

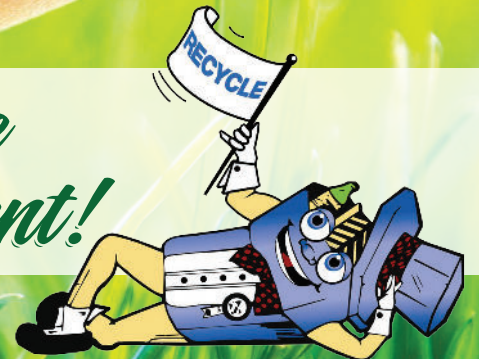


Go Green
ALBANY!



*Find out what you can do in the
Albany area to help the environment!*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025



WHAT IS KEEP ALBANY-DOUGHERTY BEAUTIFUL?

Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful (KADB) is a joint venture of the Albany City Commission and the Dougherty County Commission.

KADB is one of more than 650 certified affiliates of Keep American Beautiful, Inc., which is a non-profit public education organization, dedicated to environmentally improving communities.

KADB works through its standing committees, local businesses and industries, and interested civic and governmental groups to identify, develop, and coordinate programs that address relevant community environmental issues. We believe that, through education and community involvement, we will encourage a sense of pride and responsibility in all citizens which will promote a cohesive and more environmentally responsible community.

KADB special projects include: The Great American Cleanup, Duncan D. Trash Litter Containers, Auto Litterbags, Adopt-A-Highway, Clean Business Month, Solid Waste Employee of the Year, Adopt-A-Spot, Tree Plantings, Arbor Day, Earth Day, Duncan D. Trash, Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, Telephone Book Recycling, Recycling Drop-Off Sites, Litter Free School Zone, Office Recycling, Make A Difference Day, Rivers Alive, Water Festival, and Graffiti Removal.

KEEP ALBANY-DOUGHERTY BEAUTIFUL

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CITY TRASH COLLECTION REGULATIONS



As a result of **STATE LAW**, the Dougherty County Landfill can no longer bury mixed debris in the landfill. The landfill must handle each type of debris differently, so...

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

The LAW requires YOU to separate all items that you are discarding. Items MUST be separated into separate piles. Items to be separated are:

1. **Tires.**
2. **Wood and Yard Trimmings** (boards, plywood, all untreated wood materials, leaves, grass, limbs, etc.).
3. **White Goods and Metals** (stoves, refrigerators, etc.).
4. **Brown Goods** (sofas, chairs, furniture, etc.).

The ordinance affects all Residential and Commercial customers. You MUST separate items that you place for pick-up.

- If you do not separate your trash, **IT WILL NOT** be picked up.
- If you mix yard trimmings (leaves, grass, etc.) with your household garbage, it will **NOT** be picked up.
- If your yard trimmings contain paper or aluminum cans, it will **NOT** be picked up.
- If you mix yard trimmings with **ANY** material other than yard trimmings/wood, it will **NOT** be picked up.
- Yard trimmings (leaves, grass, limbs, etc.) may **NOT** be bagged. Limbs should be cut no longer than 6 feet in length.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR YARD TRIMMINGS in rollout trash receptacle or in a metal dumpster.

WHEELED GARBAGE CONTAINERS

Wheeled Garbage Containers shall be placed at the curb or designated location not earlier than 5:00 PM the day before and not later than 7:00 AM on the day of the designated garbage pick-up. The container shall be returned to the side or rear of the building no later than 7:00 PM on the designated garbage pick-up day.

HOME COMPOSTING IS A YARD TRIMMING OPTION THAT KEEP ALBANY-DOUGHERTY BEAUTIFUL RECOMMENDS. CALL (229) 302-3098 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

DID YOU KNOW ...

It is unlawful to place **signs** of ANY KIND within the right-of-way of any public street or highway. Signs attached to **utility poles**, as well as free standing signs placed on public property, are placed there illegally.

Citizens can assist by advertising only on their property and/or by using local media out-

lets.

Businesses can assist by instructing their lawn care employees to remove all illegally placed signs that about their property.

KADB designed a city sign to remind citizens not to post signs on public right-of-ways.



TREE ORDINANCE

It is illegal to remove trees on any **COMMERCIAL** property without a **PERMIT**.

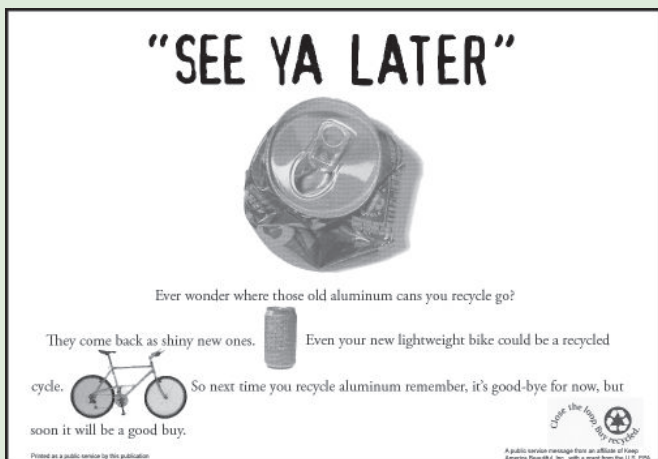
It is also illegal to remove or alter public trees located on rights-of-way.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING A PERMIT, CALL THE CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT: (229) 883-6955

