

# RENEW and Other Pollution Prevention Resources

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## What is RENEW?

- ➤ A free materials-exchange network
- ➤ Used to sell surplus waste materials
- ➤ Option to reduce waste





### Background

- Established in 1987 by the Texas
   Legislature
- > Physical catalog of material listings
- Partnership between TCEQ and Zero Waste Network in 2007
- > RENEW website launched



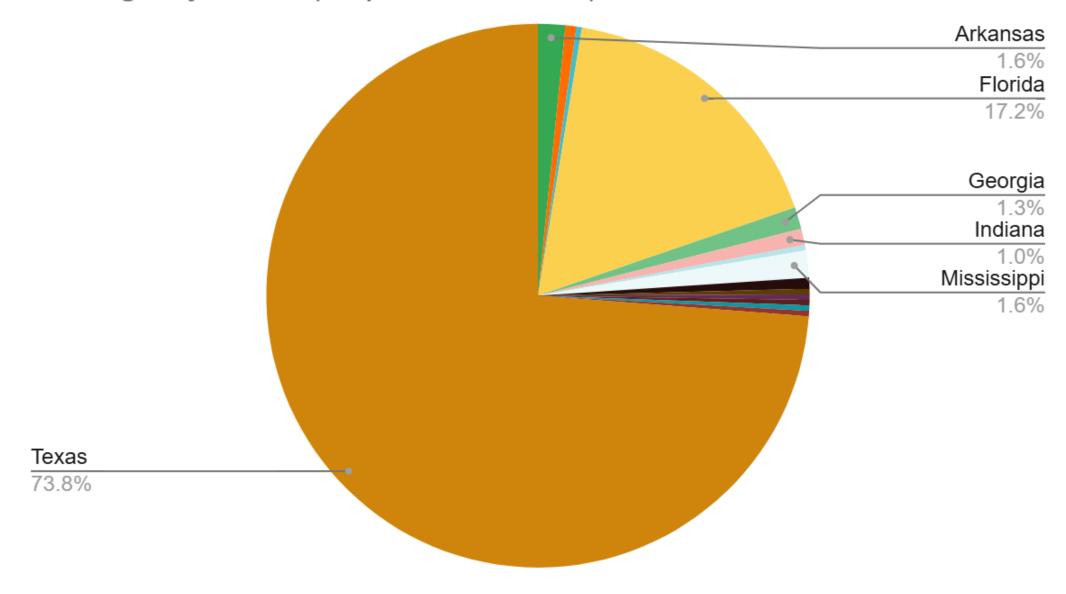
### **Outcomes**

### Since 1987, more than 500 exchanges have

- 1. Diverted more than 1 billion pounds of material
- 2. Saved users more than \$27 million in disposal costs
- 3. Helped users earn over \$15 million from sales

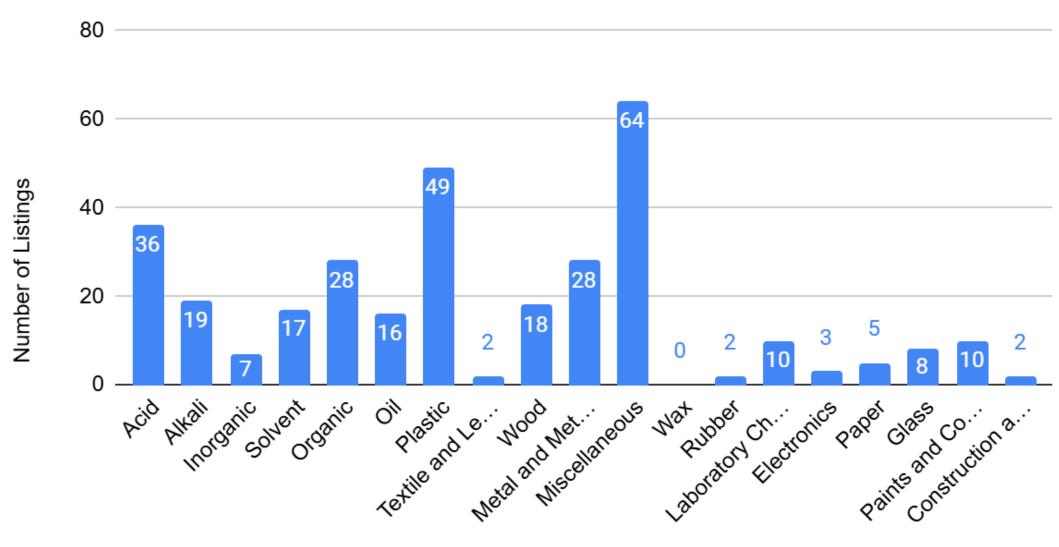


### Listings by State (September 2025)





### Number of Listings per Category (September 2025)





## **US Subscribers**

- > Texas has the most subscribers
- ➤ Significant number of users in
  - California
  - > Florida
  - **≻**Oklahoma
  - ➤ Arkansas
  - ➤ New York



