairy waste pollution for a decade because of its effect on Lake Waco, saw the plant as a sign of new thinking about cow manure. Downstream, the city of Waco is turning human waste into methane at the regional wastewater treatment plant and using it for gas and electricity at the plant itself, utilities director Rick Garrett said. He said he hopes eventually to increase production so the city can sell electricity into the grid. Travis Brown, a renewable energy specialist with the state Office of Rural and Community Affairs, said the Microgy project is leading the way in showing how agriculture can be both profitable and environmentally sound.

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