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# The Woodlands Township Environmental Services

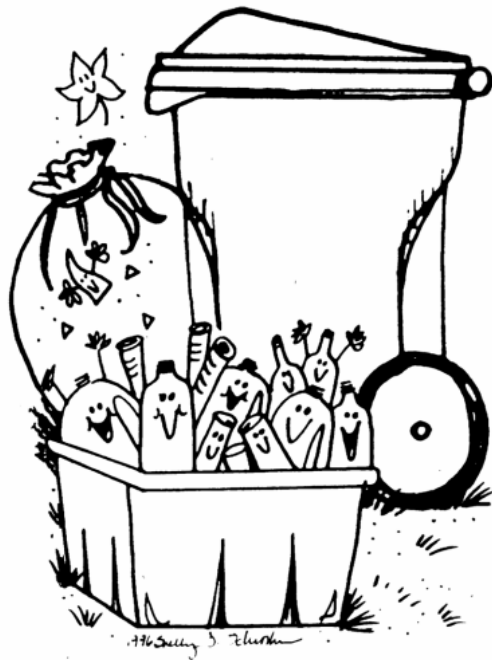
*Solid Waste Contracting*

[www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov)

The Woodlands Township Service Center • 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive • The Woodlands, Texas 77380

# Solid Waste Contract

## Original contract provided



- ✓ Automated trash – tags for extra trash
- ✓ Separate yard waste pick-up
- ✓ “Unlimited” recycling in open containers
- ✓ Money for 2 yearly mailers, scholarships and some event expenses

# In 2012 we became The Woodlands Township

Had to go out to bid so my wish list...

Move closer to PAYT

Expand recycling

...we developed an RFP to get help  
from an outside entity to help us  
develop an RFP

# Solid Waste Contract



## New Contract

- ✓ began Feb 1 2011
- ✓ Automated recycling in 96 gallon carts
- ✓ Automated trash – 96 gal
- ✓ Compostable bags for yardwaste
- ✓ 1% for environmental projects
- ✓ Almost 1 million dollars a year in savings

# Other lessons learned

- ✓ Even playing field by NOT allowing exceptions e.g. pricing for smaller containers for trash
- ✓ Discussed how extra recycling handled - did not get put clearly enough in contract
- ✓ Glass in single stream?
- ✓ SW Inspector
- ✓ Customer service / scheduling services



# What 1% does









2871 Technology Forest Boulevard  
The Woodlands, TX 77381

Pre-sorted STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
G3 DIRECT  
77386



# We

# Do You?















## 3R Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2013 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
8203 Millennium Forest Dr.

*Recycling Beyond the Ordinary!* ONE DAY ONLY!

Alkaline Batteries • Caps • Corks • Clothing  
• Plastic Bags • Eye Glasses • Block Styrofoam™ • Shoes

Plus! Shred Day, Buy Recycled Boutique & More!

## Who's Your Bag?

REDUCE



- Use only certified ASTM D6400 compostable bags when bagging yard trimmings for curbside pick-up.
- Get a *free* dsolv Starter Kit, a novel bagging solution, at **3R Bazaar**. One per household, proof of Woodlands residency required.
- [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/recycling](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/recycling)

REUSE



- BYOB: bring your own bag when you shop!
- Avoid frustration: sturdy reusable bags do not break or split like plastic.
- A single reusable shopping bag can replace 1,000 plastic bags.

RECYCLE



- In just 4 trips to buy groceries, the typical family accumulates 60 plastic bags.
- Plastic bags DO NOT go in the curbside recycling cart!
- One day collection of plastic bags:  
**3R Bazaar**  
Saturday, November 9, 2013  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
8203 Millennium Forest Dr.
- Also, recycle plastic bags and shrink wrap everyday where you shop.
- More info at [www.abagslife.com](http://www.abagslife.com)

**A Program of The Woodlands Township**  
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# How we get our message out



The Woodlands  
GrassRoots Environmental Education Network



The Woodlands  
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Habitat for Humanity



**ReStore**  
Rebuilding Montgomery County





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