



PUBLIC WORKS

PRESS RELEASE

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CLEAN-UP WEEK
APRIL 17 – 21, 2023

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – March 17, 2023– The City of Athens Public Works Department would like to announce to residents that annual Clean-Up Week has been scheduled for City residents. Clean-Up Week will be April 17th – 21st. Residents should be aware of the following information:

Residents should have all items to be picked up placed curbside (within 3 to 5 feet from edge of road) by Sunday, April 16, 2023. Do not place any items in the road or on public sidewalks. 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 week. It is important that residents have all items out the weekend before Clean Up Week starts, as Public Works crews will not be able to respond to call-ins for items put out after they have passed through your street. Additionally, Clean-Up Week pick-ups are separate from residential garbage pick-ups and will not necessarily coincide on the same day as your regular garbage collection.

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

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

COORDINATED CHARITIES
109 ROCKY MT ROAD
423-745-9625

RESIDENTIAL ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP INCLUDE: BRUSH, FURNITURE, BAGGED LEAVES, TIRES, APPLIANCES, TYPICAL YARD SALE ITEMS, 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 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. Assembled tires will not be picked up.
- DO separate brush, junk, and tires into separate piles. Items not separated will not be picked up.
- 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, mailboxes, utility poles, vehicles, trees, buildings, water meter lids, sewer clean out plugs or any other fixtures that may be damaged as a result of pickup.
- 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 out as Public Works crews will not pick these up. Material in excess of this amount will not be picked up.
- DO NOT place any asphalt shingle type building materials to the road. Public Works will not pick up roofing or siding shingles.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2700 Ext. 1. For more information regarding hazardous household chemicals accepted year-round at the recycling center, please visit the Public Works Recycling Center page at www.AthensTN.Gov.

The City of Athens is nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”