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A-Z Directory | COMPILED BY THE SEGUIN EARTH DAY COMMITTEE



LIVING GREEN IN SEGUIN

LITTLE HELPING HANDS

Emanuel's Lutheran Day School in downtown Seguin, takes a hands-on approach when it comes to educating students to be "green."

Planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and composting in the Garden of Eatin', the community garden adjacent to the school, are daily practices for students and staff.

"Working in the garden allows students to understand the process of growing food and serves as the source of many of their afternoon snacks," says Deb Haug, the school administrator. "It's also a great resource for teaching science, math and vocabulary," she adds.

On any given day you might see teachers and students toiling in the garden or toting some of their produce over to the Christian Cupboard, a non-profit organization which provides food to those living in Guadalupe County.

The day school also incorporates recycling classroom items into their daily routine.

[Students pictured below and cover.]



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RECYCLING

City of Seguin

Residents living inside the city limits of Seguin have weekly single-stream curbside recycling collection provided by Progressive Waste Solutions. A fee is assessed on each residential monthly utility bill and customers are provided with a blue 65-gallon recycle container. Guidelines can be found on the lid of the container. For route and schedule information or questions about acceptability, contact the City of Seguin at 830-379-3212 or www.seguintexas.gov.

Instructions

- Place your recycling cart by the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled recycle pickup day.
- Place your cart at least 5 feet from other carts or objects.
- All recyclables must be placed in the cart.
- Recyclables can be mixed together; no need to sort.

Acceptance Guidelines

- Rinsed plastic bottles and jugs
- Rinsed glass bottles and jars
- Paper, magazines, newspapers, books, junk mail
- Rinsed tin, aerosol, steel and aluminum cans
- Flattened cardboard and food boxes
- No plastic bags
- No yard waste
- No wet or soiled paper or cardboard
- No pizza boxes
- No Styrofoam/polystyrene
- No electronics
- No ceramic or dishes
- No motor oil containers
- No hazardous waste containers
- No light bulbs, window glass or mirrors

Guadalupe County

Guadalupe County contracts with Bexar Waste to operate three Collection Stations with free recycling of plastics and glass containers, cans, paper and flattened cardboard. Fees apply to dispose of household trash, appliances, bulky items, construction debris, brush, Styrofoam, roofing materials and tires. Call the Environmental Health Department at 830-303-8858 or visit www.co.guadalupe.tx.us for more information.

Seguin Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 467 and Hwy 46 South, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-372-1799

Kingsbury Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 2438 and County Road 204, Old Seguin-Luling Road, Wednesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-372-1754

Marion Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 78 and Vernell Street, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-420-2810

Instructions

- See the attendant before unloading items.
- Prepare recyclables properly by rinsing all containers and flattening all cardboard.
- Glass and plastic recyclables may be mixed.
- Tin and aluminum cans are collected separately.
- Deposit recyclables loose into collection container. No plastic trash bags are allowed.

Acceptance Guidelines

- Cardboard and boxboard, flattened and dry
- Waste paper and junk mail
- Rinsed plastic containers with recycle symbols #1-7
- Rinsed glass bottles and jars
- Rinsed tin and aluminum cans
- No hazardous materials or wet paint cans
- No appliances with Freon/refrigerant
- No plastic bags

This annual publication is supported by Seguin Earth Day Committee volunteers. Information is thought to be accurate, but hours, locations, and acceptability can change without notice.

If you would like to share your suggestions, update information in this guide or be included in next year's guide, contact Seguin Earth Day Committee Volunteer Nancy Masterson at 830-303-0332 or Olivia De Leon at 830-401-2401.

A

Aluminum

- Recycle empty, flattened cans in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle cans at Guadalupe County Collection Stations.
- Recycle at CMC Recycling at 1558 N. Austin St. for cash redemption.
- Recycle at Seguin Radiator at 103 W. Kingsbury Street for cash redemption or donation to Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity.
- Recycle at Platinum Recovery & Recycling at 1515 8th Street, Seguin for cash redemption.

