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**REPUBLIC SERVICES' GREEN INITIATIVES GROW;  
RECYCLING FACILITY CONSTRUCTION IN PLANS**

Almost a year after merging with Allied Waste Services, Republic Services, Inc. reports that, in the DFW area, the combined green initiatives of both companies are growing steadily in acceptance and participation.

“Despite the economy, people are concerned about how best to conserve our natural resources, and they appreciate the convenience and ease of recycling at home and in the workplace,” said Area President Nick Stefkovich. “Even with our two materials recovery facilities (MRFs) in Plano and south Dallas, Republic will likely construct a third state-of-the-art processing center at a location in Tarrant County. The space required for our company to be able to collect, sort and transport recyclable materials to our markets is growing.”

Public school districts are moving to implement recycling programs. In past months, Republic has added the Grapevine/Colleyville, Keller, Carrollton/Farmers Branch, Mesquite, Southlake/Carroll, DeSoto, Rockwall and Lancaster ISDs to its list of public sector contracts. “Smaller, local businesses are also signing up because they understand the efficiencies and cost savings of convenient recycling services,” Stefkovich said.

Single-stream processing makes recycling easy, he added. All materials may be co-mingled at their source, and they are sorted using the most advanced technology at a MRF. “There is no longer the requirement of placing different materials into separate bins. Everything may be placed into one container, which we will then empty on our established collection days.” Stefkovich said.

Currently, Republic has an agreement with Recycle Bank in North Central Texas, a program that puts money in the pockets of Republic’s customers. In cities which are participating in Recycle Bank, recycling participation is measured, and points are awarded for residents to use for discounts at local stores. In July, the City of Carrollton reported a 12 percent increase in its recycling rate for a six-month period with the introduction of this program.

Republic also promotes recycling on its websites, [www.recycleitdfw.com](http://www.recycleitdfw.com), [www.recycleitrepulic.com](http://www.recycleitrepulic.com) and [www.recycleitstore.com](http://www.recycleitstore.com).

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