



City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department

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Garbage



Recycling



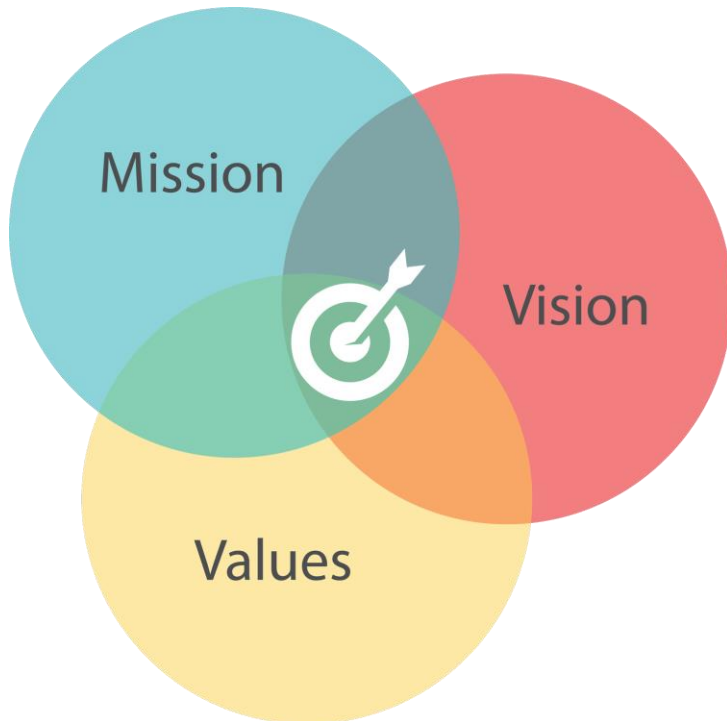
Tree/Junk Waste



Depositories



Supplemental Services



MISSION To provide the city with integrated municipal waste management services designed to support environmental health, sustainability, and economic development in all communities throughout Houston

VISION To preserve the cleanliness of our communities through the provision of efficient, reliable, and sustainable solid waste management services in order to create a One Clean Houston.

VALUES are focused on Fairness, Accountability, Customer Service, Teamwork, and Safety.

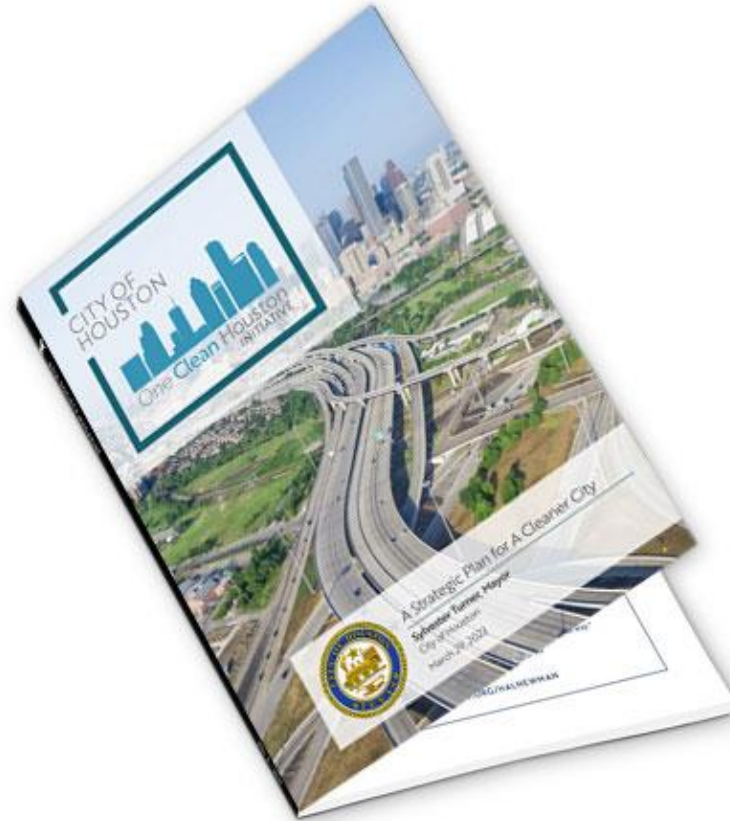


March 2023

- One Clean Houston released a Strategic Plan on how the City will combat illegal dumping. Focusing on the principals below:
 - Rapid Cleanup
 - Better Enforcement
 - Prevention & Education

June 2023

- Introduced the **Community Toolkit - CLEAN**



CLEAN



CLEAN

Care Learn Engage Accountability Never Stop



C L E A N

CARE It costs the city thousands of taxpayer dollars to clean up dump sites. This is more than just a visible issue on our streets, it's a budget issue, too. By reducing the number of hours our Solid Waste Management teams and law enforcement agencies spend working on this issue, we are reducing the cost to taxpayers. You are already on your way to helping by taking the time to read more about One Clean Houston.