Appliances

- Replace inefficiency with the Energy Star label.
- GVEC Home Stores offer recycling of old appliances and a \$25 coupon toward the purchase of an Energy Star appliance.
- Home Depot, Sears and Ranft Appliances offer energy-efficient appliances.
- Contact a licensed air-conditioning contractor to have Freon or other refrigerants safely removed from old air-conditioners, refrigerators or freezers. Discard old appliances at the Guadalupe County Collection Stations for metal recycling after refrigerant is removed. No refrigerants or other hazardous waste accepted. Fees apply.
- CMC Recycling accepts used appliances free of CFC's, mercury switches and putrescible waste.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts used refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water heaters and any appliance for cash redemption.

Automotive

Automobiles and Automobile Parts

- CMC Recycling accepts automobiles and parts free of CFC's, mercury switches and putrescible waste. All fluids must be drained.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts the following for cash redemption: aluminum rims and tires with rims, alternators, automotive cores, carburetors, catalytic converters, chrome rims, compressors, radiators, starters, transmissions, and other non-ferrous metals

Batteries

According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), discarding or improperly disposing of a lead-acid auto battery is illegal in Texas.

- Ask your local auto parts store or service shop if they accept extra batteries for proper disposal. Fees may apply.
- CMC Recycling accepts used auto batteries
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts used batteries for cash redemption.

Motor Oil

Properly dispose of motor oil. Texas law prohibits dumping oil into storm drains or waterways.

- Ask your local auto parts store or service station if they will accept motor oil for proper disposal. Fees may apply.
- Guadalupe County Collection Station (Marion): 830-420-2810. Used motor oil collected at FM 78 and Vernell Street. Open Wednesday-Saturday, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Fees may apply. See attendant.

Tires

Dispose of Properly

- Guadalupe County Collection Stations recycle tires with rims and sidewalls removed for fees: car tires - \$2.50 each, pick-up truck tires - \$7.50 and tractor tires - \$25. Have rims removed for \$4.50 at Lippe Tire, 404 S. Hwy. 46 or other tire stores.
- Seguin residents call 830-401-2416 for the date of the next free City Clean-up Day for tire collection. Clean-up Days are scheduled twice annually.
- Tires with aluminum rims can be sold at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.
- Report illegal tire dumping immediately!
 - Seguin Police Department, 830-379-2123
 - Guadalupe County Sheriff, 830-379-1224

B

Batteries

Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts NiCad, lead, lithium, ion and cell phone batteries for cash redemption.

Rechargeable Batteries

Dispose at Collection Centers:

- Home Depot, 201 Interstate 10 West, Seguin
- Office Depot, 1500 E. Court Street, Seguin
- Radio Shack, 1500 E. Court Street, Seguin

Single Use Batteries

Dispose at Interstate All-Battery Center at 8143 Agora Parkway, Suite 125, Schertz. Accepts all single use batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) Monday. – Saturday from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.. Call 210-566-7702.

Brush

- City residents have curbside brush pick-up once every five weeks. Call the Brush Department at 830-401-2416 to determine your week of service. Brush shall be limited to five (5) feet in length, twelve (12) inches in diameter and forty (40) pounds in weight for any single branch.
- County residents can take brush to any of the three Collection Stations in Marion, Kingsbury or Seguin. Fees apply. Charges are determined by volume, so the more compact your load, the lower the fee.

Building Materials

- Donate to a Good Cause. Extra lumber, undamaged doors, windows, etc., call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.
- Sell used wire fencing to Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

C

Cardboard

Recycle clean, dry and flattened cardboard. Greasy pizza boxes and wet or food-contaminated cardboard are not recyclable.

- Recycle clean, dry and flattened cardboard in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Dispose of clean, dry and flattened cardboard at Guadalupe County Collection Stations in Seguin, Marion and Kingsbury.
- Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Cast Aluminum & Cast Iron

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Clothing and Household Items

Donate to:

- Goodwill, 1431 E. Court Street, Seguin. Drop off in rear of the building
- The Cranny, 113 N. River Street, Seguin
- Silver Center, 536 E. Court Street, Seguin
- Hope Chest, 805 W. Kingsbury Street, Seguin
- South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. Baby

clothes up to 24 months, maternity clothes and baby items accepted. 975 W. Court Street, 830-303-2151.

