



# Recycle & Disposal Quick Guide





# Why Recycle?



Harris County  
Judge Robert Eckels

In light of ever-increasing demands on our limited natural resources, Harris County is committed to responsible stewardship of our environment. Harris County is a leader in the protection of water and air quality. As a demonstration of this ongoing commitment, I am proud to present the *Recycle & Disposal Quick Guide* for our residents. This important product expands Harris County's award-winning recycling efforts and offers responsible citizens a means of locating recyclers throughout the County. The *Guide* is full of helpful hints and references, and should be an important part of your own recycling efforts.

Harris County is rich in beauty and resources. We can keep it that way by remembering the Four R's – reduce, reuse, recycle, and rebuy. These strategies will reduce the amount of trash going into our landfills, beautify the County, and protect our precious natural resources. Working together, we will insure the health and protection of our environment for generations to come.



**Recycling Saves Natural Resources** — By recycling materials instead of using virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil, dig for minerals, and cut down trees.

**Recycling Saves Energy** — In most cases, it takes less energy to make recycled products. For example, recycled aluminum requires 95 percent less energy than new aluminum made from bauxite ore.

**Recycling Saves Clean Air and Water** — On average, making products from recycled materials produces less air pollution and water pollution than manufacturing products from virgin materials.

**Recycling Saves Landfill Space** — The average American household produces 13,000 paper items, 500 aluminum cans, 500 glass items, and 1,800 plastic items each year. If not recycled, these items will take up dwindling space in landfills.

**Recycling Creates Jobs and Saves Money** — The recycling process creates more jobs than incinerators or landfills. Also, recycling can be the least expensive waste management method for cities facing economic dilemmas.

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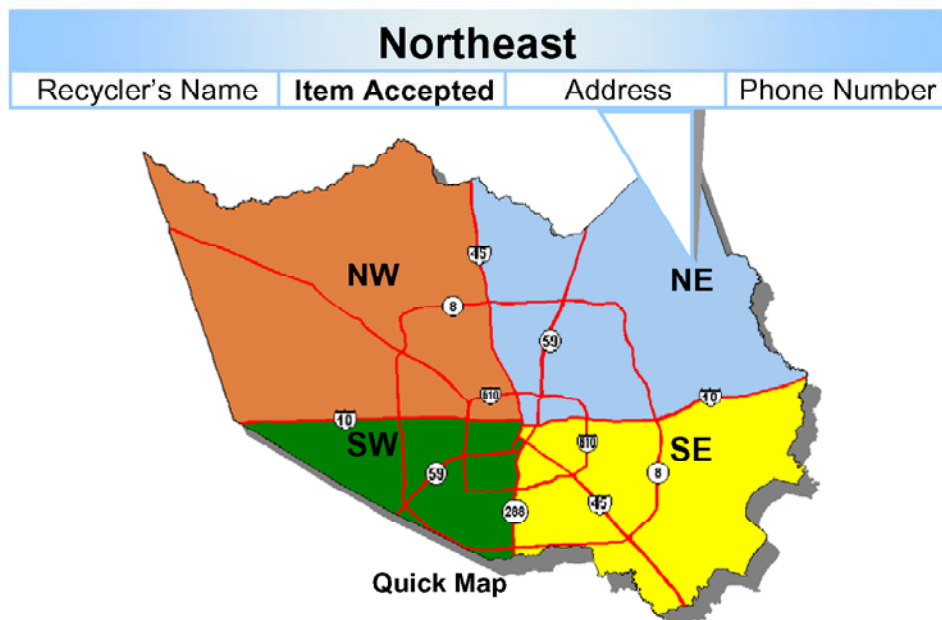
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## **How to use “The Recycle & Disposal Quick Guide”**



Harris County has been divided into four color-coded regions (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast) with the name, items accepted, address, and phone number of the corresponding recycling company. Although many of these recycle companies are free to the public, there are some that may require a fee. Please contact the company or agency to find out more information.