LITTER

Facts & Figures

- Tobacco products comprised about 38% of all litter on roadways in the U. S.
- Pedestrians contribute to over 98% of all litter at leisure areas such as parks, beaches, and other areas. And most roadway litter – 76% - appears to originate from motorists and pedestrians. Individual actions by motorists (52%, pedestrians (22.8%), improperly covered trucks and cargo loads (16.4%), and other behaviors are the source of roadway litter.
- The indirect costs of litter on quality-of-life are considerable. Indirect costs include the degree to which litter reduces the value of real estate, deters a customer from entering a business, or a new employer from locating to a community. To measure these impacts of litter, the 2009 KAB study surveyed homeowners, realtors, and business development officials.
- The presence of litter in a community decreases property value by 7%.
- Of homeowners surveyed, 40% believe that litter reduces home values by 10% to 24%.
- 55% of realtors think that litter reduces property values by about 9%.
- Storm drains attract a significant amount of litter, which ultimately ends up in our waterways.
- On average, there are 6,700 pieces of litter per mile on U. S. roadways each year.
- Fast-food packaging represents about 5% of all litter in the U. S.
- Vacant properties cost city governments anywhere from \$5,000 to \$35,000 per property.
- Each year, at least 8 million tons of plastics leak into the ocean. That figure is equivalent to dumping the contents of one garbage truck into the ocean every minute.
- Keep America Beautiful affiliates across the U. S. clean, beautify, and improve over 100,000 miles of roads, parks, shorelines, and waterways each year.
- Recreational sites that are well landscaped and near residential areas are less likely to have litter. To prevent litter: make proper disposal convenient and accessible, provide sufficient trash, ash, and recycling receptacles, ensure consistent and ongoing cleanup efforts, and make the most of awareness and motivational campaigns.
- With the vast increase in plastic use over the past few decades, the amount of plastic in the litter stream has increased over 165%.



Easy Ways to Keep YOUR Neighborhood Clean

Lead by example and don't litter!
The less litter in an area, the more likely people will keep it clean.

- Set a goal to pick up a piece of litter every day.
- Keep the front of your home and surrounding areas clean and inviting with flowers, plants and wreaths. Don't forget to mow your lawn!
- Teach children to properly dispose of litter and to recycle.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Organize a community initiative – community garden, neighborhood watch group, yard sale, etc.
- Place a litter bag or box in your vehicle and cover your pickup loads to prevent littering.
- Adopt your road and keep it clean.
- Keep storm drains free of all debris.
- Revitalize or clean up a local park.
- **Report graffiti to KADB at (229) 302-3098.**
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by carpooling or using public transportation.
- Report junk vehicles to 311.
- Get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.
- Use reusable bags when shopping to reduce waste.
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts.

Always recycle on the go....

Hold on to your recyclables until you can get to a recycling container.



RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

WEST ALBANY

2521 Meredyth Drive

At Fire Station #6

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

& 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

& Saturday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DOWNTOWN ALBANY

At The Intersection of Front Street and Mercer Avenue Behind The James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center

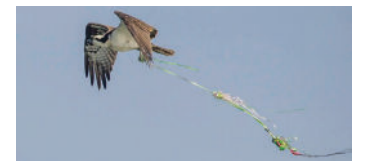
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& Saturday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

BALLOONS...

DON'T LET THEM GO!



- When a balloon is let go, it will float away, only to burst or deflate & return to pollute the Earth
- Balloons can travel thousands of miles, polluting the most remote & pristine places. Once they do, they become a danger to any animal that comes in contact with it.
- Birds, whales, sea turtles, bighorn sheep, & other wild & domestic animals have been killed by balloons.
- When an animal swallows a balloon, it can block its intestinal tract, leading to starvation.
- Sea turtles & other marine creatures are known to confuse balloons as jellyfish.
- Ribbons and string that are sometimes attached to
- Balloons can cause entanglement & death.
- Falsely-marketed as "biodegradable", latex balloons contain chemicals and can take years to break down.
- Mylar/foil balloons can cause dangerous power outages & spark fires. They can also take several years to break down.
- Helium is a non-renewable resource & experts warn it should be conserved for more important applications.
- There are environmentally friendly alternatives that will not pollute the Earth or harm animals...blow bubbles; plant potted plants (a symbol of beginnings); plant trees, gardens, build birdhouses or organize a butterfly release.

Always be sure that the choices you make protect the planet that we all share.

For more alternatives, facts & photos, visit: BalloonsBlow.org

Illegal Dumps



Illegal dumping is the unlawful disposal of everything from household trash, yard waste, furniture, junk, construction/demolition materials, and tires in any area other than an approved disposal site. **ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A CRIMINAL ACT.**

Illegal dumping is not only unsightly, but it's a serious environmental problem that creates health hazards.

Public awareness, education, and enforcement are the key to addressing this growing problem. It will take a concerted effort on the part of individuals, businesses, and government working together at the grass roots level to effectively deal with illegal dumping.

To report information on illegal waste hauling or dumping, call the code enforcement department at 438-3928. To assist you in describing the incident you witnessed, the following details outline the type of information that code enforcement officials need.

1. What happened?

2. **Where did the activity take place?** (Name of the highway, road, street or nearest intersection)

3. **When did the activity occur?** (Time and date)

4. **What kind of vehicle was involved?** (A pick-up truck, dump truck, van, make of vehicle, color, license number)

5. **How many people were in the vehicle?** Describe them. (Race, sex, approximate age)

6. **Describe the person who physically did the illegal dumping.** (Race, sex, age, weight, height, hair, etc.)

You should **NEVER** approach anyone you suspect of a criminal act. It is more important for you to provide accurate details of the offense to enforcement officials.

What Is Litter?

Litter is misplaced, improperly handled, un-containerized solid waste. When it's bagged and placed in closed receptacles, waste cannot become litter!

Where Does Litter Come From?

The seven main sources of litter are:

1. Household trash
2. Commercial and business trash
3. Loading dock refuse
4. Construction site material
5. Uncovered trucks hauling loose materials
6. Motorists
7. Pedestrians

From these sources, litter is carried in every direction by wind, water, and traffic. It moves until trapped by a curb, wall, fence, a row of trees, a building, or other stationary object. Once trapped, litter becomes not only an eyesore, but an invitation for people to add more.



