

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026



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



# 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 Litter bags, 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 outlets.
- **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

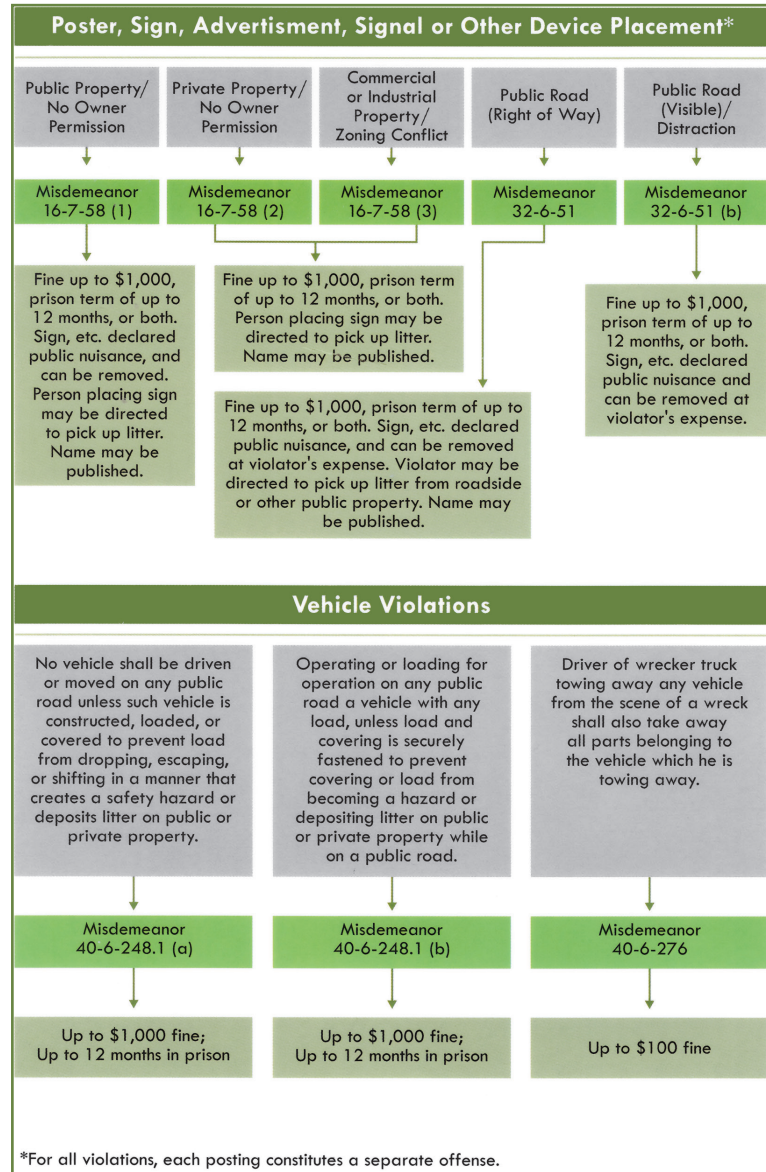
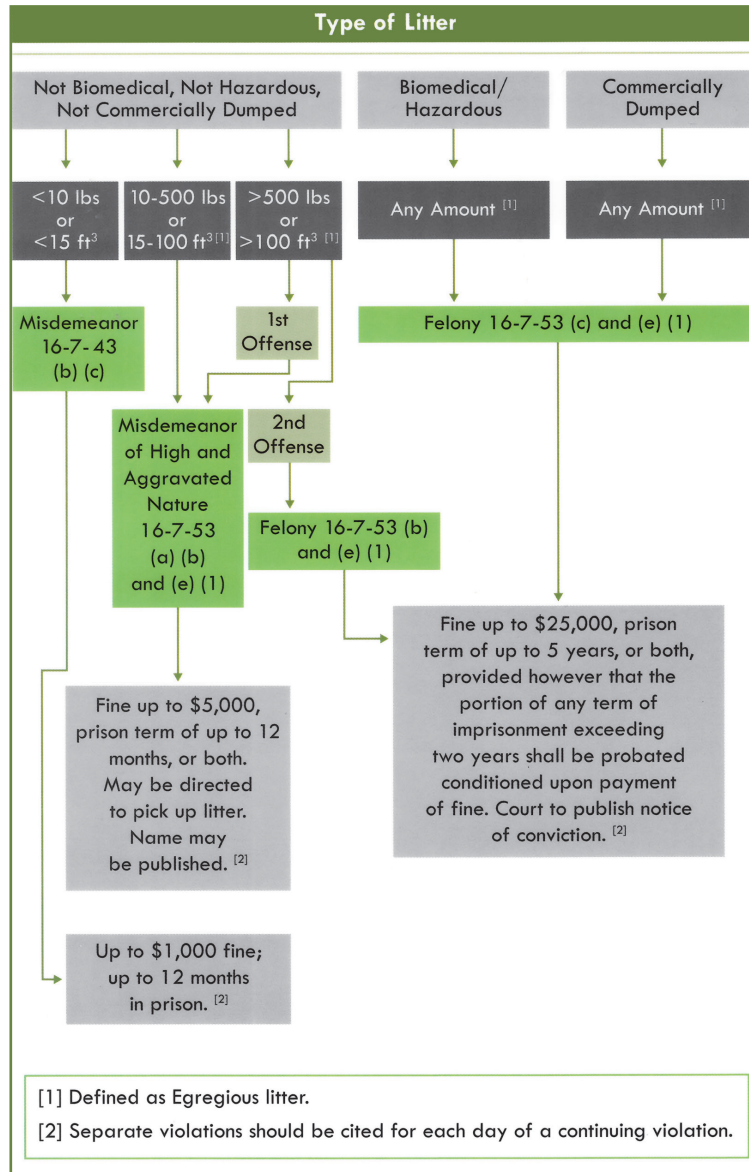
It is illegal to remove trees on any **COMMERCIAL** property without a **PERMIT**.

