

The Bandera PROPHECT

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Recycling number doubles since restart in November

DON'T MESS WITH BANDERA is a newly-formed nonprofit corporation—a 501(c)(3)—with the goal of reducing the amount of trash buildup in Bandera County through recycling, cleanups of road rights-of-way and yards.

Since November of last year, they have been providing volunteers to help the county reopen its recycling operation on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the solid waste dump site next to Mansfield Park.

Their recent month's intake for January 2023 showed 281 visits by customers, more than double the number since their first month of operation.

To test the interest in recycling and whether it can be sustained, the county has limited recycled items to corrugated cardboard, #1 plastic bottles and aluminum cans, according to Janus Olive, recycling coordinator. These are items which can be marketed, ensuring that none of them will end up in the land fill.

The buildup of recycled items collected is considerable. These will be compacted by the Sheriff's Office, baled and sold for repurposing.

To learn more about recycling in Bandera County, visit the *Bandera Recycles* page on Facebook. To volunteer for any of the initiatives of DON'T MESS WITH BANDERA, contact Bob Brischetto at rrbrischetto@gmail.com.