Why Do People Litter?

- Research has shown that the main factor attributed to littering is attitude. People feel that it's okay to litter in certain situations.
- Where litter is cleaned up periodically (Shopping center parking lots or theatres, for

example)

- Where they feel no sense of ownership (As in public parks, on city streets, or rented homes)
- Where there is already an accumulation of litter (At illegal "dumps" or where litter is trapped)

Ways You Can Help:

- Report problem areas that need to be cleaned up.
- Involve your business or organization in a clean-up project.

• Organize a neighborhood clean-up. Keep Albany-Dougherty beautiful will help you with the planning.

- Containerize all Waste
- Making sure your outdoor receptacles are securely closed will prevent spillage and spreading. Work with city collection agencies when handling large items, brush, leaves and other special materials.

- Don't add to the problem
- Remember, keeping our community beautiful is a job for each of us.

No matter where you are, please put waste material in proper trash receptacles, or carry it with you until you find a container.

- Join Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful for the city's annual community-wide litter clean-up event held on the **THIRD SATURDAY** in April. Participants receive a **FREE** t-shirt, gloves and trash bags. Call (229) 302-3098 to register.

Volunteering can be a beautiful thing



We cordially invite you to join our team of dedicated volunteers making this community a beautiful place to live, work and play.

Through education and hands-on citizen involvement. Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful encourages a sense of community pride and personal responsibility.

To volunteer, call
229-302-3098
2106 Habersham Road, Albany

Keep
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Beautiful



The catch basins located throughout our city blocks are meant to capture rain water **ONLY**. When leaves and other debris are placed in the system, they clog up our only means of diverting rain water from our roadways.

Please assist by not blocking the drainage sys-

tem with leaves or other debris and by not disposing of **ANYTHING** in the system. All materials collected in the drainage system return to **OUR** water supply...untreated.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a monetary penalty.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

May 3, 2025 – 9:00 AM

September 13, 2025



Civic Center Back
Parking Lot

**FREE
ONSITE**

Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful



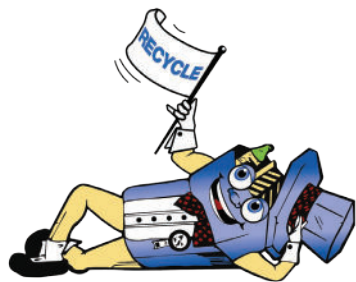
Glass bottles recycled today can be back on store shelves in 30 days!

HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF OUTDATED/UNWANTED MEDICATIONS NEVER FLUSH MEDICATION

Medications thrown in the trash can leach into the environment, flushed drugs can kill bacteria that break down waste in our waste water treatment plant, medications can damage septic systems, and can contaminate nearby waterways and harm aquatic wildlife.

The Albany Dougherty Drug Unit partners with KADB every September to host “Operation Pill Drop”. The event gives citizens an opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted/outdated medications. The 2025 event will take place on **September 13th** from 9:00 til 1:00 in the back parking lot of the Civic Center.

A permanent medication drop off box is located on the first floor of the Judicial building at 225 Pine Avenue.



BUSINESS RECYCLING

RECYCLING IN THE WORKPLACE is a responsibility that every business needs to accept. Set the example...commit to improve our environment by signing up today. Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful can tell you how to recycle and what to recycle. Participants receive **FREE** desk recycling containers, a window/door decal denoting that you recycle, and a recycling certificate.

To sign up, call **(229) 302-3098** or complete the online form.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE WASTE IN THE OFFICE?

You can reduce the amount of waste generated in your office by following these guidelines for reusing and recycling. Not only will you be helping the environment, you’ll be saving your company money!

Actions speak louder

- Making double-sided copies and setting the copier to duplex as the default
- Using e-mail for correspondence
- Printing drafts in a lighter font
- Using reusable envelopes for internal mail
- Using a reusable mug for coffee
- Purchasing condiments such as sugar and creamer in bulk instead of individual serving packages
- Posting personnel or human resource information (e.g., phone directory and annual benefits packages) electronically
- Providing a short lesson on how to use various pieces of office equipment to avoid excess waste generated by trial and error
- Using the least toxic correction fluid or correction tape
- Reducing the image so that two pages can be copied on one page often called “image combination”
- Using Post-it® fax notes instead of a fax cover sheet
- Copying on demand instead of mass copying

- Circulating one copy of a document or memo rather than making multiple copies

Donate or Reuse?

Before you recycle or throw away an item, check to see if it can be reused.

Donate

- Furniture, computers, binders, and styrofoam peanuts to a non-profit or school.
- Attach a piece of clear tape before you place a label on a file folder – when you want to use the folder again, simply remove the old label and replace it with a new one.

Reuse

- “Half-used” paper (or paper that has information only one side and is blank on the other side) to print drafts.
- Store excess office supplies in a central location.
- Check to see if the item you are throwing away can be recycled. Many items commonly found in an office are recyclable.

Buying Recycled

Close the loop by purchasing recycled content products.

There are thousands of products made with recycled content including: clothing, soda bottles, pencils, insulation, index cards, mouse pads, mulch, playground equipment, steel appliances, carpet, and paper.