# Bulky Items and

Bulky items consist of concrete, scrap metal (SM), aluminum (AI), cardboard/paper products (P),

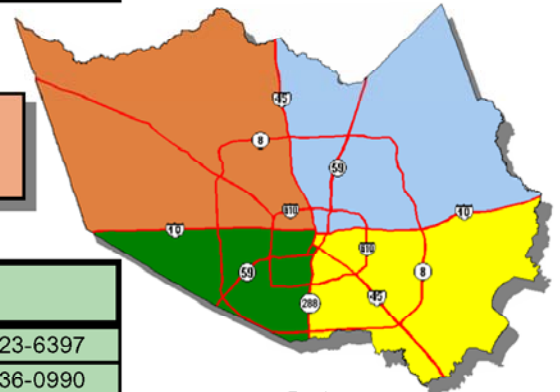
Northwest			
A&B Batteries	AI, SM	308 W. Hamilton	713-691-0134
Abitibi Consolidated Recycling	Paper	Multiple locations	713-723-6397
Altech Metals, Inc	AI, SM	4650 S. Pinemont	713-680-9325
C&D Scrap Metals	AI, SM	815 W. 25th	713-862-5588
CFS Recycling	AI, SM, Tn	8202 W. Montgomery	281-445-1132
City of Houston	AI, G, P, PI, SM, Tn	1245 Judiway	311
Coastal Metal Recycling	AI, SM	14002 Hempstead Hwy	713-690-6767
HHW Collection Events	Tires, P	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
JD Metals	AI, SM, Tn	11502 Tanner	713-465-5066
Northwest Recycling	AI, G, SM, Tn	4400 Pinemont	713-686-5549
Pro Tire Recycling	Tires	4319 Telephone Rd	713-649-1900
Sears Auto	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
Recycle America	AI, P, PI, Tn	7700 Kempwood	713-681-1703
Southern Crushed Concrete	Concrete	10360 Tanner	713-466-8612
Tascon, Inc.	Paper	7607 Fairview	713-937-0900
Texas Metal Recyclers	AI, SM	6318 N. Gessner	713-690-6075
Vista Fibers	AI, G, P, PI, Tn	1200 Brittmore	713-461-9933
Wal-Mart	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-925-6278

## FREON

Products containing **FREON** must be drained and labeled by a certified technician. Look in the phone book under "Refrigerant Recovery" or "Air Conditioning Repair."



Contact your local doctor, hospital, or health clinic for information on **medical waste** disposal!



Southwest			
Abitibi Consolidated Recycling	Paper	Multiple locations	713-723-6397
Cherry Concrete	Concrete	1806 Wooten Rd	713-436-0990
City of Bellaire	AI, G, P, PI, Tn	4400 Edith	713-662-8173
City of Houston- Center Street	AI, G, P, PI	3602 Center Street	Not Staffed
City of Houston- Southside Environmental Service Center	Tires	11500 South Post Oak	713-551-7355
City of Houston- Westpark	Tires, AI, G, P	5900 Westpark	713-668-9551
City of West University	AI, G, P, PI, SM, Tn	5004 Dincans	713-662-5839
HHW Collection Events	Tires, P	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
Holmes Road Recycling	AI, SM	2820 Holmes Rd	713-799-9960
Julius Metals	AI, SM	2406 S. Main	281-499-6400
Rose Metal Processing	AI, SM, Tn	2902 Center St.	713-880-7000
Sears Auto	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
Wal-Mart	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-925-6278

### Quick Fact



Some **appliances** can be recycled as scrap metal!

# Traditional Recyclables



used tires, etc. Traditional recyclables include glass (G), plastic (PI) 1 & 2, and tin cans (Tn).

## Quick Fact



Texans throw away enough garbage to fill the **Astrodome** in less than 10 days!



## Did you know?



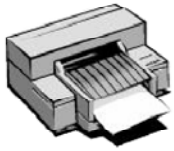
Most local **public** and **non-profit** locations offer free paper recycling drop-off boxes!



