



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ON APRIL 21, 2020

CLEAN-UP WEEK
APRIL 20 – 24 2020

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – April 21, 2020 – The City of Athens Public Works Department would like to remind residents that the annual Clean-Up Week is happening now for City residents. Clean-Up Week is scheduled for April 20 - 24, 2020. 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) if they have not already done so. 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.

PLEASE RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! Good, usable clothes, furniture, appliances, house wares or building materials may be donated and taken to the following that are still operating with possible restrictions due to COVID-19 precautions:

**THE BETTER LIVING CENTER
407 NEW ENGLEWOOD ROAD
423-744-7325**

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.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2700 Ext 1. For information regarding hazardous chemicals, please contact Keep McMinn Beautiful at 423-506-7316.

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."