- All Wee Need, 106. N. Austin Street. Infant to children, and maternity. All items are checked for manufacturer recalls. Clothing is accepted by appointment only. Call 830-303-8141.
- Hold a yard sale! City residents need a permit. Call 830-401-2435.
- Online through the Seguin-McQueeney FreeCycle network at www.freecycle.org.

Cell Phones

- AT&T, Pocket, Verizon, Sprint and other phone retailers collect old cell phones.
- Recycle at Cellular World, 566 S. Hwy 123 Bypass, Seguin.
- Recycle at Office Depot, 1500 E. Court Street.
- Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.
- Contact local schools to inquire if they collect old cell phones as fundraising opportunities.

Coat Hangers

Recycle at your local dry cleaner.

Community Involvement

- Become a Certified Master Gardener. Sponsored by Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension, Master Gardener is an educational sharing horticultural program. Take a class by contacting Kay McElveen at 830-401-4420 or Mike Murley at 830-491-8501 or visit www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org.
- Become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension, Master Naturalists is a natural resource-based volunteer training program for nature interpretation and citizen science. Register for the next class by contacting the AgriLife office at 830-379-1972 or visit <http://txmn.org/guadalupe>

Community Gardens

- Christian Cupboard Garden, 516 N. Camp Street
- Eden Cross/Eden Place Residences Garden, 1240 Jefferson Avenue
- Garden of Eatin', Emanuel's Lutheran, 206 N. Travis Street
- LULAC Community Garden, 8th Street and New Braunfels Avenue
- Master Gardener Garden at Texas Agri-Life, 100

- E. Live Oak Street
- Mosaic Community Church Spiritual Garden, 1201 W. Court Street
- Texas Agriculture Heritage Center, 390 Cordova Road

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

Replace incandescent bulbs with compacts and save energy. They last longer and use less electricity. See www.GVEC.com for energy conservation tips.

- Bring used CFLs to any GVEC Home Store
- Recycle CFLs at Home Depot, 201 Interstate 10 West, Seguin

Do **not** dispose of used bulbs in your garbage. CFLs and other fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. When a fluorescent bulb breaks some of this mercury is released as mercury vapor. The EPA recommends following these cleanup procedures:

- Have people and pets leave the room.
- Air out the room for 5-10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air-conditioning system, if you have one.
- Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder. Do **not** vacuum.
- Scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- Place the used tape in the glass jar or plastic bag. Place cleanup materials in a sealable container.

Computers

See Electronics

Creek Clean Up

Volunteer for the annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Clean Up Day. Be a part of this local voluntary effort by helping remove trash and debris that drain to local creeks. Go to www.Geronimocreek.org for more information.

D

Demolition Debris

- Apache Disposal in Marion is a certified construction and demolition recycler. Wood debris will be mulched, concrete made into road base and metals recycled. Call 830-914-3900.

- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts wire fencing for cash redemption.

E

Egg Cartons

Donate egg cartons to the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, Seguin. Open Monday-Thursday, 9-Noon.

Electric Motors & Electric Scrap

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Electricity

Energy Saving Tips:

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs). When your CFLs are finally spent, recycle them — See Compact Fluorescent Bulbs.
- Install motion sensor lights so you only pay for light when you need it
- Buy Energy Star appliances
- Service your air conditioner routinely. The best way to keep your air conditioner running at peak efficiency is to spend a few hours each year on basic maintenance—cleaning and straightening the fins, changing the filter and lubricating the motor.
- Electronics guzzle lots of power even when they're turned off. Stop wasting electricity: Plug them into a power strip, then turn off the strip.
- Keep your dryer safe and efficient by cleaning lint out of the ductwork once a year
- Your refrigerator uses more electricity than all your other kitchen appliances combined. To keep its energy costs down, clean the coils twice a year, which improves efficiency by 30 to 50 percent