LEARN Most people are aware of their trash and recycling schedule, but it can be overwhelming to learn where to dispose of every kind of material in the proper way. Please see the City of Houston's Trash Facts to learn how to properly dispose of all debris. In the following pages you will find more information, including a map to our community dump sites. You can find more details on the City's Solid Waste Management website and by downloading the HTX Collects App or calling 3-1-1.

ENGAGE Engage and educate your community! Share your knowledge! Make sure your neighbors and local businesses are getting information about community drop sites, special dump days and the dos and don'ts of trash / recycling pickup.

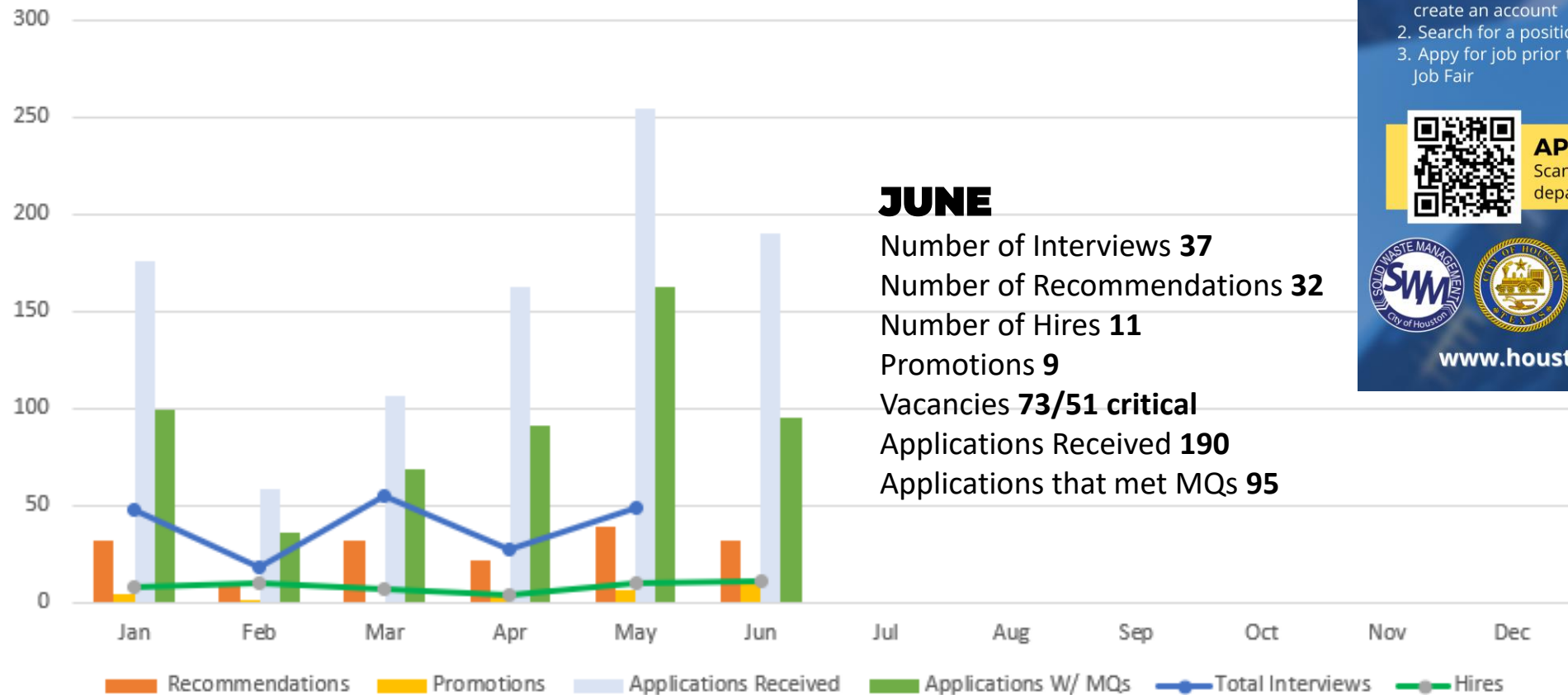
ACCOUNTABILITY Hold illegal dumpers accountable. First, collect information on the dumping activity: Approximate address of the site, date and time you witnessed the dumping or results of the dumping and photos of the activity.

