

# Travis County Environmental Programs



*In Travis County we value our rich natural resources and environmental quality. The County government provides a wide range of environmental services and programs for residents.*



**Volunteer Opportunities in the Balcones Canyonlands** – Are you interested in volunteering to help the environment? Then volunteer at the beautiful Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. You will meet others who share your love of nature, contribute your time and skills for something you believe in, and expand your life experience and resumé. Learn more through our Web site: [www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/bccp/hikes-vol](http://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/bccp/hikes-vol) or call (512) 854-9437.

**Austin/Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan** – During the 2011 Labor Day wildfires, approximately 41,000 acres burned in Travis and Bastrop counties, destroying almost 1,800 homes. Following these wildfires, Austin and Travis County joined forces to increase the region's wildfire preparedness. They encouraged the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a major step in developing a regional strategy to increase wildfire preparedness.

It's not a question of if another major wildfire will hit us - but when. Learn more about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan at: [www.traviscountytx.gov/emergency-services/community-wildfire-protection-plan](http://www.traviscountytx.gov/emergency-services/community-wildfire-protection-plan)

**Report illegal dumping!** – Whether it's leftover tires thrown down a ravine; old furniture, plastics and chemicals tossed in a field; or other suspicious activity, report illegal dumping anonymously anytime. Call 1-877-NO-DUMPS (1-877-663-8677) or complete the convenient online form at: [www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-services/report-illegal-dumping/](http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-services/report-illegal-dumping/). CAPCOG forwards dumping complaints to the appropriate jurisdiction for investigation.



**Household Hazardous Waste** – The City of Austin Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility is open to all Travis County residents to safely dispose of hazardous waste. It will dispose of up to 30 gallons of hazardous waste generated in the home free of charge. You can find more information about hazardous waste, including the list of household hazardous waste items that are accepted and not accepted, on the City's Web site: [www.austintexas.gov/dropoff](http://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff). Or you can call the facility at (512) 974-4373 or Travis County at (512) 854-4496.

**Apply for AirCheck Texas: Drive a Clean Machine** – Has your vehicle failed the emissions portion of the required annual inspection? Or is your vehicle at least 10 years old? If so, you may qualify for assistance with emission-related vehicle repairs or money for a down payment on a newer car. Apply now at this link: [www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/air-quality/aircheck/apply](http://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/air-quality/aircheck/apply)

**Storm Water Management** – The County Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) is a comprehensive, long-range plan to prevent and reduce storm water pollution to our streams and lakes. The SWMP includes: Public Education, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Controls, and Post-Construction Storm Water Management. Many development permits require a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. For more information: link to: [www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/environmental-quality/stormwater](http://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/environmental-quality/stormwater)