# **Texas Subscribers**

City	Number of Subscribers
Houston	193
Austin	81
Dallas	49
Fort Worth	45
Pasadena	43
San Antonio	32



## **Benefits of RENEW**



### **Environmental**

➤ Conserve natural resources➤ Reduce waste handled, processed and disposed



### **Economic**

- Reduce disposal cost
- Potential profit



### Social

Show environmental consciousness

# How to Use RENEW – create a listing

- 1. Go to renewtx.net
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Add wanted or available listing, edit listings, add successful exchange
- 4. Option for confidentiality

# How to Use RENEW – material listings

- ➤ Materials Available find materials offered
- ➤ Materials Wanted search for materials others want



MATERIALS MATERIALS AVAILABLE WANTED

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# How to Use RENEW - Subcategories

Acid Alkali Inorganic Solvent Organic Oil Metal and Textile and Plastic Wood Miscellaneous Wax leather metal sludge Construction Laboratory Paints and Rubber **Electronics** Glass chemicals and demolition coatings



# Subcategories



### **MATERIAL CATEGORIES**

MATERIAL TYPE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
Acid	Chemical substance having pH less than 7. Neutralizes alkalis and dissolves some metals.	Ferric Chloride, Sulfuric Acid
Alkali	Chemical substance having pH greater than 7. Reacts with acids to produce salt and water.	Potassium Hydroxide, Sodium Hydroxide Solution
Construction and Demolition	Materials used in construction and demolition.	Sand Blasting Grit, Drywall
Electronics	Discarded electrical or electronic devices.	Computers and monitors
Glass	Hard, brittle substance, typically transparent or translucent, use to make windows, drinking containers and other articles.	Crushed Glass, Glass Jars

# **Email Updates**

Go to the RENEW page on TCEQ to subscribe for updates on material listings

#### Sign Up for Email Updates

Get updates on new material listings. Visit our subscription page and select "Resource Exchange Network for Eliminating Waste (RENEW)" under the "Waste Management, Reduction, & Recycling" category.





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#### WRPA

Background about the Waste Reduction Policy Act, its requirements, and resources to help you get the most from planning.

Read and reference the Pollution Prevention Planning Rule 7.

#### **Pollution Prevention Planning**

Use A Guide to Pollution

Prevention Planning (RG-409) to meet the WRPA requirements while reducing risks, eliminating waste, and saving money!

#### **P2 Executive Summary**

W Worksheet 6 or Worksheet 6 will help you complete the Executive Summary. See Tables 4 and 5 for a quick reference on what is required.

#### P2 Annual Progress Report (APR)

**Background** information about this report, which WRPA requires some facilities to submit each year.

#### P2 APR Reporting Forms:

You can download a W Word printed version or a PDF printed version and its A

#### **Hot Topics**

#### NEW P2 Plan Executive Summaries Due Jan. 1, 2025

Facilities that have completed a fiveyear P2 reporting cycle in 2024 must renew a five-year P2 Plan and submit an Executive Summary and Certificate of Completeness and Correctness (C3) to the TCEQ by January 1, 2025.

Additionally, facilities who become subject to P2 Planning must create an initial five-year P2 Plan and submit an Executive Summary and C3 to the TCEQ within 90 days of submitting the first TRI Form R or first Annual Waste Summary, whichever comes first.

#### NEW Fall 2024 P2 Workshops: Tools for Sustainability

The University of Texas-Arlington, Environmental Training Institute (ETI) is offering online and in person two-day Pollution Prevention Workshops in conjunction with the TCEQ:

Choose a date below to register!

#### Resources

Reduce Waste and Save these links to enhance efforts!

#### P2 Resources

These tools can help in effectiveness of your poprevention plans.

#### RENEW 2

RENEW is a materials-e network for industries, and governmental units sell surplus materials, t and wastes to those wh or reuse them.