NEVER STOP Find ways to continue the message by teaching younger generations how to join and keep up the One Clean Houston so they can enjoy a clean, safe, healthy future in our wonderful city!

Care

One Clean Houston allowed for funding to increase the hiring incentive to recruit more drivers as part of the Rapid Cleanup strategy. The incentive helps promote more applicants and is more closely aligned with other in the industry. The current signing incentive is \$5,000.

RECRUITMENT - Calendar Year 2023



JUNE

Number of Interviews **37**
 Number of Recommendations **32**
 Number of Hires **11**
 Promotions **9**
 Vacancies **73/51 critical**
 Applications Received **190**
 Applications that met MQs **95**

HIRING

CDL Licenced Drivers

JOB FAIR

August 16, 2023 at Solid Waste NE Facility
 5617 Neches St, Houston, TX 77026

9am - 1pm

EASY TO APPLY

1. Visit link or QR code to create an account
2. Search for a position
3. Apply for job prior to Job Fair



APPLY NOW

Scan QR code to see all department positions.



www.houstontx.gov/hr/careers.html



Junk and Tree Waste program collects large waste curbside for the resident's convenience, provided the debris is within 8 cubic yards or the size of a pick-up truck bed. Additionally, all six Neighborhood Depositories will accept both junk and tree waste 6 days a week.

- **Junk Waste**, also referred to as heavy trash and bulk waste, includes items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.
 - Accepted during odd months only, for transport to a landfill.
 - Consider using the Reuse Warehouse for any extra building/construction material that could be used for non-profit entities.
- **Tree Waste** is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted.
 - Junk Waste may NOT be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.
 - All tree waste collections are taken to a Living Earth location for recycling.





RAID

Rally Against Illegal Dumping

- District B Community Clean-Up
- District D Community Clean-Up
- Dump Day -Rally Against Illegal Dumping

