

## Simple Ways to Take Care of Texas

Texas is the second most populated state in the nation—and our population is expected to double by 2070.

More residents means more demand for water. We will need more than 1 trillion additional gallons for our homes, yards, offices, and schools.

We will also generate more trash and need more space to dispose of it. Each Texan generates 6 and a half pounds of trash every day. At that rate, we only have landfill space to last another 60 years.

There will also be more demand for electricity and more cars on the road, which could affect the quality of our air.

How can you do your part to Take Care of Texas? There are simple steps everyone can do to help keep our state great.

If every Texas household replaced an old toilet with a new, efficient one, we could save 112 billion gallons of water each year. What if every business did the same?

We can also reduce waste, reuse, and recycle to save landfill space. If all Texas households reduced their garbage by a third, we would eliminate over 55 million pounds of garbage annually.

Everyone can help reduce emissions—and save money—by conserving electricity. Simply unplugging appliances when not in use could save you almost \$200 a year and help keep our air clean.

Wonder how to build a compost bin? Want to save energy at your school or office? Unsure how to get started? At Take Care of Texas, we provide Texans of all ages with the knowledge they need to make a difference.

You can find answers to your questions on our website, in our e-newsletter, and on social media.

One thing you can do today is go to [TakeCareOfTexas.org](http://TakeCareOfTexas.org) and show your Texas Pride by pledging to do your part.

Encourage others to Take Care of Texas by putting a bumper sticker on your car. Or show your support by purchasing a license plate.

We've got to take care of Texas, it's the only one we've got. Thanks for doing your part!