

#### Stormwater Public Education Task Force Social Media Toolkit

This toolkit provides post templates for talking about pollution prevention on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter. In this document you will find sample social media posts and images for your organization to copy and customize in any way you see fit.

Please make sure to tailor posts/images to your programs and their particular audience. Be sure to keep up with the pages of Texas SmartScape, Time to Recycle and Defend Your Drains North Texas for regular posts to share and copy. Keep in mind that these pages can also share your posts and events for wider reach. Send us your future event pages and posts so that we may share them.

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Be sure to follow our social media accounts for updates and posts. We'll be on the lookout for your mentions so we can retweet and repost!

NCTCOG Environment & Development Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/nctcogenv/</u> Instagram: nctcogenv Twitter: @NCTCOGenv

#### Texas SmartScape Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/TXSmartScape/</u>

Twitter: @TXSmartScape Pinterest: <u>www.pinterest.com/texassmartscape/</u>

#### Defend Your Drains North Texas

Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/DefendDrainsNTX/</u> Twitter: @DefendDrainsNTX

#### **Time to Recycle**

Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/RecycleNorthTexas/</u> Twitter: @TimeToRecycle

# Notable Dates (post these before or the day of)

3: National Drinking Straw Day (Advocate for not using wasteful, plastic straws)

- For #DrinkingStrawDay make a personal commitment to say "no" to plastic straws. Whenever ordering a drink, politely request "no straw, please." 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the United States alone. That's 175 Billion a year filtering into landfills and littering our waterways and oceans. #RethinkWaste
  - Commit to saying "no" to plastic straws this #PlasticStrawDay. 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the US alone. That's 175 Billion a year filtering into landfills and littering our waterways and oceans. #RethinkWaste

3: The 2018 Take Care of Texas Kids Art Contest begins! - http://takecareoftexas.org/kids/k-5-art-contest

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- 12: National Pharmacist Day
  - Once, it was common practice to flush medications (also known as pharmaceuticals) down the toilet. We now know that these substances are bad for our local water supply. For #NationalPharmacistDay, find out what else you shouldn't flush at www.DefendYourDrains.com
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- Do not dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired medications down drains! Most medications flushed down the toilet or in drains are not filtered out through the sewer system and eventually enter our streams, lakes, and rivers Find a drop off location at www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com for #NationalPharmacistDay
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- 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day
  - **I** Tomorrow is #DressUpYourPetDay! Dress your pet and #DooTheRightThing by picking up their waste.
    - **E** Tomorrow is #DressUpYourPetDay! Dress your pet and #DooTheRightThing by picking up their waste.
  - Today is the day to throw some clothes on your pet, but you should clean up your pet's waste properly every day. #DressUpYourPetDay today! #DooTheRightThing every day!
    - **E** Today is the day to throw some clothes on your pet, but you should clean up your pet's waste properly every day. #DressUpYourPetDay today! #DooTheRightThing every day!
- 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service #MLKDay
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- 27: National Seed Swap Day Last Saturday in January
  - Happy National Seed Swap Day! Be sure to give Texas SmartScape plant seeds to spread the Lone Star love.
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## Texas SmartScape

- G One of the great things about using perennials listed on www.TXSmartScape.com is that they harden off each winter and come back year after year, saving you time and money every spring. #TXSmartScape #Perennials
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- Find the perfect winter plants on <u>www.TXSmartScape.com</u> under the plant search database's search criteria. #TXSmartScape
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## **Doo the Right Thing**

It's cold out, but pet owners should continue to pick up after their dogs. #DooTheRightThing every day to keep people, pets and our planet healthy!

- It's cold out, but keep picking up after your dogs. #DooTheRightThing every day to keep people, pets and our planet healthy!
- Don't forget your warm gloves and doggie waste bag when you take your dog out for a walk.
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## Fats, Oils, and Grease

- **#**DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas and don't dump food scraps high in fat down the disposal. Put the scraps in the garbage.
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# General Stormwater/Yard Waste/Landscape BMPs/Litter-free waterways

- **G** Keeping a three-inch layer of mulch around trees and plants reduces runoff, helps control weeds and protects soil from winter weather and evaporation. Keep it **#TXSmartScape** 
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- Limit winter watering! Plants (including grass) will need much less water in the winter and excess water means excess runoff. Save water and reduce pollution every day!
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## **Educator's Toolbox**

- Need some resources for teaching kids about pollution? Check out this free tool kit! http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/program-areas/public\_education/toolbox.asp
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