- Coming Soon**
- District J Community Clean-Up





Clean

Current Efforts

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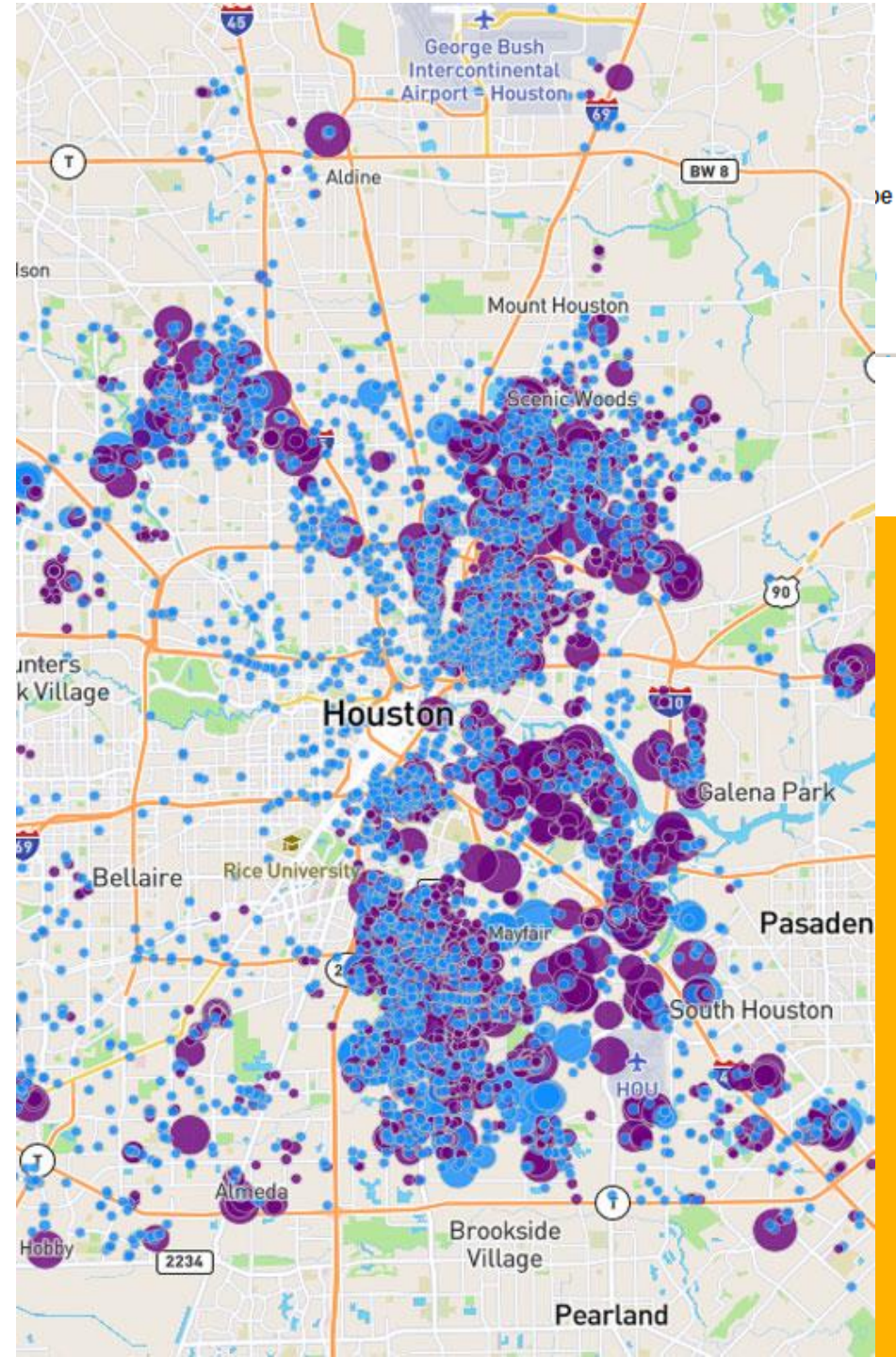
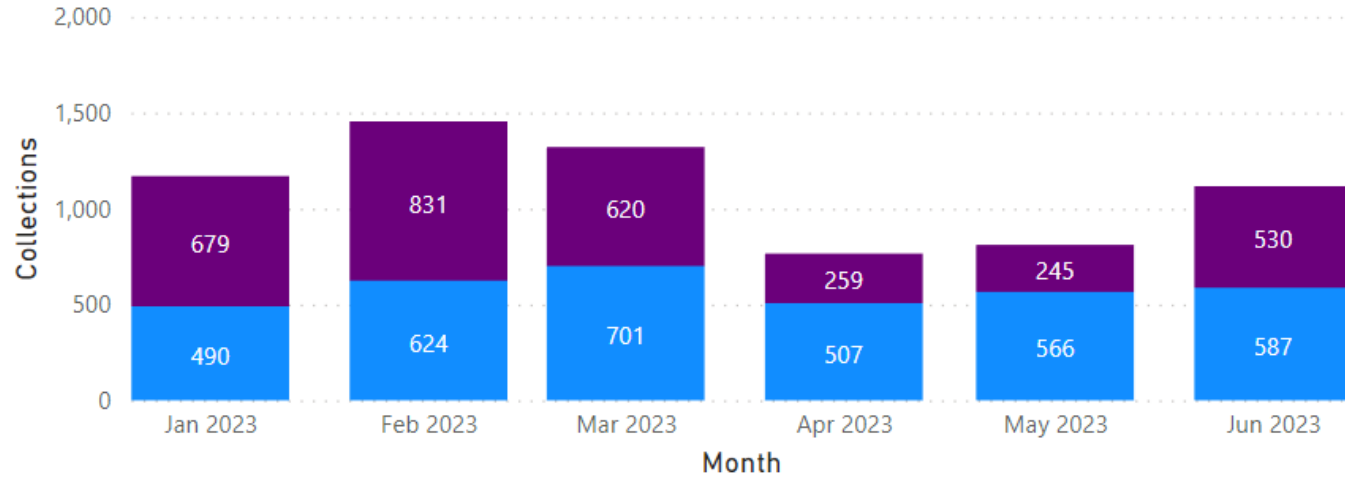
Total Collections

10.01

Avg. Cubic Yards [Proactive - Est.]

Collections By Month

Collection Type ● Citizen Reported (311) ● Proactive



Map provides geographical locations of collection efforts throughout the city over the past 6 months.

ENGAGE AND EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY

- Know your service Day – **HTX Collects App** or Sign-up on the SWD website for Collection Reminders
- Curbside Collection for Junk/Heavy Trash is on Even Numbered Months
- Volunteer for Community Clean-up events - Get Involved at **Keep Houston Beautiful** (call 832-834-6105)
- Start your own neighborhood cleanup.* See pages 4-9 below and call 3-1-1 to put in your request (SWD can provide a dumpster and supplies).
- Post in neighborhood social media groups or bulletin boards about junk disposal and special cleanup events
- **Organize a neighborhood cleanup, you can refer to pages 4-9 below for guidance. Once you have a plan, contact 3-1-1 to make a request and SWD can provide you with a dumpster and supplies.**



Report Illegal Dumping

We need community buy-in to work together on a Cleaner Houston. In an effort to prevent illegal dumping, SWD has deployed 10 cameras in areas where illegal dumping is most frequent.

