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Department of Transportation Wrangles-Up Reusable Goods for Texas Recycles Day

Local Goodwill and Keep Texas Beautiful Join State Agency for Recycling Event

Austin, TX November 7, 2008 – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) employees are celebrating Texas Recycles Day by cleaning out their closets, garages, and storage spaces in search of reusable items as part of Reuse Roundup, and now you can too!

Reuse Roundup, a partnership between TxDOT, Goodwill Industries, and Keep Texas Beautiful, is aimed to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and put re-sellable items into Goodwill stores across Texas. TxDOT employees and KTB Affiliates across the state will have the opportunity to bring clean, reusable materials to the TxDOT State Office on Saturday, November 15 where they will be collected in Goodwill vans, bins, and barrels. Goodwill employees and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will be on hand to help take donations and facilitate the event.

"This year marks TxDOT's fifth Reuse Roundup for Texas Recycles Day. Our employees appreciate helping others and the convenience to donate through our campuses across the state. We encourage our employees to practice conservation and recycling, besides, it's the right thing to do," says Brandi Rountree, Outreach Recycling Coordinator for TXDOT.

For Reuse Roundup, Goodwill can collect personal items such as clothes, shoes, toys, sports equipment, books, and other small household items. The donations have a huge impact as they reduce materials sent to landfills. Additionally, their placement and resale in stores provides training and employment for Texans with barriers to employment.

Organizations across Texas celebrate Texas Recycles Day, on or near November 15, to raise public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of recycling. For more information on Texas Recycles Day and to find out if there is an event taking place near you, visit www.texasrecyclesday.org.

What: Reuse Roundup, a collection for gently used clothes, toys, shoes, sports equipment, books, etc. by TxDOT, Goodwill, and Keep Texas Beautiful

When: Tuesday, November 18, 8am – 4pm

Where: TxDOT Office, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704

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