Northeast			
Abitibi Consolidated Recycling	Paper	Multiple locations	713-723-6397
Able Tires	Tires	7829 Miller	281-452-4559
All Star Recycling	Al, SM	10608 Aldine Westfield	713-699-2369
Best Amer. Iron and Metal	Al, SM, Tn	5417 N. McCarty	713-674-8659
Bodner Iron and Steel	Al, SM, Tn	3660 Schalker Drive	713-223-1148
City of Houston	Al, G, P, PI, Tn	5565 Kirkpatrick	311
City of Houston- Northside E.S.C.	Tires	5614 Neches	713-551-7355
Commercial Metals Co.	Al, SM, Tn	2015 Quitman	713-228-7411
Green Tree Resorts, LLP	Tires	6710 S. Lake Houston	281-449-9651
HHW Collection Events	Tires, P	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
Jesse Jones Park PCT 4	Al, P	20634 Kenswick Drive	281-446-8588
Mercer Arboretum PCT 4	Al, P	22306 Aldine Westfield	281-443-8731
Mount Houston Tire Disposal	Tires	5100 E Mount Houston	281-442-7497
Nichole Scrap Metal	Al, SM	9741 Jensen	713-692-1765
Sears Auto	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
Wal-Mart	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-925-6278

Southeast			
Abitibi Consolidated Recycling	Paper	Multiple locations	713-723-6397
Acco Waste Paper of Houston	Paper	403 Jensen	713-227-6541
City of Baytown	Al, G, P, PI, SM	1601 West Main	281-420-5300
City of Deer Park	Al, P, PI	3009 Center	281-478-7253
City of Deer Park	Al, P, PI	610 Old Underwood	281-478-7253
City of Houston	Al, G, P, PI, SM	9200 Lawndale	311
City of Pasadena	Al, G, P, PI	3520 Pansey	281-487-5000
City of Pearland	Al, G, P, PI, SM	3423 Harkey Rd.	281-489-2795
Greater Texas Recycling Co.	Al, SM	1211 College Ave	713-943-8456
HHW Collection Events	Tires, P	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
La Porte Tire Center	Tires	11011 W Fairmont Pkwy	281-471-3541
Market Street Recycling	Al, SM	8700 Market	713-676-2621
Recovery Technologies Group	Tires	5302 Wade Rd	281-424-4011
Sears Auto	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
Southern Crushed Concrete	Concrete	5625 Griggs	713-644-3119
Southern Crushed Concrete	Concrete	600 Lockwood	713-926-9001
Wal-Mart	Tires	Multiple locations	1-800-925-6278

# Electronic Waste and



Electronic Waste (e-Waste) consists of computers, printers, televisions, aerosols, antifreeze, car batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, fuels,

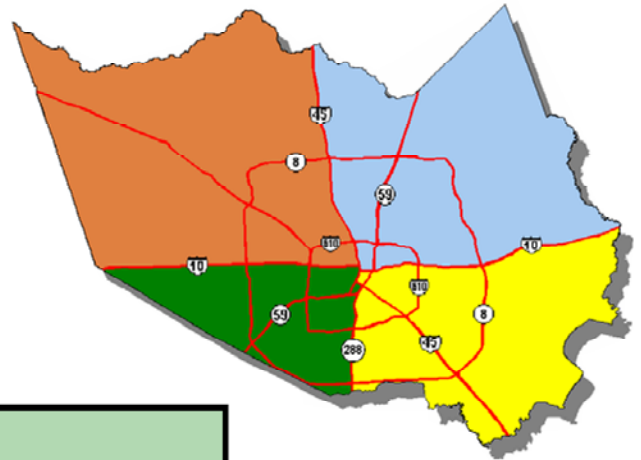
Northwest			
A&B Batteries	Batteries	308 W. Hamilton	713-691-0134
Altech Metals, Inc.	e-Waste	4650 S. Pinemont	713-680-9325
C&D Scrap Metals	e-Waste	815 W. 25th	713-862-5588
Coastal Metal Recycling	Batteries	14002 Hempstead Hwy	713-690-6767
HHW Collection Events	HHW	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
JD Metals	Batteries	11502 Tanner	832-467-3199
Scrapcomputer.com	e-Waste	6829 Fulton	713-691-9995
Sears	Batteries	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
Surplus Buyers	e-Waste	1105 Upland	888-413-3180
WM Recycle America	e-Waste	7700 Kempwood Drive	713-681-1703
www.technologyrecycler.net	e-Waste	Multiple locations	832-754-1359

## HHW Events

One-day events are held throughout the year to provide residents with **FREE HHW** disposal. To find out more about upcoming events call your local government.



**Unwanted medication** should not be flushed down the toilet because the medicine can disrupt the treatment of the sanitary system and even remain in the treated water! Outdated medicine should be **disguised or hidden** before being placed in the trash.



