

# WM NEWS

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## Atascocita Landfill Spring 2024

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Greetings! My name is Jessica Bivone, and I am the new District Manager at Atascocita Landfill. I joined the Atascocita Landfill team in February following Steven Ramirez's promotion to Area Manager of Disposal Operations.



I began my career with WM 15 years ago as a Scale House Attendant. I worked my way up to Operations Specialist and then Landfill Supervisor before becoming the Operations Manager at Austin Community Landfill. My family and I are big Astros fans, and we're excited to call Atascocita home.

Operations are busy as usual at the landfill. Construction on the new 11-acre cell is expected to conclude in April. We also plan to seed the finished slopes on the south side this spring.

Looking ahead, we have a couple of projects slated for late spring/summer. We have plans to install approximately 28 gas wells. These wells will extract landfill gas and convert it to natural gas which we use as fuel. We will also be redrilling six wells to improve gas quality. Our gas wells are important and beneficial as they decrease our environmental impact and help to reduce odors.

Continuing our commitment to our community, we were, once again, proud to support the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cookoff. In addition to being a Title Sponsor, several WM employees serve on committees and volunteer during the three-day event.



Again, I am happy to be a part of your beautiful community and look forward to meeting our neighbors. Please feel free to call me at 281-446-6545 with any questions.

### EMBRACE ECO-FRIENDLY SPRING CLEANING: THREE GREEN APPROACHES

As spring blossoms, so does the tradition of spring cleaning. This year, consider adopting eco-friendly practices to refresh your space while minimizing environmental impact. Below are three green approaches to elevate your spring-cleaning routine:

#### 1. DIY Natural Cleaners:

Swap out conventional cleaning products for DIY natural cleaners. You can create a versatile all-purpose cleaner by mixing equal parts water and distilled white vinegar. Baking soda is another eco-friendly staple that can tackle various cleaning tasks. By using these homemade alternatives, you reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals and cut down on single-use plastic packaging.

#### 2. Declutter Responsibly:

Instead of contributing to landfill waste, declutter responsibly using a sustainable approach. Donate items in good condition to local charities or thrift stores. For items that have reached the end of their life, explore recycling options at [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).

#### 3. Energy-Efficient Deep Clean:

Make your spring-cleaning energy-efficient by optimizing your cleaning routine. Choose daylight hours to maximize natural light, reducing the need for artificial lighting. Use cold water to wash linens and air-dry them instead of a dryer. For energy-efficient vacuuming, ensure your vacuum cleaner has a clean filter, and focus on high-traffic areas to maximize effectiveness. Reduce waste by using reusable and washable cleaning cloths instead of paper towels.

By incorporating these eco-friendly practices into your spring-cleaning routine, you create a healthier living environment and contribute to a greener planet. Embrace sustainability, one scrub and sweep at a time, and make your spring cleaning a positive force for your home and the earth.

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