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Registration for vendors, sponsors and volunteers for the Texoma Earth Day Festival in Sherman is open through April 12, 2022. Anyone interested in registering can download the forms from our website: www.earthdaytexoma.org/registration%forms/. Registration for a logo ad on our free shopping bag will end on Monday, April 4.

The Texoma Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a family friendly community event that provides practical ways to reduce our impact on the environment and reduces the burden on local governments by redirecting items from the trash stream to recycling facilities. The festival is in Sherman at the Sherman Municipal Building and grounds, now known as Lucy Kidd-Key Park.

The festival features workshops, children's activities, music and other entertainment, displays, demonstrations, vendors, and a wide variety of recycling opportunities. This year, we will offer workshops on solar energy, creating a monarch way station, selecting the best electric energy provider for your specific needs, and hands on vermiculture composting using red wiggler worms. Workshops will be held in the kitchen of the Municipal Ballroom. Children's activities will be provided by several non-profit organizations. They will be in the Municipal Ballroom and will focus on nature and recycling.

Entertainment features local performers and organizations, including singers, karate and dance demonstrations, acoustic music groups and more. We are excited to welcome back Trashion VII, a trash fashion show, sponsored by the Grayson College Art Department. Anyone who wishes to enter can find the registration form on our website or register in the Municipal Ballroom before the 3:00 pm show starts. Vendors will provide valuable information about their services and sell handmade goods and art.

We will offer a wide range of recycling opportunities. All of the recycling will take place on North Elm Street adjacent to Kidd-Key Auditorium and Lucy Kidd-Key Park (the Sherman Municipal Grounds). A public shredding event sponsored by First United Bank will be in front of Kidd-Key Auditorium from 9:00 until noon. This service is free to individuals and is intended for sensitive documents. Other papers and cardboard need to be recycled in the containers provided on site. Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) will provide a latex paint collection during the event. They will accept latex paint in one gallon and five-gallon containers. The paint can be in any condition, but the containers must be sealed and dry on the exterior. No oil-based paints, stains or varnishes will be collected. Those need to be reserved for the next Household Hazardous Waste collection, and you can even register to participate in a May HHW event at the TCOG booth. Keystone Enterprises will be on hand to collect electronic waste, which includes almost anything a current ran through. The full list of materials they accept is on the website in the recycling section. They do not accept tube televisions or monitors. We will have containers on site for the following materials: cardboard of any kind (flattened, clean and dry), plastics 1, 2 & 5, tin and aluminum food and drink cans, Styrofoam (soft foam will not be accepted), paper (newspaper, office paper, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, magazines are accepted. Foiled paper wrapping paper and food cartons cannot be recycled), and plastic bags (including shrink film, dry cleaner bags, grocery bags and bubble wrap. Food bags will not be accepted). All materials must be clean and dry.

We are updating our regional recycling guide and will have copies to hand out at the information booth. This is a valuable tool for recycling all over north Texas and southern Oklahoma. We will also have 500 free shopping bags to distribute at the festival, so make sure you visit the information booth.

Please watch our website and Facebook page, as many components of the festival are still evolving. www.earthdaytexoma.org and Texoma Earth Day Festival on Facebook.