Electronics and Computers

- Recycle by brand name. Texas law requires manufacturers to provide Texas household consumers with free and reasonably convenient collection, re-use and recycling opportunities for computer monitors, desktop and notebook computers and their accompanying keyboards and mice. By law, you will be responsible for any confidential information left on the computer equipment, so be sure to erase all personal data with a hard-drive scrubbing program before disposal. Go to www.TexasRecyclescomputers.org and enter the brand name and find the nearest collection center.

- Goodwill accepts all consumer electronics at 1431 E. Court Street, Seguin at the rear of the building.
- Office Depot's Tech Recycling Service costs \$5, \$10, or \$15 depending on the size of the box you need. Printers, scanners, fax machines, televisions, telephones, VCRs, DVDs, cords, cables and computers are accepted. See a store associate for details.
- GreenSpotDropOff offers free recycling of all electronics at Your Storage Place, 9423 Perrin Beitel Road, San Antonio. Call 210-655-6640. Call to arrange a collection at your site for a fee.
- Best Buy locations in New Braunfels, Selma and San Marcos accept all consumer electronics for recycling. Most are free, but check www.bestbuy.com for possible fees and offers. Best Buy accepts every home electronic device imaginable, from turntables to boom boxes, alarm clocks, CD players, radios, cell phones, DVD players, webcams, PC game controllers, digital cameras, LCD and plasma screens, GPS systems, inkjet cartridges, media players, medical equipment, heart monitors, camcorders, calculators, fax machines, scanners, printers, TIVO receivers, telephones, TV cables, power strips, two-way radios, vacuum cleaners and more.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts computer boards and internal parts; mother boards, finger boards, keyboards and printers for cash redemption. Not computer monitors.

Eyeglasses

Recycle in Lions Club boxes in optometrists' offices and at the Silver Center, 510 E. Court Street, Seguin.

F

Farmers'/Gardeners' Markets

Buy from Local Markets

- Visit Guadalupe Valley Gardeners Market on Saturdays year round from 8 a.m.-Noon in Central Park at 100 E. Donegan Street, Seguin, 830-379-4642, or at the Silver Center on 510 E Court Street.
- Guadalupe Valley Gardeners Market on Wednesday and Saturday from 2p.m.-6p.m. seasonally at the Farm Bureau office at 536 S. Hwy 46, 830-379-4642. Fresh garden produce, cheese, honey, farm products, and hand-crafted bags made from feed sacks.
- My Father's Farm is a local organic farm. Produce is sold at the Pearl Farmer's Market in San

Antonio, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Produce is also available at greenling.com.

- Seguin Farmers Market Association on Monday from 3-6 p.m. at TLU in the Jackson Auditorium parking lot, 830-305-3193. Vegetables, wood-fired pizza, honey, oils and crafts are available.

Join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

- Steele Farms CSA offers "FieldFresh" a fresh vegetable delivery program by subscription in Seguin. Call 830-386-3276 or contact at www.FreshTexasProduce.com
- Scott Arbor Farms CSA delivers fresh organic produce and eggs by subscription in Seguin, Schertz and New Braunfels. Call 830-379-0588, visit www.scottarbor.com or e-mail joshua@scottarbor.com.

FreeCycle Your Unwanted Stuff

Join the Seguin-McQueeney FreeCycle group online. The FreeCycle Network™ is made up of 5,022 groups with 8 million members across the globe. It's a grass-roots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free and everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

Furniture

Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate gently used furniture and arrange pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.

G

Garden Supplies

Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up of garden supplies. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.

Glass

Recycle clean glass bottles and jars in your City of Seguin weekly collection or at Guadalupe County Collection Stations. Drinking glasses, light bulbs, window panes and mirrors are NOT accepted.

Grocery Bags

- Re-use cloth bags and recycle plastic bags.
- Purchase reusable cloth bags for shopping.