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**

# Georgia Litter Violations and Penalties

As provided for under the 2006 Comprehensive Litter Preventions and Abatement Act.



# 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 water-

- ways.
- 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 equiva-

- lent 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%.

# 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**  
125 Pine Ave. Suite 140, Albany

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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 2, 2026 – 9:00 AM  
September 12, 2026



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

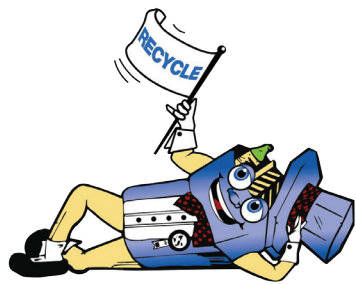
Medications thrown in the trash can leach into the environment, flushed drugs can kill bacteria that break down waste in our waste water treatment plant, medications can damage septic systems, and can contaminate nearby waterways and harm aquatic wildlife.

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 2026 event will take place on **September 12th** 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.

[albanyherald.com](http://albanyherald.com)

## 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 re-using 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
- Florescent light bulbs

# What's Trending in Arboriculture in 2026

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As the Municipal Arborist for the City of Albany with years of hands-on experience in urban forestry, I have witnessed firsthand how arboriculture continues to evolve. The year 2026 marks a pivotal time in our field as environmental, technical, and social shifts shape how we care for trees in our communities. Here are some of the key trends I have seen making an impact this year:

**1. Climate-Resilient Urban Forests:** With climate change becoming increasingly evident, cities are adapting their urban forest strategies. There is a growing emphasis on planting species that are drought-tolerant, heat-resilient, and resistant to pests. Native trees continue to be favored, but we are exploring non-native species that demonstrate strong adaptability to local conditions.

In our municipality, the Albany Tree Board is in the process of revising the current ordinance. More emphasis is being placed on native trees that can withstand extreme weather patterns.