Southwest			
City of Houston- Southside Environmental Service Center	e-Waste, HHW	11500 South Post Oak	713-551-7355
City of Houston- Westpark	e-Waste, BOPA*	5815 Westpark	713-668-9551
Eagle Electronics	e-Waste	9807 Honeywell	713-934-8585
HHW Collection Events	HHW	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
Julius Metals	Batteries	2406 S. Main	281-499-6400
Sears Auto	Batteries	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
www.technologyrecycler.net	e-Waste	Multiple locations	832-754-1359

\*BOPA = Batteries, Oil, latex Paint, and Antifreeze

## Quick Fact



Many major computer companies such as Apple, Dell, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, and IBM offer **electronic recycling** programs!

More information on Household Hazardous Waste event locations and less toxic alternatives can be found at [www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org](http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org)!





# Household Hazardous Waste



phones, etc. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items consist of herbicides, paints, pesticides, pool chemicals, used oil, etc.



## Did you know ?

Unwanted computers may be **donated** to Goodwill, Purple Heart, Salvation Army, or Texas Correctional Facilities!

Northeast			
Bodner Iron and Steel	Batteries	3660 Schalker Drive	713-223-1148
City of Houston- Northside Environmental Service Center	e-Waste, HHW	5614 Neches	713-551-7355
HHW Collection Events	HHW	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
Nichole Scrap Metal	Batteries	9741 Jensen	713-692-1765
Sears Auto	Batteries	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
www.technologyrecycler.net	e-Waste	Multiple locations	832-754-1359

 To find a **battery** drop-off center visit [www.rbr.org](http://www.rbr.org) or call **1- 800- 8-Battery**.

 To recycle your **ink jet cartridges** visit [www.AAAEnvironmentalinc.com](http://www.AAAEnvironmentalinc.com) or call **847-583-1215**.

 To dispose of **compressed gas** cylinders go back to the place of purchase.

 Dispose of **cooking oil** in your regular trash. Pour cooled oil into a sealable container. Solidify large amounts by mixing kitty litter into the oil, then pour granules into the trash.  
**Do not dump down drains!**



## Quick Fact



HHW items must be disposed of properly and **CANNOT** be placed in a curbside recycle bin!

Southeast			
City of La Porte	Batteries	2963 North 23rd	281-471-9650
City of Pasadena	HHW	Curbside pick-up for resident	713-475-5555
City of Pasadena	Used Oil	120 N. Pasadena	713-475-7884
Deer Park	HHW	Annual Event	281-930-2439
Greater Texas Recycling Co.	Batteries	1211 College Ave	713-943-8456
HHW Collection Events	HHW	Unincorporated Areas	713-290-3000
North Channel LEPC	HHW	Annual Event	713-455-5372
Veolia Environmental Services	e-Waste	1800 South Hwy 146	800-624-9302
Sears Auto	Batteries	Multiple locations	1-800-349-4358
www.technologyrecycler.net	e-Waste	Multiple locations	832-754-1359



# Landfills and

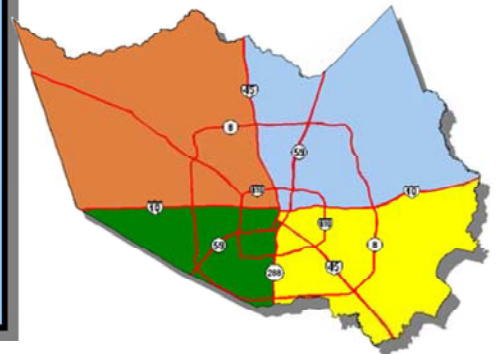
There are two types of landfills that the homeowner can use: Municipal can be used by residents who do not live close to landfills. Wood and

“▲” denotes companies that

## Landfills

**Type I** : Accepts regular household trash and construction debris.

**Type IV** : Accepts brush and construction debris only. No putrescible waste.



Northwest			
CJM Trucking Co. & Soils	Mulching, ▲	12202 Cutten Rd	281-537-2377
Green House Road	IV, ▲	3510 Greenhouse	281-492-2558
Living Earth Technologies	Mulching, ▲	5625 Crawford Rd	713-466-7360
Waste Management	IV, ▲	8205 Fairbanks	713-849-2902

