

# Put Waste in Its Place

Don't put fats, oil, or grease down the drain. It can cause pipes to clog, resulting in costly repairs and environmental contamination. Collect them in a container and throw them in the trash.

If a collection opportunity exists in your community, take household hazardous waste—such as used fluorescent light bulbs, drain cleaner, and pesticides—to a community collection site or event.

Don't throw rechargeable batteries in the trash. Recycle them at your local home improvement and electronics retailers or community collection drop-off sites, where available.

The average household has 28 electronic devices. Consider purchasing refurbished electronics. Also, donate used electronics or recycle these devices if they are no longer working.

Each Texan generates about six and a half pounds of garbage each day. Reduce waste by buying less. Purchase only what you need, buy reusable products, and avoid items with a lot of packaging.

Items such as food, yard trimmings, paper, glass, metal, and plastics account for over 80 percent of household trash. Make a huge impact by composting and recycling as many of these items as possible.

Keeping your tires properly inflated can extend their life by almost 5,000 miles. When your tires can no longer be used, recycle them.

Recycle used motor oil. The used oil from one oil change can contaminate 1 million gallons of fresh water – a year's supply for 50 people.

Check out our website for resources for recycling and disposing of your waste, visit [TakeCareOfTexas.org/land](http://TakeCareOfTexas.org/land).