- Donate plastic grocery bags to the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, open Monday-Thursday, 9-Noon.
- Recycle plastic bags at HEB, 1368 E. Court Street.
- Recycle plastic bags at Walmart, 550 S. Hwy 123 Bypass.
- Sell plastic bags to Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

H

Holiday Lights

- Replace old incandescent holiday lights with LED lights. Using Energy Star LED light strands can save 70% less energy than traditional bulbs. They are brighter, eco-friendly, safer and last ten times longer than incandescents.
- Limit hour usage or install automatic timers.
- Use traditional electricity-free decorations, such as ribbons, wreaths, garland, etc.
- Instead of tossing old lights in landfills, Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts old strands for cash redemption.

Household Hazardous Waste

Never pour oils, chemicals, paints, fertilizers or prescriptions down a drain.

- The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) periodically funds a hazardous waste collection. Watch local news media for the next scheduled collection date.
- The City of Seguin coordinates household hazardous waste collection for City residents several times a year. Call to find out the next collection date, 830-379-3212.
- For information for Guadalupe County residents, call Environmental Health at 830-303-8858.

Household Products

Use environmentally friendly household products rather than harsh chemicals when possible.

- Pure & Gentle is a Seguin-based company producing various eco-friendly soaps and cleaning products. Contact them at 1-800-876-9455 or www.puerandgentlesoap.com.

I

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping fouls our rivers and creeks, harms

livestock and wildlife and threatens our groundwater. If you see or suspect illegal dumping, report it! If you see someone in the act, call immediately!

- Seguin Police Department, 830-379-2123
- Guadalupe County Sheriff, 830-379-1224

Ink Cartridges

- Recycle at no charge at Office Depot, 1500 E. Court Street, Seguin.
- Pick up free mail-in envelopes at Walmart, 550 S. Hwy 123 Bypass, Seguin.

K

Kitchen Compost

Start a compost pile in your backyard by collecting egg shells, tea bags, coffee grinds, and fruit and vegetable scraps with no oils or meat products. Layer between leaves and grass clippings, keep moist and turn over regularly to make organic compost for your yard or garden.

L

Lawn Management

Choose your landscape for your yard wisely. Select drought-tolerant native plants to save water, energy and time. Use the least-toxic pesticides that will do the job.

Plant a Tree

Trees provide shade to homes, businesses, roads and parking lots. Just three large trees around your home — two on the west side and one on the east — can provide enough shade to reduce your air-conditioning costs by 30 percent in the summer. Plant a tree to shade the area over and around your outside air-conditioning unit to save even more. Call 811 before you dig a hole for a new tree.

Lawnmowers

Recycle used lawnmowers for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Lead Batteries & Lead Wheel Weights

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Leaves

Mulch them! Don't waste trash bags or landfill space with fallen leaves. Run over them twice with a

mulching mower and let decompose on your lawn to feed your grass, or rake them into garden beds for free and fertile compost.

Light Bulbs

See Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

M

Magazine Subscriptions

Share magazines or donate them to retirement homes, waiting rooms or the Seguin Public Library.

Metals

Recycle scrap metal: aluminum, brass, cast iron, copper, nickel, lead, stainless steel and many alloys for cash redemption at:

- CMC Recycling at 1558 N. Austin Street, Seguin
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling

Mulch

Free mulch is available to Seguin residents residing inside the city limits. Amount is limited to availability and must be loaded by resident into their own vehicles. Delivery is available by the truckload upon request. Mulch pickup area is located at 634 Fred Byrd Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Public Works at 830-401-2416 for more details.

N

Native Texas Plants

Grow naturally. Don't waste water on thirsty exotic plants. Ask for Texas native plants at local nurseries. Learn more at the Guadalupe County Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas monthly meetings. For information call 830-303-0333.

P

Paint

- Donate full paint cans to Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity. Call 830-389-3047 to arrange pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.
- To properly dispose of paint, remove lid and let dry. When hard, throw out with garbage.