### Easy, No-Cost Compost Recipe

1. Pick a 4 x 8 foot area, preferably shaded, where water does not collect when it rains.
2. Cover half the area or fill your compost bin with a 6-inch layer of leaves. **Add water as needed to make the pile moist like a wrung-out sponge.**
3. Add a 2-inch layer of grass clippings and/or fruit and vegetable scraps, and add a dash of soil.
4. Mix this layer lightly into the layer below it with a hoe or cultivator. **Add water to maintain wrung-out sponge consistency.**
5. Top with a 2-inch layer of leaves.
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 as ingredients are available. Note: The top layer of the completed pile should be at least 4 inches of leaves covering all food materials. Build the pile to 3 feet high as soon as you can.
7. Turn the whole pile over with a hay fork or shovel every 2 to 3 weeks. **Add water to maintain wrung-out sponge consistency.**
8. Compost is well done when most of the original ingredients have broken down and it smells like rich soil.

Southwest			
Allied Blue Ridge Landfill	I, ▲	2200 FM 521	281-835-6142
Action Trucking Co.	IV	1306 East Anderson	713-433-2421
Fort Bend	IV, ▲	16007 Boss Gaston	281-277-3277

Remember



Many municipalities offer **Christmas tree recycling!** For more information call your local government.





# Wood/Yard Waste

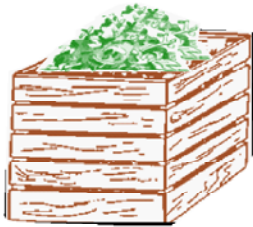


(Type I), and Construction/Land Clearing (Type IV). Transfer Stations  
 Yard Waste (Mulching) consists of grass, leaves, and tree trimmings.  
 offer Christmas tree recycling.

## Quick Fact



Almost 1/3 of waste by weight is **organic waste** like grass, food, and leaves!



Did you know  
 ?

57% of all solid waste is disposed of in Landfills!



Northeast			
Arbor Care, Inc.	Mulching,	336 McFarland	713-694-8898
Allied McCarty Landfill	I	5757 Oates Road	713-671-1575
City of Houston	Depository	5565 Kirkpatrick	713-675-3208
Cougar Disposal	IV, ▲	8601 E Mount Houston	281-458-4084
Mulch Matters Soil	Mulching, ▲	9911 C E King Parkway	281-459-1800
Waste Management Landfill	I	3623 Wilson Rd	281-446-6545

**Don't Bag It...Leave It A Lawn!**  
**Grasscycling** means mowing your grass and dispersing the small clippings evenly so they fall down to the soil. This allows the clippings to break down into rich nutrients for your lawn while reducing the amount of water needed. Be sure to mow over your leaves so they can break down, too.

Southeast			
City of Deer Park	Transfer	610 Old Underwood	281-478-7253
City of Houston	Depository	9200 Lawndale	713-926-1247
City of Houston	Depository	5100 Sunbeam	713-738-1936
Dixie Farm Landfill	IV, ▲	4649 Dixie Farm Road	281-482-1213
Novus Wood Group, LP	Mulching, ▲	5900 Haynesworth	281-922-1000

To learn more about **composting** visit [www.OldGrowth.org/compost/](http://www.OldGrowth.org/compost/) or sign-up for the Harris County YardWise class!



# Less Toxic Alternatives

Less Toxic Alternatives are environmentally safe and effective substitutes for hazardous household waste products.

## Drain Cleaner Recipe

- Pour 1/2 cup baking soda into the drain followed by 1/2 cup white vinegar.
- Cover tightly for 15 minutes and then flush with boiling water. Repeat if necessary.
- A mechanical snake may be needed to clear hair-clogged drains.
- For standing water, use a plunger or snake.



Try to avoid products with labels that read corrosive, flammable, reactive, poison, or toxic!

## Quick Fact



Less toxic alternatives reduce your family's exposure to harmful chemicals!

## Laundry Recipes

- **Bleach Alternatives**– Mix 1 part hydrogen peroxide to 8 parts water, soak for 1/2 hour. Borax also works well as a substitute.
- **Ink Stains**– Saturate stain with alcohol based hairspray, blot with rag. Repeat until stain is removed, launder as usual.
- **Oil Stain**– Rub with white chalk into stain before laundering.
- Use phosphate free soap.