**2. Smart Technology:** Technology is becoming a game-changer in arboriculture. Remote sensors, drones, and GIS-based

tree inventories allow us to monitor tree health and plan maintenance more efficiently. AI-powered tools are being tested for predictive modeling of tree failures and pest outbreaks.

In the future, the City of Albany may pilot a drone-assisted canopy analysis to assess storm damage-cutting inspection time by half and improve accuracy.

**3. Tree Equity & Environmental Justice:** Urban forestry is now being seen through the lens of equity. Tree canopy cover is directly linked to public health, and under served communities often suffer from a lack of green space.

Many municipalities are launching initiatives to increase canopy cover in low-income areas.

**4. Soil Health & Biodiversity:** Healthy soil is the foundation of healthy trees. In 2026, we are seeing more emphasis on regenerative practices such as compost tea applications, biochar amendments, and mycorrhizal inoculation. These methods support long-term soil vitality and encourage beneficial soil microbiota.

The City of Albany could

consider initiating a "soil revitalization" pilot in one of our parks that may dramatically improve tree vigor and reduce pest issues within a single growing season.

**5. Evolving Pest Management Strategies:** With new pests emerging and old ones adapting, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is evolving. We rely less on synthetic pesticides and more on holistic approaches, including introducing natural predators and using pheromone traps.

**6. Public Engagement & Citizen Science:** There is growing movement to involve the public in urban forestry. From citizen tree inventories to community planting events, public engagement builds awareness and shared responsibility.

The City of Albany has hosted annual community tree planting events as well as giving away trees to celebrate the City's Arbor Day.

**7. Policy and Certification Updates:** Municipal codes and arboriculture standards are evolving.

More cities are requiring ISA-certified arborists for municipal contracts, and continuing education is

becoming essential.

Included in the Albany Tree Board's revised draft of the Ordinance, stricter policies and standards are being recommended.

The City of Albany currently has two (2) ISA certified arborists on staff.

**8. Advanced Risk Assessment Tools:** Finally, tree risk assessment is becoming more sophisticated. Tools that incorporate remote sensing, ultrasound, and AI modeling help arborists make data-driven decisions about tree safety.

As arboriculture continues to grow and adapt, the role of municipal arborists is more important than ever.

We are not just tree managers; we are stewards of public health, biodiversity, and climate resilience.

The trends of 2026 point toward a more informed, inclusive, and sustainable future for urban forestry.

Let's keep planting, protecting, and planning for the generations of trees--and people--to come!

**Contact the City Arborist via telephone at 229.302.1893 or email at [imalone@albanyga.gov](mailto: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 500 pounds of garbage per day at no cost. Any additional garbage will be prorated up to the gate rate of \$40.97 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 \$5.00 per tire, \$15.00 per truck off-road tire and \$55.00 per farm tractor tire will be charged.

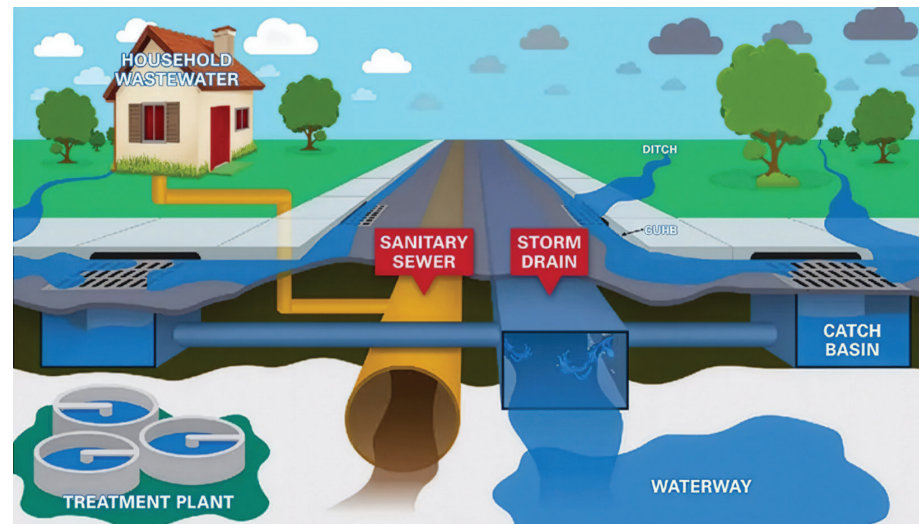
The Landfill does not accept lead acid batteries. Only non-hazardous waste may be disposed of at the Landfill. Any liquid waste or special waste must be approved prior to shipment to the Landfill. Asbestos customers must give 24 hours notice and is only accepted Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For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



# THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION!

## Protecting Our Water Starts at Home

When rain flows across driveways, lawns, rooftops, and sidewalks, it picks up whatever is on the ground—dirt, chemicals, trash, pet waste, fertilizers, and automotive fluids. This polluted runoff enters nearby storm drains and is discharged directly into local lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters—without treatment. These are the same waters we use for swimming, fishing, wildlife habitat, and drinking water. The EPA identifies stormwater runoff as the nation’s leading source of water pollution, but the solution begins right at home.



### WHY STORMWATER POLLUTION MATTERS

#### Pollutants from neighborhoods can:

- Reduce oxygen in waterways and harm fish.
- Create harmful algal blooms from excess fertilizer.
- Increase flooding by clogging drains with debris and sediment.
- Introduce bacteria from pet waste into recreational waters.
- Add plastics and trash that threaten wildlife and human health.

### HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD HABITS FOR CLEAN WATER

Small actions at home = Cleaner water everywhere.

#### 1. Wash Vehicles Properly

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle on the lawn, where soil filters pollutants.
- Avoid driveway washing that drains soaps and grime directly into the storm system.

#### 2. Maintain Vehicles & Equipment

- Check cars, boats, mowers, and motorcycles for leaks.
- Repair leaks quickly to prevent oils and chemicals from washing away during rainfall.

#### 3. Clean Up Spills the Right Way

- Never hose down chemicals or fluids.
- Use kitty litter, mulch, or sand to absorb spills. Sweep and dispose of materials in the trash.

#### 4. Choose Native Plants & Smart Landscaping

- Native plants reduce watering, require fewer chemicals, and stabilize soil.
- Use groundcover or mulch to keep soil in place.

#### 5. Manage Yard Waste Responsibly

- Sweep grass, leaves, and debris back into your yard—never into streets or drains.
- Compost when possible and keep drains clear, especially

during fall leaf drop.

#### 6. Water Lawns Wisely

- **Avoid over-watering;** runoff carries fertilizer and soil into storm drains.
- Water early in the morning or late afternoon to reduce evaporation.

#### 7. Prevent Soil Erosion

- Cover bare patches with sod, seed, or mulch.
- Redirect downspouts to vegetated areas instead of driveways or paved surfaces.

### TOGETHER WE PROTECT OUR WATER

Each simple habit reduces pollution, protects wildlife, improves neighborhood drainage, and keeps our rivers and streams healthy. Cleaner stormwater begins at home—and every responsible action helps keep our community cleaner, safer, and more resilient.

*Thank you for doing your part to protect our local waterways!*

## 2026 Calendar of Events

<b>January</b>	<b>1-31</b>	<b>Recycling in the Workplace Campaign</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Volunteer Luncheon</b>
	<b>??</b>	<b>Environmental Tabloid inserted in The Albany Herald</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>School Arbor Day Celebration</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>County Arbor Day</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>Tree walk with Edward Morrow @ Live Oak Elementary and Lincoln Elementary</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>Water Festival for 3rd Grade students (Civic Center)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Tree Pruning</b>
	<b>16-18</b>	<b>Great American Clean-up/Stash-The-Trash</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Shredding Event (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Civic Center)</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Limb up City Crape Myrtles (Westover Blvd.)</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Electronic Recycling, Paper Shredding &amp; Operation Pill Drop (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Civic Center back parking lot)</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Rivers Alive</b>
	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Limb Up City Crape Myrtles (Westover Blvd.)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>America Recycles Day</b>



# Help us welcome Lauryn Griffin

PROJECT MANAGER  
Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful

Hello, my name is Lauryn Griffin, and I am a proud native of Albany, Georgia, and the new Project Manager for Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful. My love for the environment began as a teenager when I volunteered at a local urban farm and saw firsthand how our everyday choices impact the environment. That experience sparked a lifelong commitment to sustainability, environmental responsibility, and community stewardship.