Paper

Recycle and support local schools and churches. These paper recycling bins accept newspapers,

telephone books, junk mail, magazines and catalogues.

- American Legion Auxiliary, 618 E. Kingsbury
- Ball Elementary, 620 W. Krezdorn
- Briesemeister Middle School, 1616 W. Court Street
- Cross United Church Of Christ, 814 N. Bauer Street
- Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis
- First Baptist Church, 1314 E. Cedar
- First United Methodist, 710 N. Austin Street
- First Presbyterian Church, 305 N. King
- Guadalupe Blanco River Authority, 933 E. Court
- Guadalupe County, 209 E. Donegan Street
- Guadalupe County Collection Station, FM 467 and Hwy 46
- Jefferson Avenue Elementary, 215 Short
- Jim Barnes Middle School, 1539 Joe Carrillo Blvd
- Koennecke Elementary School, 1441 Joe Carrillo Blvd
- Mary B. Erskine Education Center, 216 E. College
- Navarro Middle School, 300 Link Road, Geronimo
- Navarro Elementary School, 380 Link Road, Geronimo
- Navarro High School, 6450 State Hwy 123 N. Geronimo
- Quality BioResources, 1015 N. Austin Street
- Seguin Activity Center, 308 E. Court Street
- Seguin High School, 815 Lamar
- Silver Center, 510 E. Court Street
- SISD Administration Office, 1221 E. Kingsbury
- Vogel Elementary School, 16121 FM 725
- Weinert Elementary School, 1111 N. Bruns

Parks

Enjoy Seguin's green space. Call Seguin Parks and Recreation Department at 830-401-2480 for more information.

- Blumberg Park: playscape, pavilion, basketball court
- Central Park: gazebo, fountain
- Manuel Castilla Park: pavilions, basketball court, playscape, walking trail
- Max Starcke Park: wave pool, golf course, pavilions, walking trail, fishing point
- Park West: playscape, splash pad, skate park, bike and walking trails, basketball courts, sports fields (Opening Summer 2015)

- Veteran's Park: memorial
- Walnut Springs Park: walking trail

Pets

Responsible pet ownership is important!

- Spay or neuter your pet. Nationwide millions of pets are euthanized each year because of pet overpopulation. A Spay and Neuter Assistance Program is available to qualifying Seguin residents. Call Seguin Animal Services at 830-401-2335 for more information.
- Visit the Seguin dog park, Barkey Park, next to Max Starcke Park, River Drive West.
- Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste properly, especially in public areas.
- Adopt a pet from:
 - Guadalupe County Animal Control, 2617 N. Guadalupe Street, 830-303-8853
 - Seguin Animal Services, 809 S. River Street, 830-401-2335.

Plastic

- Rinse and recycle containers with #1-7 stamped in a triangle on bottom.
- Recycle in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle at Guadalupe County Collection Stations.
- Sell plastics with the recycle symbol, including water bottles and plastic grocery bags, at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.

Plastic Bags

- Do **not** place loose plastic grocery bags in City recycle bins. They cause mechanical disruption at the recycle collection facility. For explanation on how to properly dispose of bags, call the City of Seguin at 830-379-3212.
- Extra plastic bags are needed at the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, Seguin, Monday-Thursday, 9a.m.-1p.m., 830-379-4857.
- Sell plastic grocery bags at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.
- Return extra plastic bags to grocery stores for recycling.

Prescription Drugs

- Discard old medicines safely and never down the drain.
- Use pre-paid postage Takeaway Environmental Return System offered at CVS Pharmacy, 110 S. King Street, Seguin.

- The Seguin Police Department collects old prescriptions annually at the Earth Day Festival at Central Park, 201 South Austin Street, the last Saturday of April. Drop off at the City of Seguin exhibit.

Q

Quit Rinsing & Start Scraping

Save water and reduce pollution in the Guadalupe River by scraping your dirty dishes into the trash. Don't rinse fats and oils down the drain.

R

Reusable Grocery Bags

Take reusable bags to the supermarket every time, and keep a supply in your car for those last-minute items.