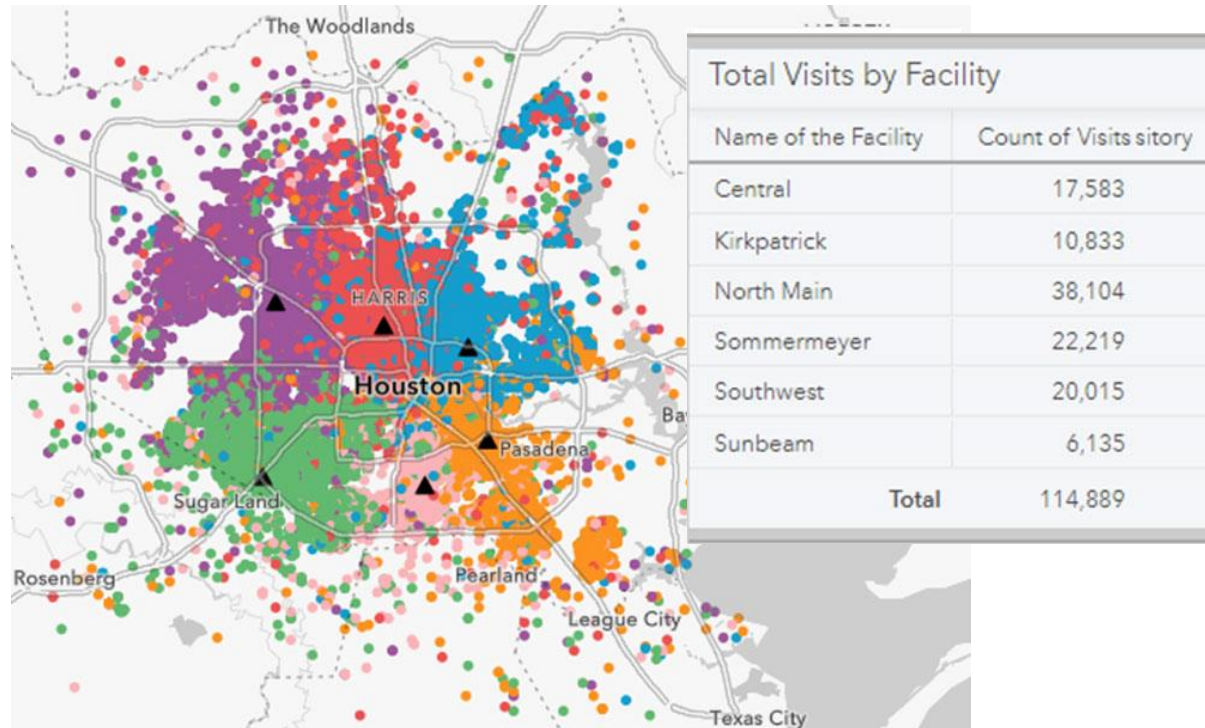
Additionally, the City wants to hold violators accountable:

- If you witness illegal dumping activity, please call Houston Police Dept. Environmental Investigations Unit by phone at (713) 525-2728.
- Collect specific information, such as site, date, time or license plates, but don't place yourself in danger by confronting violators.
- Also, Crime Stoppers Tip Hotline 713-222-8477 (TIPS). May be eligible for a \$5,000 reward.



Neighborhood Depositories

Houston has 6 Neighborhood Depositories with 4 Recycling Centers. Each resident can use them 4 times a month for Junk/Bulk, Tree Waste, and Recyclables.



Proof of Residency Required – Photo ID, Utility Bill / Lease Agreement

Never Stop



Join the Rally Against Illegal Dumping! We need communities to carry the message

- Engage Neighbors for Community Clean-ups
- Commit to Teaching our Younger Generations the importance of Solid Waste Systems and Recycling
- Community Outreach Events for your neighborhood
- Share community resources – Trash Facts
- Engage fellow law enforcement by providing tips for investigation
- Keep communication open with community leaders and elected officials
- Upcoming Events:
 - 8/26 District J will Community Clean-up
 - 10/14 Denver Harbor Community Clean-up

Prevention & Education

In the Community



Increased Messaging



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ANY
QUESTIONS?

