

AGENDA

**Athens-Clarke County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
5:30 P.M.**

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Review of Public Comments

III. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2025

IV. Reports

- **Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful**
- **Recycling/Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF)/TRS**
- **Collections Division**
- **Landfill Status**

V. Old Business

- **AAH clean ups for 2026 (3/14, 5/16, 7/11, 9/12, 11/14) **
- **RMPF update**
- **Bulky Waste update**

VI. New Business

- **Changes to Leaf and Limb schedule**

VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Items Assigned - Future Consideration:

Develop a draft ordinance for presentation to the Mayor and Commission by the end of CY 2019 (extended but needs to move forward in the next six months) eliminating plastic bags and Styrofoam containers at points-of-purchase, including at least a 12-month phase-in timeline for community-wide education and distribution of alternative items. The committee should engage with retail and restaurant businesses to identify alternatives for their use of these products. They should also develop a timeline for elimination of these items at events on ACC public property. *(Update: Attorney's office needs data to show bag impacts in ACC before ban would be acceptable. Staff/residents using DebrisTracker App to attempt data collection for impact information.)*

From the ACC Manager's Office: (please see SWAC webpage <https://accgov.com/1373/Solid-Waste-Citizens-Advisory-Committee> for details)

- Environmental Justice concerns
- Expansion of landfill
- Composting and bio-solids
- Odor Complaints
- Old schoolhouse (*UPDATE – coming soon. ACC hired an Environmental Attorney to make recommendations on landfill property.*)

At the February 1, 2022 Mayor & Commission meeting, Mayor Girtz referred the following to the SWAC:

Make a recommendation to the M & C regarding the future of our residential collection zones and franchise arrangements, and consider/modifying the status of collections that create differences in the urban services district and general services district.

The meeting will be streamed and broadcast live. Interested members of the public can watch live online via YouTube at www.youtube.com/accgov.

Note: The Solid Waste Advisory Commission is open to the public. However, public comments are not received during the meeting unless the Commission Chairperson requests that an individual provides information to the Commission. Public comments can be emailed to SWAC Secretary Susan Lyon at susan.lyon@accgov.com.

Per the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Bylaws and Rules of Procedures, Article III. A. 4. – To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, there shall be required to be at least four (4) members present at any meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

2026 meeting dates:

January 21st

March 18th

May 20th

July 15th

September 16th

November 18th