MATERIAL THAT CAN BE RECYCLED IN ALBANY

- shredded & non-shredded
- plastic bottles
- aluminum cans
- newspaper
- magazines
- toner cartridges
- paper printer cartridges
- corrugated cardboard
- Glass
- Batteries
- paperboard
- electronics

The Importance and Benefits of Urban Trees

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As a municipal arborist for the City of Albany, the urban forest plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall well-being and sustainability of the community. Here are several reasons highlighting the importance of trees:

- 1. Environmental Benefits:** Trees play a vital role in mitigating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide (CO₂) and releasing oxygen through photosynthesis. They also help reduce air pollution by filtering out harmful gases and particulate matter.
- 2. Improving Air Quality:** Trees act as natural air purifiers, removing pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and ozone from the air. Through photosynthesis, trees release oxygen (O₂) as a byproduct, replenishing the oxygen content in the air and supporting respiratory health for humans and other organisms. This is particularly important in urban areas where air pollution levels can be high.
- 3. Mitigating Urban Heat Islands:** Trees provide shade and evapotranspiration, which help cool urban areas and reduce the heat island effect caused by the concentration of heat-absorbing surfaces like asphalt and concrete. Trees have lighter-colored surfaces and can reflect more sunlight back into the atmosphere (albedo reduction), reducing the amount of heat absorbed by the urban environment.
- 4. Conserving Energy:** Strategically planted trees around buildings can reduce the need for air conditioning in the summer by providing shade and can act as windbreaks in the winter, reducing heating costs.
- 5. Improving Water Quality:** Tree

roots help stabilize soil, preventing erosion and reducing the risk of stormwater runoff. Tree roots absorb and retain rainwater, reducing the volume of stormwater runoff and alleviating pressure on urban drainage systems. They also absorb excess nutrients and filter pollutants, improving water quality in streams, rivers, and lakes. This aids to reduce nutrient pollution in streams, rivers, and lakes, which can lead to harmful algal blooms and degraded water quality.

- 6. Biodiversity:** Trees provide habitat and food for a wide variety of wildlife, including birds, insects, and small mammals, contributing to urban biodiversity and ecological resilience. Additionally, the leaf litter, fallen branches, and decaying wood in urban forests create microhabitats for insects, fungi, and other organisms. Urban forests and tree-lined streets create green corridors that connect fragmented habitats within the city and provide wildlife with safe passage between urban green spaces. These green corridors facilitate the movement of animals and promote gene flow between populations, which is essential for maintaining genetic diversity and supporting healthy ecosystems.
- 7. Enhancing Mental and Physical Health:** Access to green spaces and trees has been linked to reduced stress, improved mood, and increased physical activity. Trees also provide aesthetic beauty and contribute to a sense of well-being in communities. The presence of trees in urban environments provides a natural and calming setting where people can es-

cape from the hustle and bustle of city life and unwind. The sight, smell, and sound of trees can evoke positive emotions and feelings of happiness, tranquility, and connection with the natural world. Urban forests and green spaces with trees provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and physical activity, such as walking, cycling, jogging, and hiking. Engaging in regular physical activity in nature has numerous health benefits, including improved cardiovascular health, weight management, and reduced risk of chronic diseases.

- 8. Economic Benefits:** Trees add value to properties, enhance the attractiveness of neighborhoods, and can even boost retail sales in commercial areas with tree-lined streets. Properties located near green spaces with trees, such as parks, gardens, and tree-lined streets, tend to have higher property values. Urban forests and green spaces with trees attract tourists, visitors, and residents seeking recreational opportunities and outdoor experiences. Parks, botanical gardens, and arboreta with diverse tree species can serve as tourist attractions, generating revenue through admission fees, events, and concessions. The management and maintenance of urban forests create employment opportunities in areas such as arboriculture, forestry, and related fields, contributing to the local economies.
- 9. Social Benefits:** The social benefits of trees in the urban forest are numerous and impactful. Trees bring communities together by providing spaces for recreation, social gatherings, and cultural events. They also contribute

to a sense of place and identity within neighborhoods and cities. Urban forests and green spaces with trees serve as landmarks and symbols of community pride, enhancing the cultural heritage and heritage of urban areas. Urban forests and green spaces with trees serve as outdoor classrooms and learning laboratories for people of all ages. Schools, universities, and community organizations can use trees as teaching tools to educate students and the public about ecology, biodiversity, conservation, and environmental stewardship.

- 10. Community Resilience:** The urban forest contributes to community resilience by providing natural buffers against extreme weather events, reducing the risk of flooding, and enhancing the capacity of local ecosystems to adapt to environmental changes. Trees help to create more resilient and sustainable communities that are better equipped to prepare for potential disasters.
- 11. Noise Reduction:** Trees can act as natural sound barriers, absorbing and deflecting sound waves, which help to reduce noise pollution in urban environments.

Overall, the urban forest plays a critical role in promoting environmental sustainability and resilience in our city, making it more livable and healthy for residents and ecosystems alike.

Contact the City Arborist via telephone at 229.302.1893 or email at imalone@albanyga.gov





Junk Car Removal

Did you know... **FREE JUNK CAR REMOVAL**... is available?

As a public service, the following salvage companies have agreed to remove abandoned or junk cars from private property **FREE** of charge.

AAA USED AUTO PARTS

1441 N. Washington Street
(229) 438-0460

GEORGIA PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Vehicle Donation Program

1 (877) 472-1227

IVEY'S USED AUTO PARTS

107 Johnny Aultman Road
(229) 776-3938

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA

1(800) 488-CARS (2277)

Auto owners can make arrangements to have their cars removed by calling one of the businesses listed above.

