



## Athens Currently in a Level 2 Drought

Even with all of the rain this weekend, Athens-Clarke County is one of 53 counties now in a Level 2 Drought Response. In addition to the requirements in Drought Response Level 1, Drought Response Level 2 limits outdoor landscape watering to two days a week determined by odd and even-numbered addresses. Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses may water Thursday and Sunday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. The following outdoor water uses are strictly prohibited:

- Washing hard surfaces such as streets and sidewalks
- Water for ornamental purposes such as fountains
- The use of fire hydrants except for firefighting, public safety and flushing
- Non-commercial vehicle washing including fundraising car washes, and non-commercial pressure washing

Visit [thinkatthesink.com](http://thinkatthesink.com) [<http://thinkatthesink.com>] for the watering schedule, acceptable water uses, and more information about the drought response.



## Ripple Effect Film Project Still Accepting Submissions

The Ripple Effect Film Project invites filmmakers of all ages and abilities from around the state of Georgia to submit short films and Public Service Announcements that focus on our connection to the ocean. Finalists' films will be showcased at the Blue Carpet Premiere at the historic Morton Theater in Athens, Georgia on March 25, 2017. Films must be submitted by January 31, 2017.

between the issue and the health of the ocean. Judges will score films based on effective demonstration of connection to the ocean, originality, production quality, and conservation/stewardship message.

How can a person, family, school, workplace, church, or community:  
Reduce their energy use?  
Reduce their water use?  
Reduce their consumption of plastics?  
Reduce their dependence on the car?  
Change their behavior to reduce impacts on our waterways?

Ripple Effect began in 2013 as a local water conservation film competition. In its fifth year, the 2017 Ripple Effect Film Project reflects a new, Georgia statewide focus and expanded theme for the competition. Ripple Effect is co-presented by the Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office, Ecosystem Impacts of Oil and Gas to the Gulf (ECOGIG) Research Consortium, Athens Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful.

For more information and to view the full set of contest rules, visit <http://rippleeffectfilmproject.org> [<http://rippleeffectfilmproject.org>].



## Volunteer for the 15th Annual MLK Day of Service

Throughout the year, the Athens-Clarke County community has gotten together to make a positive impact, whether through small group events, such as decaling storm drains, or through large community service projects, such as Rivers Alive. ACC Stormwater is excited to kick-off 2017 with that same community spirit. On January 16, 2017, join other community members at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. ACC Stormwater is helping to lead a Habitat Restoration site at Trail Creek Park.

The MLK Day of Service is meant to celebrate and honor the birthday of the famed civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. The Athens event is part of a national initiative that began in 1994 when the U.S. Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr., federal holiday as the only holiday observed as a national day of service.

The Athens MLK Day of Service Kickoff celebration will be held at the Lay Park Community Center (297 Hoyt Street, Athens, GA 30601) at 8:30am, with registered volunteers getting free t-shirts and breakfast. This year's featured speaker is Life the Griot, a local spoken word artist. Volunteers will disperse to work sites around 9:30am.

To view this year's projects and sign-up for a site, please visit our volunteer registration page at: <https://uga.givepulse.com/group/events/118913> [<https://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fuga.givepulse.com%2Fgroup%2Fevents%2F118913&h=PAQEmInCL&enc=AZPA-dtSLC9x5tI-srr-ioqmtBneWTbymYIYgtIn1VwIxf1JhKb7jIOEXhkxqfVw59s&s=1>].

## Upcoming Events

There is not too much going on in December, but mark your calendars for these fun events happening in January!

### **Water Logged Geocache Trail** **Anytime** **All over Athens**

It is no longer Geography Awareness Week, but you can still take part in ACC Stormwater's official Geocache trail, "Water Logged." Enjoy the crisp, cool weather and discover stormwater infrastructure, all the while exploring Athens-Clarke County. All you need is a cell phone with GPS and internet



## UGA Sustainability Summit Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-6:00pm Jackson Street Building (285 S. Jackson Street)

This day-long event combines [the Center for Integrative Conservation Research's 3rd Annual UGA Sustainability Science Symposium](http://cicr.uga.edu/programs/sustainability-science-symposium/) with the [Office of Sustainability's Semester in Review](http://sustainability.uga.edu/academics/semester-in-review/). Individual events include:

- Faculty & Graduate Student Workshops, 9am – 11am (rooms 126/128)
- Office of Sustainability's Semester in Review, 11AM – 1PM
- Sustainability Science Symposium, "Meeting Georgia's Sustainability Challenges" 1PM – 4PM (room 123)
- Poster Session and Closing Reception, 4PM – 6PM

For more information and to register for the event, visit <http://cicr.uga.edu/event/2016-sustainability-symposium/> or <http://cicr.uga.edu/event/2016-sustainability-symposium/>.

## MLK Day of Service Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-1:00pm Lay Park Community Center (297 Hoyt Street)

The 15th Annual Athens MLK Day of Service is right around the corner! The MLK Day of Service is meant to celebrate and honor the birthday of the famed civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. The Kickoff celebration will be held at the Lay Park Community Center at 8:30am, with registered volunteers getting free t-shirts and breakfast. This year's featured speaker is Life the Griot, a local spoken word artist. Volunteers will disperse to work sites around 9:30am.

Click here [\[https://uga.givepulse.com/group/events/118913\]](https://uga.givepulse.com/group/events/118913) to view the list of project sites and sign-up to volunteer.

## Green Life Expo Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm Athens-Clarke County Library

The ACC Library and ACC Recycling Division bring you the Green Life Expo 2017! The GLE is an event that brings families and people all over Athens to learn about being green. There will be educational seminars, business and green organization exhibitors, and kids activities. For more information, visit the [Green Life Expo webpage](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/6316/Green-Life-Expo) or call (706) 613-3512 x316.

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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 drains or pipes.



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