We Can't Keep Secrets Any More

City of Plano Environmental Education and
Community Outreach Division

#1 $ave Money on Your Garbage $ervi¢e

- If your 95-gallon trash cart is not filled up every week, order a smaller 65-gallon cart and save $2.60 per month on your bill

#2 Re¢y¢le More, Pay Le$$

- Recycle at Home
  - **Newspaper**
  - **Magazines**
  - **Telephone books**
  - **Glass**
  - **#1 & #2 Plastic Bottles**
  - **Aluminum Cans**
  - **Steel Cans**
  - **Cardboard Boxes**
- Get a second recycle cart free
- Call (972) 769-4150

#3 Cart Repair

Broken cart? Missing a wheel?
Call **(972) 769-4150** to request a repair visit.

There is **no charge**
to repair carts or
to remove the divider

#4 Plano Material Exchange

- Free on-line listing service for Plano residents
- Features gently-used items available for re-use
  - Appliances
  - Furniture
  - Clothing
  - Toys
  - Sports equipment
- **<u>Items are not for sale</u>**
- List or search for items at: **http://www.plano.gov/planomatex**

#5 Drop-Off Recycling

Live in an apartment? Drop off your recycling at any Plano Library:

- Harrington Library - 1501 E. 18th St.
- Plano Municipal Center - 1520 Ave.
- Haggard Library - 2501 Coit Rd.
- Davis Library - 7501 N. Independence Pkwy.
- Parr Library - 6200 Windhaven Pkwy.
- Schimelpfenig Library - 5024 Custer Rd.

Or our recycling partner:

- Allied Waste Services - 4200 E. 14th St.

Free Services

- Household Chemical Collection
- Re-Use Center
- Environmental Discovery Center

#6 Household Chemical Collection

- Residential curb-side collection
- Trained technicians collect the chemicals

- Call to schedule collection (972) 769-4150

Sorting and Processing

- **Technicians sort the items in the processing area by established categories.**

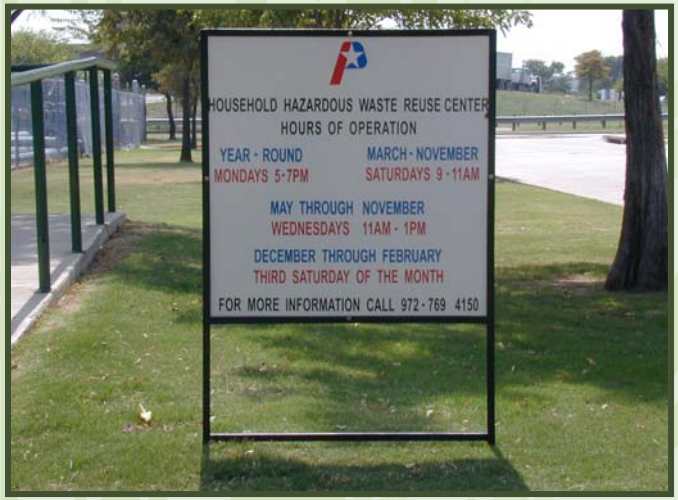
- **Items undergo inspection to determine whether materials will be reused, recycled, or disposed.**

#7 Household Chemical Reuse Center

- **Acceptable household chemicals are placed on the shelves at the Reuse Center.**

- **Trained volunteers assist with record-keeping and ensure all participants sign waivers.**

Household Chemical Reuse Center



- **Household chemicals available free to residents**
- **Reuse Center is open multiple times per week. The schedule varies by season.**

