

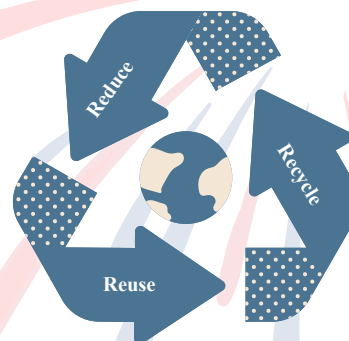
# NEWSLETTER

## Community Celebrations Begin in June — A Great Time to Show Pride in a Clean Community

June is when many Panhandle cities and counties begin their annual community celebrations, bringing neighbors together for festivals, gatherings, and hometown traditions. It's also the perfect moment to remind residents that keeping our communities clean is part of what makes these celebrations special — from recycling aluminum cans at the ballfields to returning water bottles and jugs to the bin after local events.

A single celebration can generate hundreds of recyclable bottles and cans, and keeping them clean, empty, and properly sorted helps every community put its best foot forward.

As celebrations kick off across the region, a simple reminder supports that hometown pride:



### Single Use Water Bottle Per Person at an outdoor event



### Summer Hydration & Water Bottles

As temperatures rise across the Panhandle, hydration becomes part of daily life for everyone in our community — from outdoor workers to neighbors enjoying parks, trails, and local events. It's also the time of year when more water bottles enter the waste stream, making it important to choose refillable bottles first and recycle single-use bottles correctly when they're used.

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## After the Fireworks: Clean Spaces, Safe Places

Independence Day brings families together for cookouts, parades, and fireworks — and it also brings one of the highest-waste and highest-fire-risk days of the year in the Texas Panhandle. Wind, dry grass, and leftover debris can create dangerous conditions if materials aren't handled properly.

### Preventing Fires After Fireworks



Soak used fireworks in a bucket of water before placing them in the trash

Never leave smoldering debris on grass, in fields, or near brush

Check the wind forecast; high winds can reignite embers and spread debris

Keep an eye on local burn bans — many Panhandle counties issue restrictions during dry, windy periods, and burn bans may limit or prohibit fireworks altogether

## Community Update - 2026 Scrap Metal Recycling Highlights

Our region continued to make strong progress in 2026, with communities keeping valuable metals out of the landfill and generating real savings.

<b>Borger</b>	<b>Canyon</b>
• 27.68 tons of scrap metal recycled	• 4.57 tons of scrap metal recycled
• \$968.80 in landfill savings	• \$159.95 in landfill savings
<b>Channing</b>	<b>Dumas</b>
• 2.89 tons of scrap metal recycled	• 107.25 tons recycled
• \$101.15 in landfill savings	• \$3,753.75 in landfill savings
<b>Friona</b>	<b>Silverton</b>
• 14.46 tons recycled	• 3.82 tons recycled
• \$506.10 in landfill savings	• \$133.70 in landfill savings
<b>Spearman</b>	<b>Tulia</b>
• 23.01 tons recycled	• 7.84 tons recycled
• \$805.35 in landfill savings	• \$274.40 in landfill savings

### Regional Impact Across all reporting communities

Total Scrap Metal Recycled in 2026:

- 191.52 tons

Total Landfill Savings:

- \$6,703.20

Keeping these materials out of the landfill protects local budgets, reduces contamination, and supports regional recycling markets.

## Market Update

If your recycling center is ready to schedule a pickup or you want to make sure you're getting the best price for your baled materials, contact: Katrena Volden - 806-372-3381

**Let's keep those materials moving and make the most of strong market conditions!**

Direct mill runs remain available for full loads of a single baled commodity, shipped at no cost to participating members.

## About the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC)

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission supports communities across the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle through regional programs in solid waste, recycling, public safety, economic development, and local government assistance. PRPC works closely with cities, counties, and partner organizations to strengthen services, expand resources, and promote long-term sustainability throughout the region. From coordinating recycling initiatives to supporting community planning efforts, PRPC is committed to helping Panhandle communities thrive.