In college, I continued turning my passion into action by serving as the Enhance Our Environment Chair. In this role, I led and organized campus events that promoted environmental awareness and sustainable practices. I enjoyed creating hands-on opportunities for students to get involved, from cleanups to educational initiatives, and I hope to expand this work by developing community clean-up projects, recycling and beautification programs, youth environmental education, and creative public art initiatives that reflect pride in our neighborhoods. I earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts from Fort Valley State University, and I look forward to blending creativity with environmental advocacy to inspire lasting change.

Now, as Project Manager, I am excited to bring my energy, experience, and dedication to projects that protect, beautify, and strengthen the Albany-Dougherty community. I look forward to partnering with residents, volunteers, and local organizations to make Albany cleaner, greener, and more vibrant for everyone who calls it home.

If you need anything, please feel free to contact me at 229-302-3098.

# 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 on 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

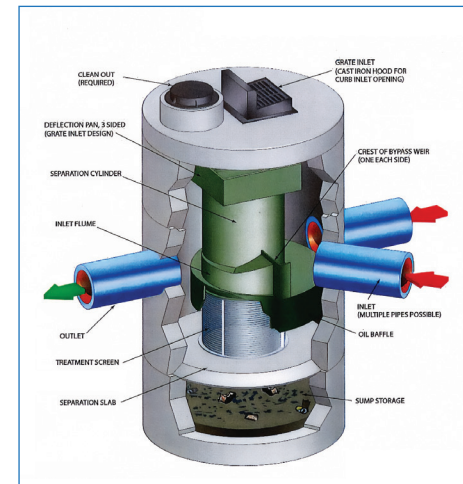
system. The unit is basically a structure with two or more cells which collects and retains the sediment and oils that are in the stormwater. The unit is typically constructed of concrete or a durable plastic and is buried in the ground.

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.



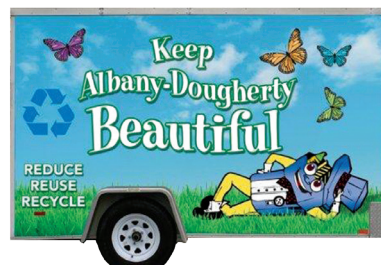
## GO GREEN!

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.



## 2026 FREE ELECTRONICS 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 12, 2026** 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 | • Disk Drives            | • Typewriters         |
| • Stereos                  | • Keyboards              | • UPS/Battery Back-up |
| • *Computer Monitors       | • Cameras (digital, too) | • Cables              |
| • Copiers                  | • Scanners               | • Portable Radios     |
| • Computer CPU's           | • Record Players         | • CD ROMS             |
| • Video Machines           | • Electrical Panels      | • Projectors          |
| • Laptops                  | • CB Radios              | • Cell Phones         |
| • VCR's                    | • Circuit Boards         | • Computer Mouse      |
| • Printers                 | • Speakers               | • *Televisions        |
| • Camcorders               | • Fax Machines           | • Telephone Modems    |
|                            | • CD Players             |                       |



*\*There will be a \$10.00 handling fee for each television set at the September 12 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

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 229-878-3111.

### Website & New Mobile Application:

The 311 website [www.311answers.com](http://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 albanya311, please call 311 and we'll give you a guided tour through our software.



# 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 create jobs

- 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 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.
- Every time a ton of steel is recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone is preserved.

## 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.

## **2026 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**