## Oven Cleaner Recipes

Use any of the following mixtures, and scrub with a copper scrubber:

- Baking soda and water, keep sprinkling the soda on, scrub off.
- 2 tablespoons castile soap, 2 teaspoons borax in 2 cups of water, apply and let sit 20 minutes, scrub off.
- Baking soda, salt, water (make paste) then scrub off.
- Sprinkle salt on fresh spills for easier removal.

## Did you know?



Purchasing less toxic and non-toxic products help protect our water quality!



Never pour household chemicals into the storm drain because they flow untreated directly into our local water bodies!

## Toilet Bowl Cleaner Recipes

- Sprinkle 1/2 cup baking soda into bowl, add 1 teaspoon vegetable based soap, and 2 drops hydrogen peroxide, scrub with toilet brush.
- **For tough stains**, coat bowl with a paste of lemon juice and borax, let stand for 2 hours, then scrub.
- **For moderate stains**, sprinkle baking/washing soda, moisten with vinegar and scrub with brush.

# Yard Chemical Applications



Proper application of pesticides and fertilizers can save your lawn and the environment from being contaminated by product overuse.

Did you know

**Never** apply fertilizers before a **rainstorm** because they can be washed into a storm drain, which can harm local water quality!



Harris County offers **FREE** YardWise classes on proper lawn care and composting!  
To find out more call **713-290-3000**.

Did you know

Choosing a "**pest specific**" pesticide will kill only the pest causing the damage!



## Proper use for Pesticides and Fertilizers

1. **Read the label carefully** – it gives advice on how, when, and where to use the product.
2. **Wear protective clothing** as directed on the label; for example: a dust mask, a hat, goggles, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, non-absorbent gloves, and closed shoes.  
**Do not wash clothing contaminated with pesticides with other clothing!**
3. **Do not** apply on windy days.
4. **Never** apply to bare or eroded ground.
5. **Never** use more product than is recommended.
6. Store them in their **original container**.
7. **Dispose** of properly to the specifications on the label.

**Quick Fact**



**Hand-Weeding** is the cheapest, fastest, and safest way to rid your lawn of weeds!

**Quick Fact**



Overuse of fertilizers can lead to **algal blooms** in waterways that receive run-off from yards and crop lands!



**Lady Beetles** are very beneficial to gardens because they feed on aphids, mites, and other small insects!





# Useful Information

## HHW Voucher Program

**Harris County Residents can request a voucher to use at one of the three disposal sites listed below.** The locations accept paint products, lawn chemicals, automotive products, household chemicals, batteries and old electronics. Call **713-290-3000** to request a voucher.

**City of Houston Northside Environmental Service Center.....713-551-7355**

- 5614 Neches, Houston
- Open the 2nd Thursday of every month 9 AM - 3 PM

**City of Houston Southside Environmental Service Center.....713-551-7355**

- 11500 South Post Oak, Houston
- Open Tues and Wed 9 AM - 3 PM and the 2nd Saturday of every month 9 AM - 1 PM

**Montgomery County Household Chemical Waste Facility.....281-367-7283**

- 1122 Pruitt Road, The Woodlands
- Open every Wednesday 8 AM - 5 PM and the 3rd Saturday of every month 8 AM - 5 PM



## Harris County Phone Numbers

**Harris County Precinct 1.....713-755-6111**

- Commissioner **El Franco Lee**

**Harris County Precinct 2.....713-755-6220**

- Commissioner **Sylvia R. Garcia**

**Harris County Precinct 3.....713-755-6306**

- Commissioner **Steve Radack**

**Harris County Precinct 4.....281-353-8424**

- Commissioner **Jerry Eversole**

**Harris County Permits Group.....713-956-3096**

- Construction Site Runoff
- Septic Tank Issues

**Harris County Pollution Control (24 hour Response).....713-920-2831**

- Illegal Dumping
- Illicit Discharges
- Illegal Burning and Odors

**Harris County Storm Water Quality Section.....713-290-3000**

- Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Storm Water Inlet Marking (SWIM) Program
- Water Quality Issues
- YardWise Classes