Ride the Bus

Leave the car at home! *Connect Seguin* daily bus service runs every hour at fixed stops around town. Regular fare is \$1, half price for seniors and students with identification and free for uniformed military, police and fire personnel. Public transportation reduces gasoline consumption and carbon emissions, increases economic growth and saves money. Call 866-889-7433 for more information.

S

Shell Casings, Spent

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling,

Shoes

If there's still some wear and tear left in your shoes, donate them to a local resale store.

Shopping

- Select items with the least amount of packaging.
- Choose items with highest recycled content.
- Buy used merchandise at resale shops.
- Purchase higher quality items rather than disposable.
- Use reusable bags for shopping.

Storm Drains

Water that flows into storm drains and street gutters is

not treated and filtered for pollutants. This contaminated water flows directly into local creeks, streams and rivers and then ends up in the ocean. Everything other than pure rain water is a potential contaminant that degrades water quality. It is important that you help prevent contaminants from flowing into storm drains and never pour anything into them. Intentionally pouring water and pollutants into storm drains is dangerous to the environment and is also illegal.

Styrofoam Peanuts

Donate for Reuse:

- UPS Store, 562 State Hwy 123 Bypass, Seguin
- UPs and Grounds, 1136 E. Kingsbury Street, Seguin

T

Tin Cans

Rinse out tin cans and recycle.

- Recycle in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle at Guadalupe County Collection Stations.
- Recycle at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.

Televisions

- Find a Recycling Center. Texas law requires manufacturers to provide Texas household consumers with free and reasonably convenient collection, re-use and recycling opportunities for televisions. Go to www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org to find the nearest TV collection center. Tube TVs are CRTs, flat screen TVs are in the LCD category.
- Donate old working televisions at Goodwill at 1431 E. Court Street, Seguin.
- Best Buy stores in New Braunfels, San Marcos or The Forum in Selma also collect tube (CRT) televisions for a \$10 recycling fee, with a \$10 gift certificate toward a new TV. A pick-up service is available for old televisions larger than 32". Check www.bestbuy.com for the latest acceptance and fee information.
- GreenSpotDropOff offers free recycling of all electronics at Your Storage Place, 9423 Perrin Beitel Road, San Antonio. Call 210-655-6640 to arrange on-site collections for a fee.

Tools

- Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up of power tools, hand tools and lawn tools.

Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street.

- Recycle used lawnmowers for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

Toys and Baby Items

- Donate baby and children's items to South Texas Pregnancy Care Center at 975 W. Court Street, 830-303-2151.
- Sell for store credit at All Wee Need, 106. N. Austin Street. Infant to toddler furniture, toys and seasonal items. All items are checked for manufacturer recalls. Items accepted by appointment only. Call 830-303-8141.

V

Vegetables

See Farmers'/Gardeners' Market

W

Water

Save Water!

- Follow your utility's guidelines on landscape watering.
- Install a rainwater collection system. Visit Tank Depot at 2702 SE Loop 410, San Antonio or call them at 210-648-3866.
- Repair leaks and drips immediately.
- Plant native or adapted water-wise landscaping.
- Install water-saving devices on showers, sinks, and toilets.
- Adjust water level on washing machine to match load size.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth and shaving.
- Take shorter showers or don't fill the bathtub completely.
- Use a sprinkler with large water drops instead of a mist; better yet, use a soaker hose.
- Use a cut-off nozzle when washing your car instead of running water continuously.
- Mulch trees and plants to retain moisture and prevent evaporation.
- Learn more at www.gbra.org.

Walking Trails

- Park West Walking Trail (Opening Summer 2015)

- Starcke Park East Walking Trail
- TLU Campus Walking Trail
- Vogel Elementary School Walking Trail
- Weinert Elementary School Walking Trail
- Walnut Springs Park

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Zero-Waste

Live with a reduce, re-use and recycle lifestyle. Texans throw away about 7.3 pound of waste per person per day according to Keep Texas Beautiful. Re-use and repurpose what you already have. Recycle more, spend less and enjoy our beautiful planet.

