



Keep Mesquite Beautiful



EDUCATION



LITTER PREVENTION



WASTE REDUCTION



BEAUTIFICATION

Important Contacts

Keep Mesquite Beautiful 972-329-8331

- Special Events
- Beautification
- Education
- Volunteering



www.keepmesquitebeautiful.org

Solid Waste 972-216-6285

- Bulk Item Pickup
- Appliance Collection
- Compost Facility
- Recycling

www.cityofmesquite.com/solidwaste

Code Enforcement 972-216-6276



- Reporting Hotline
- Illegal Dumping
- High Grass/Weeds
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Trash

www.cityofmesquite.com/code

Hazardous Materials 214-553-1765

11234 Plano Rd, Dallas, TX 75243

See website for details on accepted items

http://www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation/home_chemical.html

Keep Mesquite Beautiful is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by the City of Mesquite and is a proud affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful



Join us today and help keep Mesquite beautiful!!

Yes, I would like to support the efforts of KMB in my community



- Sponsor \$250 and above Benefactor \$100 - \$249
 Donor \$50 - \$99 Friend up to \$49
 I cannot donate at this time: however, I would like to support the efforts of KMB.
- Please send me information on volunteer opportunities.
 Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc

Name/Business _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Or Donate online @ www.keepmesquitebeautiful.org



Keep Mesquite Beautiful

Keep Mesquite Beautiful was founded by a group of citizens interested in maintaining the natural beauty of our community. **KMB** is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and is a proud member of Keep America Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful, National Arbor Day Foundation, Tree City USA and the Lady Bird Johnson Research Center.

KMB, our members and our volunteers believe strongly in our mission and vision. In this spirit, please join us as we strive for excellence in litter prevention, waste reduction, education and beautification.

Mission Statement: to educate and engage individuals to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

Vision Statement: To make Mesquite the cleanest, most beautiful city in which to live, work, and visit.

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Litter Prevention

According to Keep America Beautiful, litter is often the first indicator of other community blight. Litter attracts more litter. However, a clean community improves the quality of life for its citizens, helps attract economically stable businesses and encourages community connections. KMB is focused on preventing litter through education and clean-up programs.

Litter Index: Keep Mesquite Beautiful conducts an annual Litter Index to rank the city's current litter condition. The city's current ranking of 1.93 indicates that overall the city is typically free of litter with a few areas of scattered litter.

Trash Bash: As part of the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash off, community groups, local businesses, MISD, City of Mesquite and individuals work together at the bi-annual Trash Bash event to focus on the key areas of the city for litter removal.



7 sources of litter

Education

At KMB, we are focused on **educating** and **engaging** our community about litter, waste reduction and beautification. We believe that by educating the youth of today, we will positively impact tomorrow's leaders.

Youth Environmental Leaders (YEL): Each year students from the local high schools donate over 580 hours of volunteer time to litter prevention and education efforts.

Lucky the Ladybug : As the "First Lady of Litter Prevention" in Mesquite, Lucky participates in elementary education programs, special events and public engagements. Join our students and visit Lucky online at KMB's facebook page!

School Yard Habitat: Each year KMB awards grants to local schools who are interested in providing students a hands-on lesson and positive experience with native plants and animals.

Christmas in the Park: KMB focuses on environmental education and volunteers conduct an environmental activity for kids.

Recycling Fashion Show (RFS): The RFS allows MISD students to create their own recycled outfit for a fashion show.

Lawrence Homestead Outdoor Classroom (LHOC): Our newest education component is a collaborative partnership between Historic Mesquite, Inc. and KMB. The LHOC is comprised of a historical cabin, natural trail and future amphitheater.

Waste Reduction

Reducing our waste stream is accomplished three ways: Recycling, Composting and Reusing. To meet all three of these goals. KMB is a proud partner of the City of Mesquite Solid Waste Division.



Recycling: All recyclables may be placed together in the same bin or bag. Remove all liquid from containers to prevent contamination. Approved recycling bags may be purchased at the City Cashier located at 711 N. Galloway or at local convenience stores.

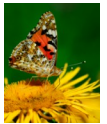
To request a green bin please call the recycling hotline @ 972-216-6972.

Composting: Compost and mulch are available free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis to Mesquite residents at 3550 Lawson Rd.(south of Cartwright).

Reusing: Mesquite Recycles Day is held each spring and fall. During this event, residents turn in items to be re-used or recycled for the benefit of local charities Last year KMB collected over 24,000 lbs of e-waste and shredded over 32,000 lbs of documents! A major success!

Beautification

Keep Mesquite Beautiful is committed to supporting and securing the success of our city's visual appeal and attractiveness.



Butterfly Trail: The Butterfly Trail on the Travis William's Park System features four wildflower growth areas, educational signage and a trail head feature. This beautiful area is planted with a butterfly hummingbird seed blend to attract native wildlife species.

Yard of the Month: June - October, local homeowners and businesses with aesthetically pleasing landscapes and no visible code violations are recognized for their beautification efforts. To make a nomination for Yard of the Month, please log on to the KMB website or call our office.



Arbor Day: Each Arbor Day, KMB hosts an event to promote the planting of trees for benefit of the community and the environment

Trash Bash: during the bi-annual Trash Bash event, volunteers pick up litter and any illegally dumped items to clean and beautify our community! Volunteers may also work with local elderly