Our Purpose

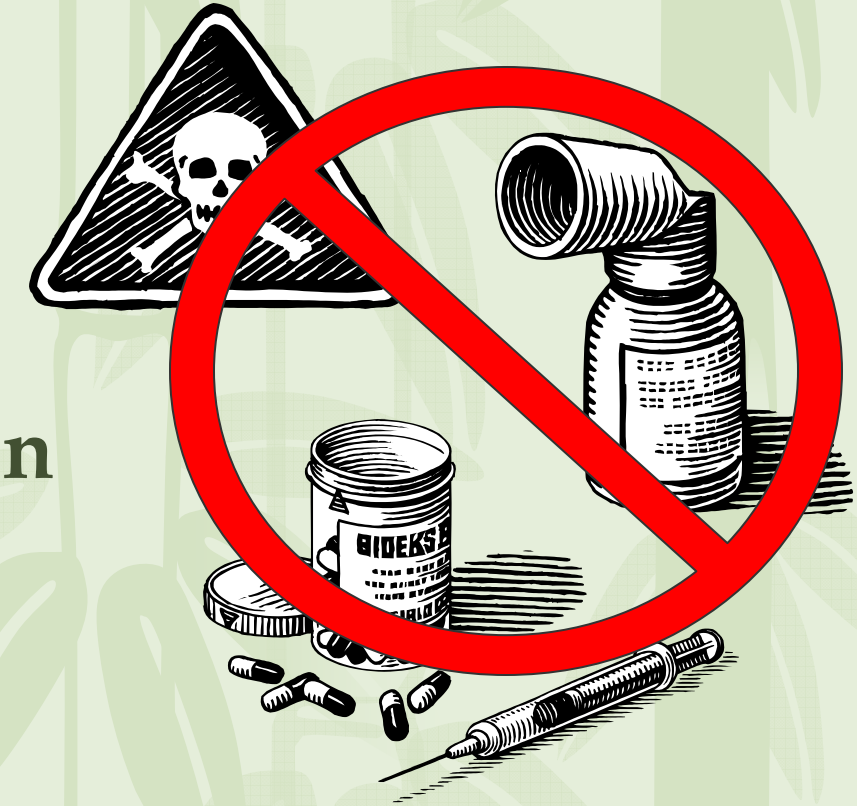
- **Divert household hazardous waste from the waste stream**
- **Reduce storm water contamination**
- **Provide household chemicals for reuse**
- **Educate the public about less toxic alternatives**

Chemicals Accepted

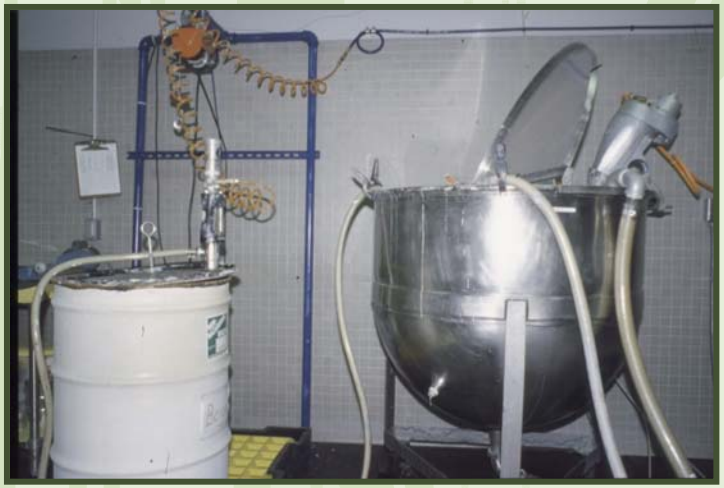
- Paint
- Stains/ Finishes
- Automotive Supplies
- Gardening Products
- Household Cleaners
- Repair Products
- Pool Chemicals
- Pet Products
- Gas Cans
- Misc. Chemicals
- Cooking Oil