Let's Keep the Albany Scene Clean

Dougherty County Landfill



The Dougherty County-Fleming/Gaissert Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill is located approximately four miles southeast of Albany, Georgia on Gaissert Road. The Landfill property consists of 601 acres with 215 acres adjoining for soil borrow material to support landfill operations. The first load of waste was received at the site in February 1983. The site consists of a closed Sanitary Landfill, an operational "Subtitle D" Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, a Construction/Demolition Waste Landfill, a solidification operation, a recycling station, a convenience center for public drop off of garbage and white goods and administrative offices. The Landfill also has an active gas extraction system that fuels a cogeneration plant which generates electricity and steam for the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany (MCLB) operations. The green energy project has been operational since 2011 and allows the MCLB to produce approximately 20% renewable energy, which helps the base meet congressionally mandated goals for renewable energy. As a result, the project has won multiple awards including EPA's 2013 Energy Star Award. The Landfill is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. The Landfill accepts waste generated in Dougherty County as well as out of county waste. Homeowners residing in Dougherty County can bring up to 250 pounds

of garbage per day at no cost. Any additional garbage will be prorated up to the gate rate of \$38.97 per ton. Credit cards, checks and cash are all acceptable methods of payment. Special conditions for certain residential waste are as follows:

- White goods such as stoves, refrigerators and freezers may be brought to the Landfill at no charge.
- All coolant must be removed from refrigerators and freezers before delivery.
- Solidify paint using absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) or sand prior to transporting to the Landfill.
- Tires cannot be commingled with solid waste and should be brought separately to the Landfill. There is a designated tire disposal area onsite that customers will be directed to place tires. A fee of \$1.00 per tire, \$4.00 per truck off-road tire and \$40.00 per farm tractor tire will be charged.

The Landfill does not accept acid batteries. Only non-hazardous waste may be disposed of at the Landfill. Any liquid waste or special waste must be approved prior to shipment to the Landfill. Asbestos customers must give 24 hours notice and is only accepted Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For additional information or questions, please call (229) 420-1050.



How To Properly Maintain Your Septic System

Bradd Little, Dougherty County Public Works

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) estimates 25% of the U.S. homes and 40% of new home development are served by onsite sewage management systems. In Georgia, there are approximately 1.5 million onsite sewage management systems, which is 36.8% of all homes. The majority of homes in unincorporated Dougherty County are served by private septic systems. Many of these onsite systems are over 30 years old.

Improperly maintained or malfunctioning septic systems contribute to stormwater pollution. There are multiple reasons why a septic system may not properly function. Those reasons can include improper location of the system, poor design, faulty construction, incorrect operation, and inadequate or no maintenance of the system. A septic system that is not functioning properly can lead to discharges of raw sewage from the septic tank. The raw sewage can enter the storm sewer system and end up in our ponds, lakes, and rivers. Bacteria and nutrients in sewage can be harmful to recreational users of these waters and the nutrients can cause algae blooms and other issues.

The following recommendations will help keep your septic system functioning correctly:

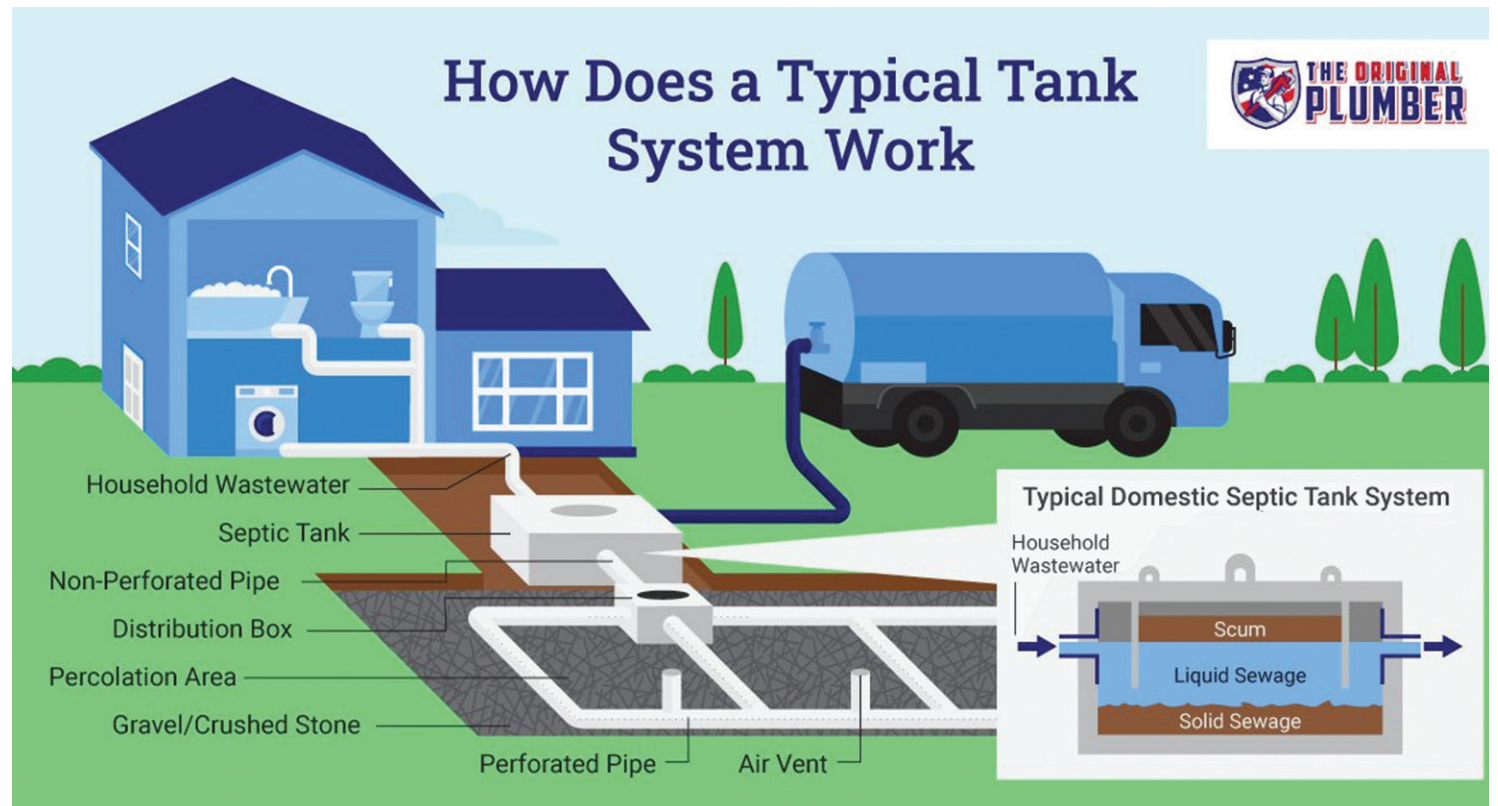
Inspect your septic system annually.

