



2018 Rivers Alive Volunteer Registration is Underway

Site sign-ups are now up and running for this year's Rivers Alive event on Saturday, October 20th. 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 busy day-to-day lives. Many of you have attended Rivers Alive in the past, and we hope you'll continue to join us!

Last year, a record-breaking 405 volunteers came out to collect over 3.1 tons (6,200 lbs) of trash, 1 ton (2,000 lbs) of recycling, and 150 tires during the event. This year, there are a variety of both wet and dry clean-up options as well as several kid-friendly sites, so bring your friends and family out for a great morning of volunteer service in Athens.

Volunteer check-in starts at 8:00 am at Sandy Creek Nature Center. Breakfast and entertainment will be provided as we gather for the cleanup, and groups will disperse to their individual sites around 9:15 am. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle, wear long pants and close-toed shoes, and come prepared to get dirty. For more information and to register for a clean-up site, visit www.accgov.com/riversalive [<http://www.accgov.com/riversalive>]. We hope to see you there!



Imagine a Day Without Water – October 10, 2018

Imagine waking up one day and having no water to drink or make coffee with. No water to shower, flush the toilet, or do laundry with. Hospitals would have to close without water, firefighters couldn't put out fires, and farmers couldn't water their crops.

Many of us take water for granted every day. Imagine a Day Without Water is an annual day (this year on October 10th) to raise awareness and educate our community about the value of water. To celebrate, ACC Stormwater and ACC Water Conservation visited local middle schools to talk about this critically important resource and what we can do to protect it. Students then designed educational postcards that will be mailed out to several hundred lucky Athens residents.

We encourage everyone to share why they love water on social media using the

hashtag #ValueWater. Tag @accstormwater or @lilyannephibian on Instagram with a photo of you enjoying water in some way! For more information, visit www.imagineadaywithoutwater.org [<http://www.imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>] or www.thinkatthesink.com [<http://www.thinkatthesink.com/>].



2019 Stormwater Calendars Now Available

Our 2019 Stormwater Calendars are hot of the press and ready to be hung up in your home or office once the new year hits!

Email stormwater@accgov.com

[<mailto:stormwater@accgov.com>] to request a copy or stop by our office in person at 120 W.

Dougherty Street during normal business hours. Special thanks to all of the photographers who contributed photos to this year's calendar:



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Upcoming Events

Athens-Clarke County Vulture Festival
Saturday, October 13, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
ACC Landfill (5700 Lexington Road)

Learn more about nature's recyclers at the 2018 Vulture Festival! There will be fun educational activities and crafts, a bird walk, a scavenger hunt, live animal programs, and more. All festival activities are free! Call 706-613-3512 or visit www.accgov.com/recycling [<http://www.accgov.com/recycling>] for more information.

Rivers Alive
Saturday, October 20, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Kickoff at Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road)

Volunteer for a community-wide cleanup! The 2018 Rivers Alive event is on Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteer check-in is at Sandy Creek Nature Center and starts at 8:00 AM, with free breakfast and live entertainment. Please arrive early to park, and carpooling is highly encouraged. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle and gloves, and wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Please visit www.accgov.com/riversalive [<http://www.accgov.com/riversalive>] or the Rivers Alive [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/RiversAliveAthens/) [<https://www.facebook.com/RiversAliveAthens/>] for more information.

"When Nature Calls" at Sandy Creek Nature Center
Saturday, November 3, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road)

Celebrate World Toilet Day early this year with a salute to nature's role in cleaning up our waste. Learn about toilets that can turn poo into manure and bacteria used to break down waste at water treatment plants. Discover how animals use the bathroom and what they do with their poop. This program is for all ages and will cost \$3/person for those ages 4 and up. No pre-registration is required.

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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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