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For more information call 512/239-3150 or visit www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/events/etfc/etf.html.

Texas Environmental Excellence Award Winners to be Recognized

The TCEQ Commissioners will honor winners of the 2005 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards at a prestigious banquet held in Austin on Tuesday, May 3. The banquet includes a dinner and awards ceremony featuring a video vignette on each winning project. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 512/239-3150.

Agricultural Waste Pesticide and Household Hazardous Waste Collections Offered

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of—free of charge—banned or unwanted pesticides, household hazardous waste, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, used oil filters, and lead acid batteries. The TCEQ will also be exchanging mercury (fever) thermometers for non-mercury thermometers. The events will be held at Paris, Greenville, Denton, Carthage, and Kirbyville in April. For complete information, including restrictions, please visit www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/oppr/agwaste/agwaste.html or call 512/239-3150.

Texas Country Cleanup Events Held to Benefit Rural Texas

Like the Agricultural Waste Pesticide and Household Hazardous Waste Collections, Texas Country Cleanups also give rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of, for free, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, used oil filters, and lead acid batteries.

Cleanups are scheduled for communities in Winters, Coleman, and Walls. For details, either visit the TCEQ Web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us/exec/oppr/txcntry/tx_cntry.html or call 512/239-3150.

At these collections:

- ◆ Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed, or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted, and lids and instructions must be removed.
- ◆ No hazardous waste or tires will be accepted.
- ◆ There is a two-drum limit per participant on oil filter recycling, and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee.

Texas Country Cleanup is co-sponsored by the TCEQ’s Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, and USAg Recycling.

New Clean Air Video Available for Teachers

The Clean Air Crew video, introducing TEX, DOT, Cool Jay, and Ollie Ozone in their first-ever animated form, is now available. This six-minute video pits the Clean Air Crew against the dreaded Smog King, who relishes polluted skies. TEX and DOT teach their classmates simple steps everyone can do to improve air quality and defeat the Smog King! The video is a companion to the free Clean Air Crew Activity Book and the Drive Clean Across Texas lesson plans.

For more information on the video, activity book, and lesson plans, visit the “For Teachers” section of the Drive Clean Across Texas Web site at: www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org/for_teachers/.

To order free copies of the video and related materials, visit: http://www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org/for_teachers/order_materials/.

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