Pump out your septic system regularly (It is recommended that a three-bedroom house with a 1000-gallon septic tank should be pumped out every 3-5 years. Houses with smaller tanks should be pumped more frequently.)

Do not divert storm drains, roof drains, or basement sump pumps into the septic system.

Do not flush trash down the toilet. Excess solids can clog drain fields and decrease capacity in the septic tank.

Do not drive over the system or the drain field. This can compact the soil around



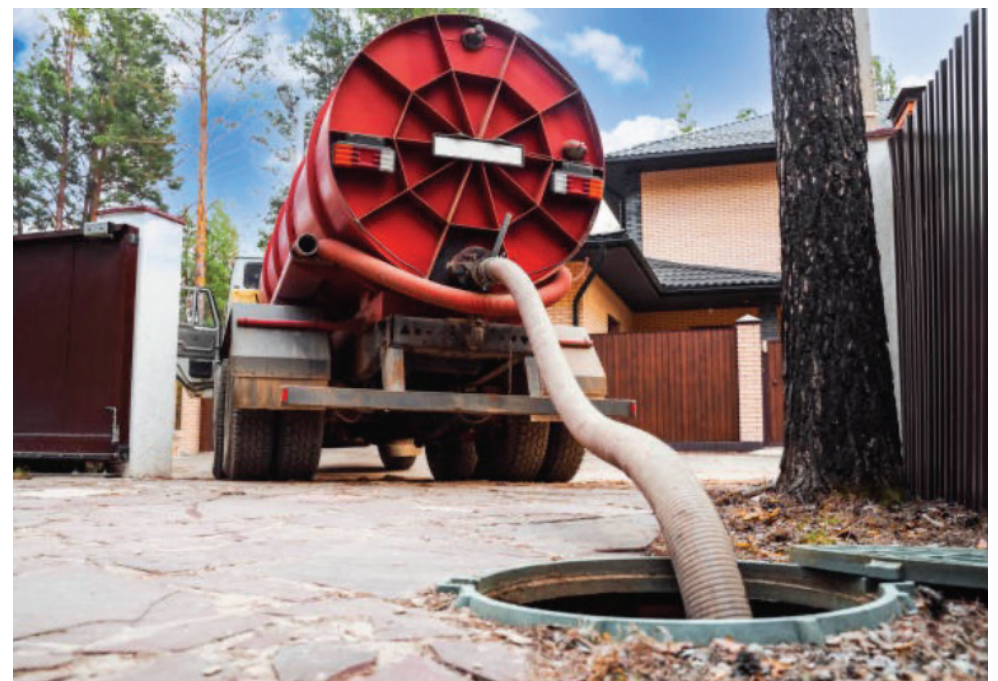
the drain field and/or break the piping.

Check for signs of system failure, such as areas in the yard that remain wet during dry conditions or spots of excessive grass or plant growth. If you see these signs, you should schedule an inspection of your system and correct the problem.

If you sell your home, provide maintenance records to the new owner and show them where the septic tank and drain field are located.

Do not use garbage disposals to dispose of food waste if you have a septic system. Food waste, such as coffee grounds, table scraps, etc., deposited into a garbage disposal are sent to the septic system and can cause unintended problems. Food waste increases the amount of solids in the septic tank, decreases the capacity of the tank, and shortens the interval between septic tank pump outs. Dispose of food waste in the trash or you can create a compost pile in your yard.

Most people don't think about their sep-



tic system until there is a problem and by then, a solution can become expensive. Properly maintaining your system with regularly scheduled pump outs and monitoring what is disposed of into the

septic system will help prevent costly problems. A well-maintained system saves you money, protects the health of your family, and protects our ponds, lakes, and rivers from harmful runoff.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF PAINT

Household paints and solvents contain chemicals that can endanger our health and the environment around us if they are not disposed of **PROPERLY**.

KADB recommends that you:

- **ONLY** purchase the amount of paint that you need. The amount needed can be calculated after determining the number of square feet that you will be painting. If paint is left over, consider applying a second or third coat until all paint is used. Use leftover paint on odd jobs such as closets, the underside of steps, fences, dog houses, attics, etc.
- Donate usable paint to community outreach groups, schools, churches, theatre groups, or local shelters.
- Once the steel paint can is **EMPTY AND DRY**, you may reuse it...place it inside your roll out garbage container for disposal...or if it has **NO** paint residue you can **RECYCLE IT**.
- An alternative for the disposal of **LATEX PAINT**...remove the paint lid, or leave it on and punch holes in the lid, let the paint sit for two weeks in a dry area to allow the liquid to evaporate. The

remaining dry pigments are now solid and ready for disposal. (This process will **NOT** work with oil base paint.)

- You can blend **LATEX** and **OIL BASE** paints with kitty litter to absorb the paint. Allow to dry completely, then place it inside your roll out garbage container for disposal.
- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, and turpentine **CAN BE REUSED**. Place a lid on the container that you cleaned your brushes in... let the paint particles settle to the bottom of the container. After several days pour the liquid through a coffee filter into a clean, closeable container for reuse on a future project.
- **NEVER** pour latex or oil base paint on the ground or into a storm drain or catch basin. All materials collected in our drainage systems returns to our water supply...untreated.



