

# WM NEWS

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## Atascocita Landfill Fall 2023

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Fall is finally here, and we are looking forward to the cooler weather the new season will bring.

Several projects were completed recently at the landfill, with new ones planned to start in the coming months. During July and August, we installed 15 new landfill gas wells. These gas wells will not only help us manage landfill gas but will also help control odors.

Excavation crews will begin work on a new 11-acre cell in October. We expect this project to take a couple of months to complete. The new cell will provide 1.3M cubic yards of space for the landfill, which will hold approximately one year's worth of volume.

We will also disc and seed the landfill during October. With cool weather rolling in, we're hopeful the vegetation will be revived since the dry summer weather destroyed much of it.

We continue to support Humble ISD, donating backpacks and school supplies to River Pines Elementary and Park Lakes Elementary at the beginning of the school year. We also sponsored a table at the Humble ISD Education Foundation's Bingo event at the end of August.



**STEVEN RAMIREZ**  
Sr. District Mgr.



### SPOOKY & SUSTAINABLE HALLOWEEN TIPS

Halloween is a fun and festive occasion, but it can also have some spooky impacts on the environment. Did you know 7 million costumes are thrown away each year? Or that in the US, about 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins are grown each year, but most of them are not eaten. Instead, they are displayed and thrown away.

However, there are many ways to celebrate Halloween in a more sustainable and eco-friendly way. Some of these include:

- Organize a costume swap in your neighborhood, reuse and repurpose old clothes or items from previous years, or choose costumes made of natural or recycled materials.
- Use pumpkins as decorations AND food. Use every part of them from seed to pulp ([link here](#)).
- Make your own decorations from natural or repurposed materials such as propane tanks. Search Pinterest for "DIY Sustainable Halloween Decorations."
- Use solar or battery-powered lights instead of candles or electric lights to create a spooky ambiance.
- Use fabric scraps, old clothes, or thrifted items to make reusable trick-or-treat bags for your kids.



Have a happy and sustainable Halloween!

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**Landfill Hours**  
Monday- Friday: 7 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday: 7 AM to 2 PM  
Sunday: Closed