#### U.S. EPA ☑

Find additional P2 infor ideas at the United Stat Environmental Protection Pollution Prevention we

#### P2 Planner 🗹

This tool, created by Ze Network, will help you of that complies the TCEQ Requirements.

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#### About the Annual Progress Report (APR)

About the Pollution Prevention (P2) Annual Progress Report: its purpose, applicability, requirements, and schedule.

- Applicability and Requirements
- Purposes
- Due Dates
- Reporting Forms
- For Help

#### **Applicability and Requirements**

The Pollution Prevention (P2) Annual Progress Report is required, for certain facilities, by the Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA).

You must submit a P2 Annual Progress Report (APR) if you are a large quantity generator or report on TRI Form R. The report delineates progress towards pollution prevention goals laid out in your P2 Plan. It provides an opportunity to review and update your plan and look for new ways to save money by reducing waste.

Small quantity generators who **do not** report on the TRI form R are not required to submit a P2 Annual Progress Report, but **must prepare** a P2 Plan and submit the Executive Summary to TCEQ.

The Texas P2 Annual Progress Report is **not** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waste minimization report (Biennial Report Form WM/IC), or the TCEQ **Annual Waste Summary**.

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#### **P2 Planning Resources**

Links to available resources for P2 Planning efforts.

The links below will take you off the <u>TCEQ</u> Web site. This collection is provided solely as a courtesy to agency customers and comprises resources that agency staff or customers have found to contain useful information. Because the <u>TCEQ</u> has no control over the posting of material to Web sites on this list, the agency cannot take responsibility for the validity of their contents.

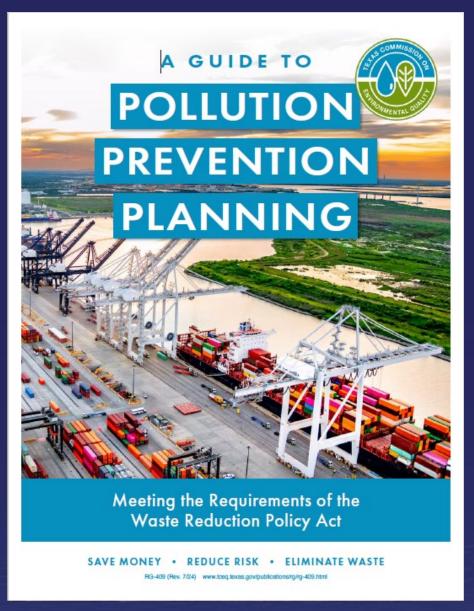


U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pollution Prevention Web site provides general information about P2 practices, the various source reduction programs and initiatives administered by EPA and other organizations, and provides contacts for further information.

E3: The E3: Economy, Energy and Environment Program® is a federal technical assistance framework helping communities, manufacturers and manufacturing supply chains adapt and thrive in today's green economy. EPA and five other federal agencies have pooled their resources to support small and medium-

# Tools and Resources





P2 Planning Guide (RG-409)

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- Worksheets
  - Assessment Team
  - Process Flow Diagram
  - Prioritized List of Wastes
  - Project Descriptions and Goals
  - Employee Awareness Training
  - Cost Accounting
- Documentation Requirements
  - LQG/TRI Form R
  - SQG only



# P2 Planning Guide (RG-409)- LQG/Form

Table 4. Minimum Docume	ntation Requirements f	for Large Quantity (	Generators or TRI Form R Reporters

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P2 Plan	Executive Summary		
<ul> <li>Facility description</li> <li>List of all hazardous waste generating activities</li> <li>List of all TRI release activities</li> <li>Prioritized list of technically and economically feasible P2 projects</li> <li>Explanation of P2 projects to be undertaken with discussion of:         <ul> <li>technical and economic considerations</li> <li>environmental and human-health risks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Estimate of type and amount of reduction anticipated</li> <li>Implementation schedule for each P2 project</li> <li>Description of measurable P2 goals</li> <li>Explanation of employee awareness and training programs</li> <li>Discussion of projects that may result in the release of a different pollutant or contaminant, or that may shift the release to another medium</li> <li>Signed certification by owner or corporate officer of commitment and ability to authorize company resources for implementation</li> <li>Executive Summary of the P2 Plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facility description, including:         <ul> <li>facility name</li> <li>mailing and physical addresses</li> <li>contact, phone numbers, and email</li> <li>general description of facility</li> <li>ID numbers: TCEQ Regulated Entity Number (RN), TCEQ Customer Number (CN), TCEQ Solid Waste Registration (SWR), EPA, Pollution Prevention Number (PNumber) and TRI numbers</li> <li>SIC code and NAICS</li> <li>time period the five-year plan is in effect</li> </ul> </li> <li>List of all hazardous wastes generated and the volume of each</li> <li>List of all reportable TRI releases and the volume of each</li> <li>Prioritized list of pollutants and contaminants to be reduced</li> <li>Statement of measurable reduction goals</li> <li>Explanation of environmental and human-health risks considered in determining reduction goals</li> <li>List of projects with an associated schedule of implementation</li> <li>Implementation schedule for future reduction goals</li> <li>Discussion of projects that may result in the release of a different pollutant or contaminant, or that may shift the release to another medium</li> <li>Annual Progress Report</li> <li>Every July 1 an Annual Progress Report must be submitted using TCEQ forms. Forms are available online or in this guide.</li> </ul>		

