



Rivers Alive 2016 Volunteer Registration is Underway

Georgia's annual Rivers Alive event is just around the bend! Our streams and rivers

provide us with fresh drinking water, important wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Help preserve our precious water resources at this year's Rivers Alive volunteer cleanup event on September 24th. Last year, 128 volunteers came out in the pouring rain to collect over 6.19 tons (12,380 lbs) of trash, 1.1 tons (2,200 lbs) of recycling, and 117 tires during the event. This year, the cleanup event in Athens is on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00am to noon.

Volunteer check-in is at Dudley Park on the corner of MLK Parkway and East Broad Street. Check-in starts at 8:00 AM. Breakfast and entertainment will be provided as we gather for the cleanup, and groups will disperse to their individual sites around 9:00am. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle and gloves, wear long pants and closed toed shoes, and come prepared to get dirty. We hope to see you there! Register [HERE](#).

[<http://communityconnection211.org/communityplatform/northeastga/page/events>]



[A volunteer group from Rivers Alive 2015 poses with their t-shirts.](#)



[Last year, volunteers removed 117 tires from our waterways.](#)



[A volunteer from Rivers Alive 2015.](#)

Help Stop Poo-llution

The Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program continues its clean water education campaign with the distribution of over 250 pet waste bag dispensers to citizens and animal clinics in July and August. Over 80 miles of Athens-Clarke County streams are impaired, and many of those streams are impaired for fecal coliform; a type of bacteria that indicates the presence of animal waste. Check out our educational PSA [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHq66TDryyY&noredirect=1) [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHq66TDryyY&noredirect=1>], and, if you have a dog, help us stop poo-llution by picking up after your pet on walks and in your own yard. Call our





Upcoming Events

Green School Kick-Off **Thursday, September 8, 4-6pm** **Hi-Lo Lounge (1354 Prince Avenue)**

Come learn about the new and improved [Green School Program](http://athensclarkecounty.com/1398/Green-School-Program) [<http://athensclarkecounty.com/1398/Green-School-Program>] (with more ways to earn credit and easier submission processes). Learn about the environmental education resources available in ACC, network with fellow teachers, and meet your Green School contacts. There will be food, fun, trivia, prizes, and giveaways!

Athens Water Festival **Saturday, September 10, 10:30am-2:30pm** **Sandy Creek Park (400 Bob Holman Road)**

The Athens Water Festival is back to make a splash! Bring the family out to Sandy Creek Park for hands-on water fun – festival activities are FREE with the \$2/person admission fee into the park. Meet sea critters, watch a magic show by Keith Karnok, and learn how water gets to your house. Complete 4 activities on the Water Log to capture Pokemon and earn a prize. Bring a swimsuit to get sprayed by water trucks or swim in the lake. A new addition this year: workshops for adults. Learn how to make a rain barrel, homemade household cleaners, and put together drip irrigation.

Visit www.athenswaterfestival.com [<http://www.athenswaterfestival.com>] for more information or call 706-613-3729. The festival is brought to you by Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department, Athens-Clarke County Stormwater, and Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services.

ACC ReadyFest **Saturday, September 17, 10am-4pm** **Sandy Creek Park (400 Bob Holman Road)**

In honor of September being National Preparedness Month, the [ACC Office of Emergency Management](https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/143/Emergency-Management-Office) [<https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/143/Emergency-Management-Office>] is hosting its first annual "ReadyFest." Many different vendors will be at this event giving out information about emergency preparedness. ACC Stormwater will be presenting on topics such as water quality, illicit discharges, and common household pollutants. There is a zombie theme, so feel free to dress up.

Athens' Rivers Alive **Saturday, September 24, 8am-12pm** **Dudley Park (Corner of MLK Parkway and E. Broad Street)**

Help preserve our precious rivers and streams at this year's Rivers Alive volunteer cleanup event on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00am to noon. Volunteer check-in, along with breakfast and music to kick off the cleanup, is at Dudley Park. For volunteer information and to register, please visit www.athensclarkecounty.com/riversalive [<http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/riversalive>].

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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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