City Stormwater Quality Requirements

The major source of oil in stormwater is from automobiles either traveling on the streets or parked where the stormwater flows into the City's system. There are numerous sources of sediment including yard trimmings and leaves placed or falling in the street, soil erosion, and soil tracked onto streets from yards and unpaved areas.

As part of the stormwater rules mandated by the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, the City of Albany requires commercial development to treat the initial flush of rain to improve the water quality.

Based upon state of Georgia requirements that went into effect in 2020, the stormwater management system shall be designed to retain the first 1.0 inch of rainfall on the site to the maximum extent practicable; when retained on site, this first 1.0 inch of rainfall percolates slowly into the soils, recharging our groundwater. If the first 1.0 inch of rainfall can be retained onsite using runoff reduction methods, then additional water quality treatment is not required. If the City agrees with the design engineer's documentation that the 1.0 inch cannot be retained onsite, the remaining runoff from a 1.2-inch rainfall event must have additional water quality treatments.

One way to meet this requirement for additional treatment is with a water quality unit installed in the on-site stormwater system. The unit is basically a structure

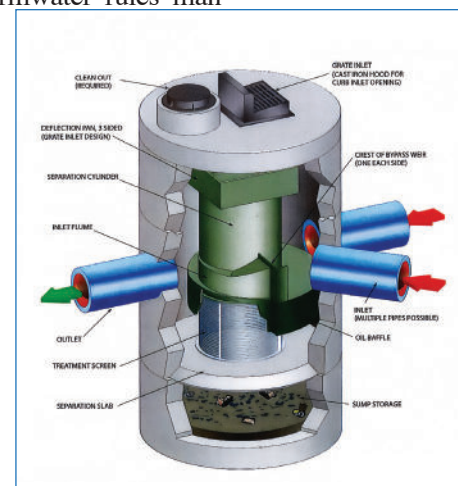
with two or more cells which collects and retains the sediment and oils that are in the stormwater. The unit is typically constructed of concrete or a durable plastic and is buried in the ground.

A similar device used to control petroleum runoff is the oil/water separator. This structure works like the water quality unit but is designed mainly for petroleum products. Sites required to install oil/water separators include fueling stations, parking lots with over 200 spaces, vehicle maintenance areas, and auto recycling facilities.

oil/water separators are required for new developments and existing sites

with 5000 square feet or more of new or redeveloped impervious areas. The devices must be designed to treat the first 1.2 inches of rainfall. Larger rainfall should bypass the devices to avoid removing the trapped sediment and oil. The oil/water separator should be installed uphill of other water quality controls to pretreat the stormwater before it enters the system.

Owners of automobiles can help reduce the amount of contaminants in our stormwater by performing regular maintenance of their vehicles and repairing any leaks as soon as possible. Homeowners can also help by keeping leaves and grass clippings out of the streets and by grassing and mulching any bare spots in their yard.



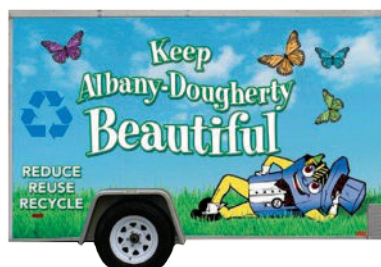
GO GREEN!

at your festival or event

BRING RECYCLING TO A HIGHER LEVEL

IT'S EASY:

- **CALL** Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful @ 229-302-3098
- **to** reserve the **FREE** Away From Home Recycling Trailer
- **PICK UP** the trailer the day before your event
- **SET UP** the recycle and trash bins
- **COLLECT** the materials
- **DELIVER** the recyclables to a city recycle drop off site
- **RETURN** the trailer



WATER...Our planet's most precious resource

MillerCoors has underwritten Phase I and Phase II of Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful's storm drain marker project. The 4" stainless steel discs, which are being placed on Albany-Dougherty's storm catch basins, alert citizens to the fact that anything placed in the drain goes directly into the Flint River... UNTREATED.

What can you do to protect our water...

- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Recycle motor oil and other vehicle fluids.
- Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers carefully and sparingly.
- Service your car regularly and repair leaks promptly.
- Wash your car at a car wash or on the lawn rather than on pavement.
- Clean up after your pet.
- **NEVER** put leaves or grass clippings down the storm drain.

2025 FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

Our growing dependence on electronic products both at home and in the workplace has given rise to a new environmental challenge: electronic waste. Research indicates that electronic waste is growing at three times the rate of other municipal waste.

Electronic equipment contains metals and other materials that can become hazardous to human health and the environment if they are not properly managed.

- **Cadmium:** The largest source of cadmium in municipal landfills is rechargeable nickel-cadmium (NiCd) batteries, commonly found in laptop computers).
- **Lead:** Monitors and televisions contain a picture tube known as a cathode ray tube (CRT). The CRTs contain leaded glass, and are the largest source of lead in municipal landfills.
- **Mercury:** Electronic waste is a leading source of mercury in municipal landfills.

Additionally, discarded electronic equipment is a concern because electronics are made with valuable resources such as precious metals, engineered plastics, glass and other materials, all of which require energy to manufacture. When equipment is thrown away, these resources cannot be recovered and additional pollution will be generated to manufacture new products out of virgin materials.

Electronics account for 2 percent to 5 percent of landfill volume, but it contributes up to 70 percent of the toxins found in landfills.

A **FREE** e-recycling collection day will be held **September 13, 2025** to promote the proper disposal of unwanted electronic equipment.