# P2 Planning Guide (RG-409)- sqg

Table 5. Minimum Document Requirements for Small Quantity Generators That Do Not Report on TRI Form R

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<ul> <li>Prioritized list of pollutants and contaminants to be</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>mailing and physical addresses</li> </ul>
reduced	<ul> <li>contact, phone numbers, and email</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Statement of measurable reduction goals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>general description of facility</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Discussion of environmental and human-health risks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ID numbers: TCEQ Regulated Entity Number (RN),</li> </ul>
considered in determining reduction goals	TCEQ Customer Number (CN), TCEQ Solid Waste
■ List of P2 projects with implementation schedule	Registration (SWR), EPA, and Pollution Prevention
<ul> <li>Implementation schedule for future reduction goals</li> </ul>	Number (PNumber)
<ul> <li>Signed certification by owner, or officer, of commit-</li> </ul>	SIC code and NAICS
ment and ability to authorize company resources for	<ul> <li>Time period the five-year plan is in effect</li> </ul>
implementation	<ul> <li>Prioritized list of pollutants and contaminants to be</li> </ul>
■ Executive Summary of the P2 Plan	reduced
	<ul> <li>List of source reduction activities associated with reduc-</li> </ul>
	tion of prioritized wastes identified in the plan



## **Zero Waste Network**

www.zerowastenetwork.org



The **Zero Waste Network** is a group of environmental professionals dedicated to finding money-saving options for conserving our natural resources. We are a collaborative project of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the University of Texas at Arlington, and regional environmental agencies. Together we work to identify pollution prevention options for large and small businesses as well as consumers.

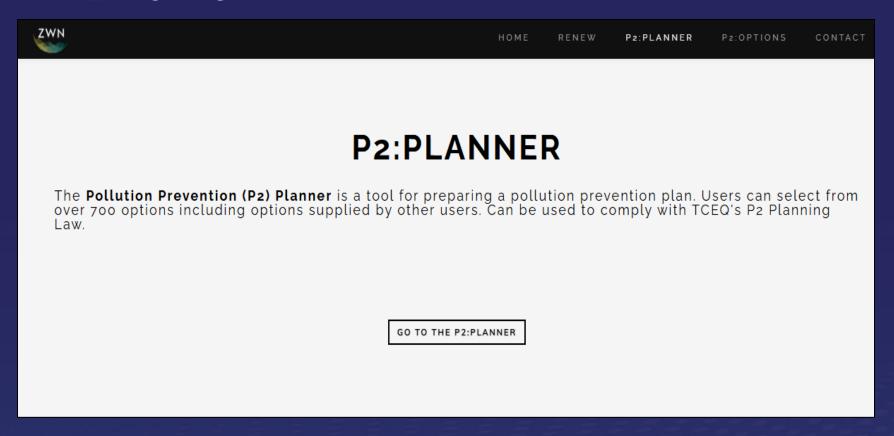
#### Our Mission

We are dedicated to protecting the environment by helping companies become more efficient. We supply tools to reduce production costs by lowering environmental impact. It's a win-win, non-regulatory approach that benefits everyone.