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All Battery Center, 8143 Agora Parkway- Suite 125, (210) 566-7702

All Wee Need, 106 N Austin St, (830) 303-8141

Apache Disposal, 13333 W IH 10, Marion, TX 78124, (830) 914-3900

Cellular World, 566 S Hwy 123 Bypass, (830) 303-3267

Christian Cupboard Community Garden, 516 N Camp St, (830) 379-4857

City of Seguin-Brush Department, (830) 401-2416

City of Seguin-Permit Department, 205 N River, (830) 401-2435

CMC Recycling, 1558 N Austin Street, (830) 372-8550

Connect Seguin, (866) 889-7433

Eden Cross/Eden Place Residences Community Garden, 1240 Jefferson Ave

Emanuel's Lutheran-Garden of Eatn', 206 N Travis

Farm Bureau Office, 325 S State Highway 46, (830) 379-4456

Goodwill, 1431 E Court St, (210) 924-8581

Green Spot Drop Off, 9423 Perrin Bietel, (210) 655-6640

Guadalupe County Animal Control, 2617 N Guadalupe St, (830) 303-8853

Guadalupe County Sheriff, (830) 379-1224

Guadalupe Valley Gardeners Market, S Hwy 46, (830) 379-4642

Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity, 256 W Court St, (830) 401-0422

H-E-B, 1368 E Court Street, (830) 379-8384

Home Depot, 201 Interstate 10 West, (830) 372-0714

Hope Chest, 805 W Kingsbury St

Kingsbury Collection Station, FM 2438 @ CR 204 Old Seguin Luling Road, (830) 372-1754

LULAC Community Garden, 8th St and New Braunfels Ave

Marion Collection Station, FM 78 @ Vernell St, (830) 420-2810

Master Gardener Garden at Texas Agri-Life, 100 E Live Oak, 830-401-4420

Mosaic Community Church Spiritual Garden, 1201 W Court St

Office Depot, 1500 E Court St, (830) 372-2310

Platinum Recovery and Recycling, 1515 8th St, (830) 303-8916

Progressive Waste Solution, (830) 401-4209

Pure and Gentle, pureandgentlesoap.com, (830) 379-1937

Radio Shack, 1500 E Court St, (830) 379-3623

Scott Arbor Farms CSA, (830) 379-0588

Seguin Animal Services, 809 S River, (830) 401-2335

Seguin Collection Station, FM 467 @ HWY 46, (830) 372-1799

Seguin Farmers Market Association, Jackson Auditorium at TLU, (830) 305-3193

Seguin Parks and Recreation, 600 River Drive West, (830) 401-2480

Seguin Police Department, 350 N Guadalupe St, (830) 379-2123

Silver Center, 510 E Court Street, (830) 303-6612

South Texas Pregnancy Center, 975 W Court St, (830) 303-2151

Steele Farms CSA, (830) 386-3276

Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension, agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/

Texas Agriculture Heritage Center, 390 Cordova Rd

Texas Master Naturalist, txmn.org/Guadalupe, 830-379-1972

The Cranny, 113 N River, (830) 372-1216

Ups and Grounds, 1136 E Kingsbury Street, (830) 379-5504

UPS Store, 562 State Hwy 123, (830) 379-8717

Walmart, 550 S Hwy 123 Bypass, (830) 372-5993

Helpful Resources

Keep Texas Beautiful: <http://www.ktb.org/>

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: www.tceq.texas.gov

Recycling centers for computers:

www.TexasRecyclesComputers.org

Television recycling centers: www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org

Improve air and water quality: www.takecareoftexas.org

How to recycle E-Waste: www.greenergadgets.org

Find a recycling center: www.earth911.org

Find a battery collection center: www.call2recycle.org

For current environmental issues: www.texasenviroment.org

Give away or get free items: www.freecycle.org

Air, water, land and energy issues at www.epa.gov

Guide to a Greener Seguin: issuu.com/guidetoagreenerseguin

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