

TEN ON TUES

Reverse Litter in Saginaw

The Saginaw Beautification Committee is establishing a new tradition for our great community. **“Ten on Tuesday”** encourages businesses, schools, community groups and individuals to reverse litter by picking up 10 pieces of trash and recyclable materials each Tuesday. Do you want to help keep Saginaw clean and litter-free? This is your chance to help and be a part of something great.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

It's easy and effective! If for just one year, 5,000 people chunk 10 pieces of litter a week into the trash or recycling bin, the Metroplex will reduce litter by 2.6 million pieces.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

It's simple – every Tuesday pick up 10 pieces of litter and chunk them in the trash or toss them into a recycling bin. Pick up 10 at a time, 2 at a time or go the extra mile and pick up even more. In fact, don't feel limited to just pick up on Tuesday!

- Ask your friends to pick up 10 pieces of litter
- Encourage your colleagues to participate by creating a challenge program at your workplace
- Create a new family tradition
- Celebrate your sports victories by having each member of the winning team pick up 10 pieces of litter

BUSINESSES CAN JOIN LITTER-FREE LOTS!

In addition to our outreach to the public, Reverse Litter has asked businesses to keep litter out of waterways through our Litter-Free Lots program. North Texas companies show their commitment to their community by doing the following:

- A manager at each location makes the Ten on Tuesday pledge.
- A team member walks through the parking lot once a day to pick up litter.
- Reverse Litter information is shared with employees.

REDUCE, REUSE, OR RECYCLE

The three R's of the environment: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle are great ways to cut down on the amount of waste we throw away. Taking these actions conserves natural resources, landfill space and energy. Plus, recycling turns materials that would otherwise end up in a landfill into valuable resources.

1. Reduce:

- Reducing the amount of waste you produce is a good place to start.
- Use fewer paper towels and napkins. Do your part by using cloth napkins, dishtowels and sponges in the kitchen and dining room.
- Avoid using disposable goods such as paper plates and cups. Throwaways contribute to the problem, and end up costing more because they need to be replaced again and again.
- Buy products in bulk. They use less packaging and usually cost less per ounce.
- Start a compost bin. It's a great place to toss kitchen scraps and yard waste. Once decomposed, use the compost to add nutrients to your yard and landscape beds.
- Leave grass clippings on lawn.

2. Reuse:

- Get creative and give things a new purpose in this world.
- Bring a "no garbage" lunch to work or school, using reusable containers, bags, and a thermos.
- Reuse empty containers to refrigerate leftovers, pack a lunch, or keep your buttons and hardware in the shop organized.
- What's wrong with that old water bottle? Refill it from the tap and use it again. Tap water is way cheaper than buying bottled water.
- Use refillable containers for soaps and cleaning products.
- Sell or donate old clothes, appliances, toys and furniture.
- Take some reusable bags with you the next time you go shopping.

3. Recycle:

- What a way to keep used materials out of our landfills and turn them into something useful again.
- Collect and recycle materials like metal cans, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and plastics.
- Take paint, cleaners, thinners, motor oil and other lubricants, batteries, pesticides and other compounds to a hazardous waste materials collections center. Check with your city or county to see where one is located.
- Look for products with high levels of post-consumer materials. Using recycled paper is a good place to start.
- Recycle your Christmas tree instead of dumping it. Every year, the City of Saginaw has a Christmas tree drop-off location in Willow Creek Park for residents to recycle their tree.

Saginaw Texas...Are you up for the challenge?