Rain or shine, the electronics recycling collection will take place in the parking lot behind the James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center at the corner of Front Street and Mercer Avenue in downtown Albany from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The following electronic items will be accepted at the events:

Test & Network Equipment	Keyboards	UPS/Battery Back-up
Stereos	Cameras (digital, too)	Cables
*Computer Monitors	Scanners	Portable Radios
Copiers	Record Players	CD ROMS
Computer CPU's	Electrical Panels	Projectors
Video Machines	CB Radios	Cell Phones
Laptops	Circuit Boards	Computer Mouse
VCR's	Speakers	*Televisions
Printers	Fax Machines	Telephone Modems
Camcorders	CD Players	
Disk Drives	Typewriters	

*There will be a **\$10.00** handling fee for each television set at the **September 13** event. The average TV set contains 4 pounds of lead, therefore, we do not want to place TV sets in the Dougherty County landfill. There will also be a **\$5.00** handling fee for each computer monitor.

Items not accepted include vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, gas-powered equipment and all non-electronic equipment.

Business, industry, schools, hospitals and government offices can call (229) 302-3098 to schedule a pick-up of large quantities of electronics.

311 CALL CENTER



311 Non-Emergency Call Center
Mary Petty, 311 Director
Lisa Johnson, Manager
Tricia Borsdorf, Supervisor

The Albany/Dougherty 311 Call Center was created for the public to have one central point of contact for all local government services and general information for the City of Albany, Dougherty County and Albany Utility departments.

Our Mission is to provide the public with this free service allowing quick, easy access to all City of Albany, Dougherty County, and Albany Utility government services and information while maintaining the highest level of customer service by dialing one easy number 311.

The 311 Call Center is proud to participate in assisting citizens in striving to make our community a great place to live, work and play. The 311 Call center encourages all citizens and Neighborhood Watch Groups, to report issues requiring city or county action, reporting criminal activity such as unsightly graffiti. The 311 service prides itself on maintaining the highest level of customer service.

Common 311 citizen calls include:

Where do I?

- Report a Code Violation?
- Go to pay a ticket?
- Get an Albany Transit Schedule?
- Report a Pothole?
- Report a burned out street or traffic light?

How Do I?

- Obtain a birth certificate or marriage license?
- Request yard debris removal?

Call Center:

Calls are answered by a live operators Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by dialing either 311 or 878-3111.

Website & New Mobile Application:

The 311 website www.311answers.com is available 24/7 as well as our mobile application. If you would like assistance

in navigating through the web portion, or downloading the mobile application albanyga311, please call 311 and we'll give you a guided tour through our software.



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Safe
Albany

EXTRA GARBAGE ROLL OFF CONTAINERS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED

There is a roll off container located at the Meredyth Drive Recycling Site.
This is the only roll off container that accepts overflow of household items and debris.
This roll off is available during normal operating hours of the recycling site.

The following items are not meant to be placed in or around the container:

Yard debris – This will be picked up by your service provider **Appliances** – Call your service provider to schedule a day for pickup
Any debris generated from Commercial Businesses (I.e. Contractors and Landlords) - Call Public Works Solid Waste for information (229) 302-1800
Tires – Call Public Works Solid Waste for information (229) 302-1800 **Electronics** – Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful for Recycling (229) 302-3098.

TAB RECYCLING

I ...to save energy

- A recycled aluminum can may be back on store shelves in 60 days using 95% less energy to manufacture.
- Paper mills use 40% less energy to make paper from recycled paper instead of virgin timbers.
- Using 50% recycled glass to make new glass containers would save enough energy to power 21,978 homes for one year and remove 181,550 tons of waste from landfills every month.
- The US steel industry's annual recycling saves the equivalent energy to electrically power about 18 million households for a year.

I ...to conserve natural resources

- Mining & transporting raw materials for glass produces about 385 lbs of waste for every ton of glass made; using recycled glass for just ½ of the raw materials cuts waste by 75%.
- Application of compost to agricultural fields, recreational and public works projects, as well as residential yards and gardens replenishes soil, conserves water, and aides in controlling erosion and sedimentation while reducing the need for pesticides / herbicides and chemical fertilizers.

I ...to create jobs

- Every time a ton of steel is recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone is preserved.
- On a per ton basis, sorting & processing recyclables alone sustain 10 times more jobs than landfilling or incineration.
- Composting organics (leaves, grass, food, scraps) creates 4 times as many jobs as landfilling.
- Georgia's paper industry includes 16 paper mills using recycled content, 9 relying exclusively on recycled fiber
- One Third of the PET (#1) plastics bottles recycled in the US get used in Georgia carpet manufacturing.

I ...to conserve water

- A ton of paper made from recycled fibers conserves 7000 gallons of water.
- Extraction of virgin raw materials & manufacturing them into products uses quite a bit of water. Recycling reduces the need for materials from virgin sources and therefore reduces water use.
- Using recycled materials in manufacturing new products typically reduces air and water pollution compared to using virgin materials in the process.

**KEEP ALBANY-DOUGHERTY BEAUTIFUL:
FROM EDUCATION TO APPLICATION**



Making A Difference

A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL "TIP OF THE HAT"

The businesses listed below have joined environmental hands to set an example for our business community. They have committed to **RECYCLE** in their workplace.

2025 Recycling in the Workplace Participants

1 Key Realty, LLC
Albany Auto Service
City of Albany Transit 300 Oglethorpe
City of Albany Transit 712 Flint
COA-City Attorney's Office
Dougherty County Board of Commissioners -
Finance Department
Dougherty County Farm Bureau
Fleming & Riles Insurance
Flint Office Furniture

Flint RiverQuarium
Lake Park Storage
OneSource Health Care
SOWEGA-AHEC
Theatre Albany
Thronateeska Heritage Foundation
United Distributors, Inc.
Vine Vision
Watson Spence, LLP

