



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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CLEAN-UP WEEK
APRIL 22 – 26 2019

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – MARCH 26, 2019 – The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the annual Clean-Up Week here in the City of Athens. Clean-Up Week is scheduled for April 22 - 26, 2019. Residents should be aware of the following information:

Residents should have all items to be picked up curbside (within 3 to 5 feet from edge of road) before April 22, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. Do not place any items in the road. Public Works crews will pick up items left at the curb throughout the week.

There is no schedule for any specific street on a specific day; however, all city streets will be covered **at least** once during the event. It is important that residents have all items out before the event starts, as Public Works crews will not be able to respond to call-ins for items put out after they have passed through your area. Also, Clean-Up Week pick-ups are separate from residential garbage pick-ups and will not necessarily be done on the same day.

Pride cars will not be scheduled for individual use for the week of April 22 – 26, 2019 as they will be used by our crews during the event. We will resume regular scheduling of pride cars beginning the week of April 29, 2019.

PLEASE RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! Good, usable clothes, furniture, appliances, house wares or building materials may be donated and taken to the following organizations:

*THE BETTER LIVING CENTER
407 NEW ENGLEWOOD ROAD
744-7325

*COORDINATED CHARITIES
109 ROCKY MOUNT ROAD
745-9625

*GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
BELK'S PLAZA
1500 DECATUR PIKE
746-0611

Good, usable infant clothes up to size 2T and new baby supplies may be donated and taken to:

* FULL CIRCLE MEDICAL CENTER
510 OLD RICEVILLE ROAD
744-3005

RESIDENTIAL ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP INCLUDE: BRUSH, FURNITURE, BAGGED LEAVES, TIRES, APPLIANCES, YARD SALE JUNK, AND LIMITED BUILDING MATERIAL

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR CLEAN UP WEEK

- DO remove compressor/coolant lines from appliances. Public Works will not pick up such appliances if the compressor and /or coolant lines are still in place.
- DO separate tires and wheel rims from each other. Tires will be picked up only if the wheel rim has been taken out of the tire.
- DO separate brush, junk and tires into separate piles.
- DO separate scrap metal junk items from non-metal items.

- DO NOT place any items roadside that you wish to keep, crews will not be able to return items.
- DO NOT place any items on or against fences, trees, buildings, water meter lids, sewer clean out plugs or any other fixtured item in the yard.
- DO NOT place gas tanks from automobiles or cooking grills out for pick up as Public Works crews will not accept these items.
- DO NOT place piles of building materials larger than one (1) pick-up truck load to the road as Public Works crews will not pick these up.
- DO NOT place any shingle type building materials to the road. Public Works will not accept any roofing or siding shingles.

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the "Friendly City."

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. For information regarding hazardous chemicals, please contact Keep McMinn Beautiful at 423-506-7316.