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Trash Bash 2021 Reimagined as Virtual Backyard to Bay Cleanup March 25-28 *Encouraging personal cleanups across the watershed*

To protect the thousands of volunteers and their families who annually gather to help clean area waterways, the Texas Conservation Fund's [River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash®](#) (Trash Bash®) has re-imagined the 2021 event as a virtual “Backyard to Bay” event. This year, instead of lasting a half-day on a Saturday, the virtual event will be from Thursday, March 25, through Sunday, March 28. Participants are encouraged to hold their own personal neighborhood cleanups with their families or small groups to remove trash before it can travel to our waterways.

In addition to the “Backyard to Bay” personal cleanups, the virtual Trash Bash® 2021 will also feature educational videos on watersheds, pollution, litter, and more, with related activities to highlight how to be a good steward of our waterways all year round. Videos and activities will be posted to the Trash Bash® website on Thursday, March 25, so teachers or students can access them during virtual learning.

“At the end of the event on Sunday, March 28, participants are asked to fill out a digital data reporting form so that, despite our distance, we can tally up the total impact of everyone’s cleanups” said Lori Traweek, Texas Conservation Fund President.

Showing a total of trash collected will demonstrate not only our volunteers’ efforts, but also highlight how trash in waterways can originate anywhere – even people’s own backyards.

“While this 27th annual cleanup will look a little different, we hope volunteers will still join us to “Clean it like you mean it !”® from all across the Galveston Bay watershed,” said Traweek. “And, we look forward to welcoming everyone back and resuming our normal Trash Bash® cleanup events in 2022.”

For more information, visit TrashBash.org or email WaterResources@h-gac.com.

Photographs of past Trash Bash events can be downloaded at <http://www.trashbash.org/photo-gallery.html> or at <https://www.facebook.com/TrashBash/>. Graphics for the virtual event can be downloaded from Facebook.