

Athens-Clarke County STORMWATER NEWS

October 2021

Help Protect Athens Water Resources - Volunteer for Rivers Alive



Site sign-ups are underway for the 2021 Athens Rivers Alive event on Saturday, October 23. [Online registration](#) will close on Monday, October 18, so go ahead and reserve your spot today! Registration is required to participate.

Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer river clean-up event that encourages civic involvement in the preservation of Georgia's precious water resources. Our waterways provide us with fresh drinking water, important wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities that serve as a respite from our day-to-day lives - now more than ever!

This year's event will look slightly different due to COVID-19. We will not be hosting a kick-off event, and we will not accommodate any walk-up/day-of volunteer registration. All volunteers must pre-register on our GivePulse page, which requires reading and signing-off on the Rivers Alive COVID-19 Agreement. We are also offering an [independent clean-up opportunity](#) for those who are not comfortable participating in larger group sites.

On the morning of the event, volunteers will meet directly at their chosen sites and should bring a reusable water bottle, bug spray, wear long pants and close-toed shoes, and come prepared to get wet and dirty.

For more information and to register for a clean-up site, visit www.acgov.com/riversalive. We hope to see you there!

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Calendars Coming Soon

Our 2022 Stormwater Calendars are in the works and will soon be ready to hang in your home or office for the upcoming year! Email stormwater@accgov.com if you would like to pre-order a copy. In the meantime, enjoy this preview of photos, and thank you to all of the photographers who sent in lovely images!

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Upcoming Events

Trick or Trashercise

October 4 through October 31

All Around Athens

Litter is scary! Share a photo of yourself doing a litter cleanup in costume at [#TrickorTrasherciseAthens](#) and report your cleanup online at [www.accgov.com/aaahcleanupreport](#) with a photo attached. After you perform that cool trick, GET A TREAT! Limited to the first 100 submissions. Ages K through 12 in Athens-Clarke County, GA only. If you'd like to borrow a grabber or gloves or need some bags, go to [www.accgov.com/aahtoolrequest](#) or contact carlos.pinto@acgov.com.

Athens Vulture Festival

Saturday, October 9, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Athens-Clarke County Landfill (5700 Lexington Road)

The Vulture Festival provides families and individuals with a fun environment to increase their knowledge about waste reduction, ecology, and community stewardship through environmental education focused on nature's clean-up crew, the vulture! Find a full event schedule on the [Facebook event page](#).

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Caring for Houseplants

Wednesday, October 13, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Join Athens-Clarke County Extension online for a free, educational webinar about caring for your houseplants. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Register by October 12 at [www.acgov.com/gardening](#) to be emailed the Zoom link.

United Way Days of Caring

Monday, October 18 - Saturday, October 23

Sites All Around Athens

Join United Way of Northeast Georgia for their annual [Days of Caring volunteer event](#).

Days of Caring is a chance for the Athens community to raise their hands and join in with some incredible nonprofits and local schools to make a tangible difference. Projects will take place throughout the week of October 18, so be sure to look at each project shift to see which one fits you best.

2021 Athens Rivers Alive

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Sites All Around Athens

Athens area residents will wade into local rivers and streams as part of the continuing statewide campaign to clean and preserve over 70,000 miles of Georgia's water resources. Participants must pre-register for one of the several sites around Athens. All sites have been approved for social distancing and volunteers must follow COVID-19 precautions. Visit [www.acgov.com/riversalive](#) for the link to register.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 12:00 PM
Online via WebEx

The November meeting of the Stormwater Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, November 3 at 12:00 noon. Agenda and streaming information will be posted at www.accgov.com/agendacenter.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged pipes.



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