## **Zero Waste Network**

• P2 Planner



# Zero Waste Network

ZWN RENEW P2PLANNER P2OPTIONS CASE STUDIES Welcome Shelby! YOUR INFO THE POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANNING PROCESS This planning tool will guide you through a process for pollution prevention planning. In this process you will: • Identify the activities at your facility and the wastes it generates. • Consider options from an extensive list designed specifically for your activities. · Save the options you plan to implement. Prepare and print the plan and executive summary. Texas facilities may submit the plan and executive summary to meet the requirements of the Waste Reduction Policy Act. YOUR PLANS CREATE A NEW PLAN



# **EPA Resources**

www.epa.gov/p2



#### What is pollution prevention?

Pollution prevention (P2), also known as source reduction, is any practice that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source prior to recycling, treatment or disposal.

Learn more about P2 and why the U.S. Congress declared it the most desirable approach for addressing pollution whenever feasible.



#### P2 Grants

P2 grants for state and tribal programs help businesses obtain information about and adopt source reduction practices to protect the environment and save money.

**Learn About P2 Grants** 



#### P2 Hub Resources Center

The P2 Hub Resources Center offers case studies, webinars, tools, and articles about P2 solutions and practices, as well as information about the P2 Hub Helpline.

Explore P2 Resources Center



#### Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

The EPP Program supports federal procurement of sustainable products and services and is helping to create a more sustainable marketplace for all.

Learn About EPP



#### **Green Chemistry**

The Green Chemistry Challenge Awards recognizes and encourages chemical technologies that incorporate the principles of green chemistry into chemical design, manufacture and use.

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#### Safer Choice

Safer Choice helps consumers, businesses, and purchasers find products that perform and contain ingredients that are safer for human health and the environment.

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#### Low Embodied Carbon Construction Materials Program

EPA is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by providing grants to support Environmental Product Declarations and through carbon labeling.

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#### **P2 Hub Resources Center**

The P2 Hub Resources Center offers businesses and technical assistance providers pollution prevention (P2) resources and tools.

P2 Hub Helpline

The P2 Hub Helpline provides free reference and referral services from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday Eastern time. Reference questions can be submitted via voicemail at (202) 566-0799, postal mail, or email. A web form is also available.

P2 Resources Search

This resource contains a collection of case studies, webinars, tools and articles about P2 solutions, practices and technologies. Some of the resources are from P2 grantees and may not have been formally reviewed by EPA and may not reflect EPA's opinion or policies. EPA does not endorse trade names or recommend trade names or commercial products mentioned in these documents.

· P2 Technical Assistance Providers

Find regional, state and local P2 technical assistance providers in your area.

P2 EJ Facility Mapping Tool

The P2 EJ Facility Mapping Tool helps prospective P2 grant applicants, grantees and interested stakeholders geographically target facilities in or adjacent to underserved communities within the framework of the P2 program's five industrial sector-based National Emphasis Areas (NEAs).

Pollution Prevention Tools & Calculators

These calculators are intended to help P2 grantees measure environmental outcomes and economic performance related to P2 activities.

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Learn More About P2

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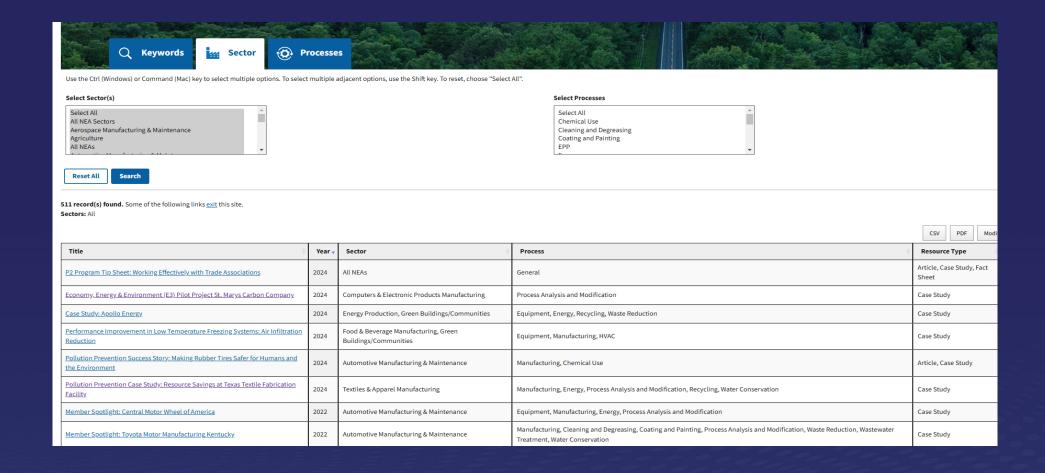
Pollution Prevention (P2) in Action (pdf) (558.75 KB)

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