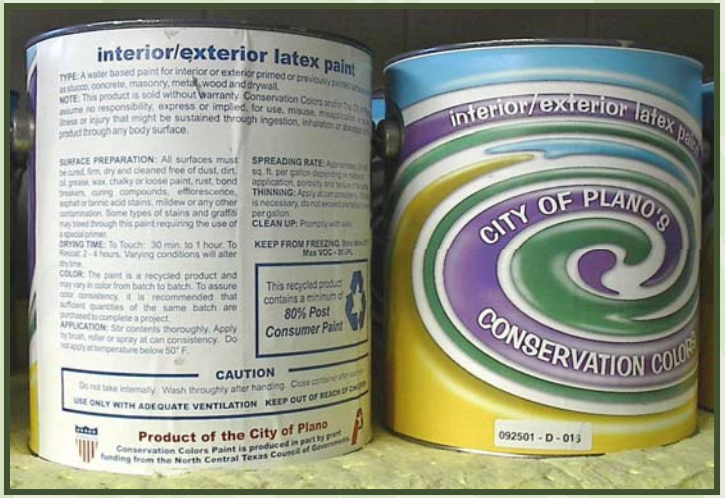
Chemicals NOT Accepted

- **Ammunition**
- **Arsenic**
- **Medical Waste**
- **Expired Medication**

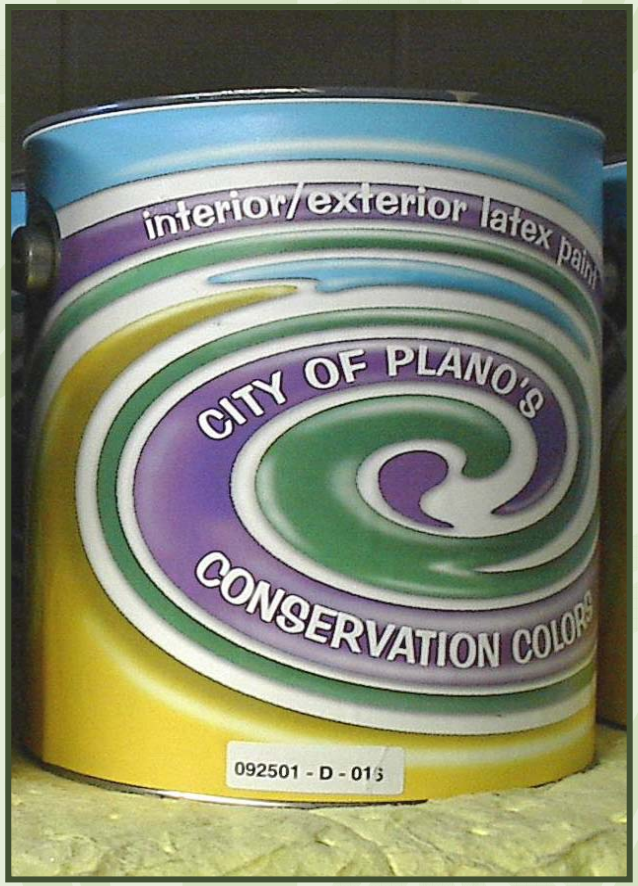


#8 Paint Re-blending Program





Conservation Colors



- **Production of "Conservation Colors" began in 2000**
- **Recently began segregating to make specific colors**
- **Donated to local non-profits and neighboring municipalities for graffiti abatement, special projects**

Program Impact 2005-2006

- 13,202 Gallons of Household Chemicals Diverted From the Landfill
- 5,708 Gallons of Conservation Colors Distributed
- 2,400 Visitors Annually

#9 Electronics Recycling

Recycle your old computer and electronic equipment at the NW corner of Coit and W. Park in Elliot's Hardware parking lot.

The third Saturday of every month you can bring:

- Computers
- Monitors
- DVD players
- VCRs
- Phone systems
- TVs

Recycling Fees:

Monitors: $5 TV's: $10 All other electronics: $0.15/pound

#10 Keep Plano Beautiful

You and your family can make a difference in beautifying Plano

KEEP PLANO BEAUTIFUL

You can help

- Gather friends and family members to clean your neighborhood streets, a local creek, or nearby park
- Join with other families, church or civic groups in the Great American Cleanup on April 5, 2008

KEEP PLANO BEAUTIFUL

You can help

- Encourage smokers to use handy pocket ashtrays (available through Keep Plano Beautiful Education Coordinator)
- Become a Keep Plano Beautiful volunteer and help with Habitat for Humanity front-yard plantings, Yard Spruce-ups for Senior Citizens, Parades, Balloon Festival, and much more!

KEEP PLANO BEAUTIFUL

Secret #11 is out in the open

Environmental Discovery Garden

4100 W. Plano Pkwy.

Special Features

- Compost and worm compost demonstration area
- SmartScape landscape
- Children's Discovery Garden
- Bird and Butterfly Garden

Children's Activities

Signage for Self-Guided Tours

Bird and Butterfly Garden

Use of Reused and Recycled Materials

Native and Adapted Plants

Exploring the Worm Tunnel

Interactive Games

The Amazing Recycling Machine

Getting Buggy in the Garden

Youth Education Programs

Special Events:

Texas SmartScape Lawn and Garden Show

Kids in the Garden Fallfest

Year-round programs for 6,000 kids

Compost Education Programs

- Kids in the Garden Classes
- Master Composter Training
- YardWise Classes
- Worm Composting

Compost Demonstration Site

- Backyard Composting Displays
- Vermi-composting Displays

Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Secret #12 is Pure Texas Gold

Your Yard Trimmings =

Texas Pure Products

You can even buy it in bulk

Benefits of Compost

The Secret to Saving Time and Money

- Breaks up heavy clay and releases nutrients
- Reduces soil compaction
- Improves aeration
- Holds moisture, prevents water runoff
- Provides water as plants need it
- Improves drainage
- Fosters root growth
- Adds slow-release nutrients
- Inhibits fungal disease
- Improves soil health

Savings for You

- Use less water
- Use less fertilizer and pesticides
- Soil becomes easier to work, saving time

Healthy Soil Grows Healthy, Hardy Plants

One Last Secret

Live Green in Plano Expo
April 12, 2008

Help Us Spread the Word

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www.greenlivinginplano.com

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