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Recycling center celebrates Texas Recycles Day

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In the hopes of cutting down on waste that goes into the landfills, the Montgomery County Precinct 3 Recycling Center will be unveiling a new kiosk that allows users to receive points to be redeemed at participating restaurants and stores.

The new recycling kiosk, which receives glass and plastic bottles, will be unveiled Nov. 13, when the center will be celebrating Texas Recycles Day.

The event is from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and takes place at the recycling center 1122 Pruitt, Spring.

When throwing away items, Director Becky Cottingham asks that people consider the fact their trash will end up in the landfill.

“Pretty soon we won’t have that much land because it will be filled up with trash,” she said.

In addition to the kiosk, the recycling center now has equipment that allows them to receive plastics number three through seven, rather than just one and two.

Plastics are identified by numbers stamped on the bottom of the container according to the type of chemical compositions it is made with.

A new machine allows the recycling center to decompress Styrofoam and release the air from the material.

“You basically have a round disk that doesn’t have the little air pockets that Styrofoam does,” Cottingham said.

Before bringing recyclables, the recycling center requires materials to be separated and rinsed with water.

Cottingham said by recycling trash, people are not only cutting down on the landfill, but they are saving the environment for future generations to enjoy.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful will be also making an appearance during Texas Recycling Day.

For additional information about the recycling center, visit www.precinct3.org.

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