



West Austin Athletic Club

Solid Waste Services started the WasteSMART program to recognize local businesses that reduce and recycle waste and buy recycled products...

The Story

The West Austin Athletic Club (WAAC) is the result of a vision for a facility which could serve as a stable training place for the athlete in each person, regardless of age or ability. The goal is to create a facility and environment to help people, young and old, maintain a healthy lifestyle while enjoying the facilities learning about the sports of swimming, diving, tennis, and weight training/aerobics.

WAAC has been open since July 1999. Original facilities included the fitness center, and pools. The tennis courts and playground were added two years later. In 2007 two new pools were added to allow membership and programs adequate space in the fall, spring, and summer.

How They Do It

The recycling program started in 2003. WAAC is dedicated to helping the environment by having an on staff recycling coordinator. They work to recycle the waste generated by regular activities.

WAAC regularly recycles:

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Plastic
- Aluminum
- Cell phones for a Green School project
- Printer cartridges

WAAC also buys recycled products such as:

- Paper
- Aluminum
- Plastic plywood

Above and Beyond

The WAAC has recycling bins located around the property as well as signs and notifications that promote recycling in the area. All members of the staff are aware of the athletic club's recycling efforts and help to promote environmental effectiveness by informing members of all the programs.

Going Green is THE Club to be a part of

The WAAC is constantly keeping charts to see how much they have recycled and how long it takes them to fill their recycle bins. They have earned money and limited their trash output. With their dedication, The WAAC continues to share their green message with athletes of all ages.