



**2016**  
**STORMWATER CALENDAR**

Moon Bridge, Japanese Gardens at Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Photo Credit: Charles Clecker

# JANUARY

Anything left on the ground and exposed to rain can cause water pollution. Storm drains carry untreated rainwater from paved areas directly to local creeks and streams.

You may be surprised at how much your car care habits affect water quality. Fortunately, there are many things that you can do to prevent your car from being a source of water pollution, such as fixing and repairing leaks.

## 1 DROP MATTERS!



Jerico W. - Age 13

## REPAIR LEAKS, CLEAN UP SPILLS

BY PROPERLY MAINTAINING YOUR VEHICLES,  
YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

ONE DROP OF OIL LEAKED FROM EACH VEHICLE IN  
JEFFERSON COUNTY POLLUTES 16 MILLION GALLONS OF  
WATER PER DAY. PROMPTLY FIX AND REPAIR LEAKS.

You can clean up any spilled oil or vehicle fluids by sprinkling some absorbent material like cat litter on the area, let it soak up the drips, sweep it up, and dispose of it in the trash. Never use water to wash off paved surfaces.

Routinely monitor for leaks. Follow recommended maintenance. Carefully fuel to avoid drips or spills. Recycle used motor oil at an oil change or retail facility that accepts these materials.

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To report a sanitary sewer overflow, call 205-942-0681.

To report suspected water pollution within unincorporated Jefferson County, call 205-325-5792.

# JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## GET INVOLVED

### MLK Service Day

For projects in Birmingham call 205-254-7771 or Jefferson County call 205-325-8741

Many household products contain chemicals that should not be spilled or discarded where they could be washed into a storm drain. Only purchase what you need for the job and properly dispose of any leftovers. Visit [RecycleAL.com](http://RecycleAL.com) to learn more.

Common pantry items like baking soda and vinegar easily can be used to make safe, inexpensive household cleaners. They are better for your health and the environment, help reduce the purchase of more toxic products, and cost less! There are many tips and recipes available online for making your own cleaning products.



# FEBRUARY

Littering, illegal dumping, and other acts of improper disposal are a big problem in our communities. You can make a difference by properly disposing of unwanted items and getting involved in your community.

Got items that your curbside trash service won't pick up? Visit [www.recycleAL.com](http://www.recycleAL.com) to find facilities that will accept your hard to dispose of items.

## TRASH BLOWS!



## TARP & TIE YOUR LOAD

BY PROPERLY TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSING OF TRASH, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

INTENTIONAL OR NOT, TRASH AND OTHER ITEMS THAT BLOW OUT OF VEHICLES OR TAILERS BECOMES LITTER. LITTER POLLUTES OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS.

Cigarette butts are the most littered items, followed by bottles, cans, fast food packaging and plastic shopping bags. What are you doing to prevent litter?

Do something about littering in your community! Coordinate or participate in a roadside cleanup. Call 205-325-8741 to learn more.

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# FEBRUARY 2016

## GET INVOLVED

### Annual Birmingham Plant Dig

Grab your garden tools, gloves and containers and head to the New Georgia Landfill to stock up on FREE plants for your yard. Sponsored by the Keep Birmingham Beautiful Commission, Alabama Forestry Commission, and Birmingham Public Works Department. Call 205-787-5222 to learn more.

### Urban Forestry Fair

FREE tree seedling give away in Linn Park sponsored by Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/jeffcsoilandwaterconservation](http://www.facebook.com/jeffcsoilandwaterconservation) or call 205-424-9990 ext. 101 for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day World Wetlands Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					



# MARCH

If your garden isn't coming up as beautifully as your neighbor's, it may not be a green thumb that you're missing. The quality of the soil is a major factor in how lush and green your garden grows.

You can purchase a soil test kit from your local lawn and garden store, or pick up a free kit from an Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) office and have your soil sample analyzed by Auburn University for \$7. Visit [aces.edu](http://aces.edu) for more information.

## "SPREAD" THE WORD!

Kimora K. - Age 12



## TEST YOUR SOIL BEFORE YOU BUY

BY APPLYING THE CORRECT PRODUCT IN APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

IT IS EASY TO APPLY TOO MUCH FERTILIZER WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY NEED. ANY EXCESS JUST GETS WASHED OFF BY RAINFALL OR IRRIGATION AND POLLUTES OUR WATERWAYS.

Help for your home gardening challenges is just a phone call away. For any of your gardening inquires, call a Master Gardener Volunteer at 1-877-252-GROW and select option 3 for the Birmingham area.

If your soil test report recommends adding lime or fertilizer to your soil, it will specify the amounts to use. Look for 3 numbers for nitrogen, phosphorous, and/or potassium displayed on the fertilizer package to make sure you are purchasing the right product for your soil.

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# MARCH 2016

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

## GET INVOLVED

### **Japan-America Society of Alabama's Annual Cherry Blossom Festival**

Japanese Gardens at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Free admission and parking. Visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org) for more information.

### **Drug Take Back Program**

Properly dispose of unwanted prescription and over the counter medications. Call your local law enforcement office or visit [deادiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://deادiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html) to find a location near you.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Day**

March 19  
McClendon Park at Legion Field  
8:00AM until capacity.  
Visit [RecycleAL.com](http://RecycleAL.com) for more information.

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21 World Planting Day	22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# APRIL

You can set your spreader to the recommended application rate by adjusting its dial to the number specified in the package directions.

Using more fertilizer than recommended or using the wrong type will not help your lawn or garden to grow. Test your soil and read package directions to be sure.

When calculating the square footage of the area you plan to fertilize, don't forget to subtract the size of paved areas from the total.

## "SPREAD" THE WORD!



## FERTILIZE CORRECTLY

BY KEEPING FERTILIZER OFF OF PAVED AREAS,  
YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

ANY EXCESS JUST GETS WASHED OFF BY RAINFALL  
OR IRRIGATION AND POLLUTES OUR WATERWAYS.  
ALWAYS FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS.

Never apply fertilizer right before or during a rain because it will be washed into the storm drainage system and carried to the nearest stream or creek.

Buy just enough product for the job so that you won't have to properly store any leftovers.

Finish the job by sweeping up any fertilizer that lands on paved areas!

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# APRIL 2016

## GET INVOLVED

### **Spring Plant Sale**

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org) for more information.

### **Birmingham Electronics Recycling Day**

Linn Park

Call 205-787-5222 for more information.

### **Green Tie Affair**

Alabama Environmental Council's largest fundraising gala that includes live music, local food and beverages, silent and live auctions. Call 205-322-3126 for information.

### **Village Creek Spring Cleanup**

Visit

[www.villagecreeksociety.org](http://www.villagecreeksociety.org) for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 <i>World Health Day</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Tax Day</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Arbor Day</i>	30



# MAY

## IN A PERFECT WORLD!

Most wild animals do not live in close proximity to one another. That is why there is nothing natural about 150,000 domesticated dogs concentrated in an area the size of Jefferson County.

An average sized dog produces about 1/2 pound of waste per day. If you combine all of our dogs' waste, that's about 38 tons per day!

The average pile of dog waste contains 2.5 billion fecal coliform bacteria, viruses, and parasites. These pathogens can live in both soil and water, and people and pets are at risk of illness if they are exposed to them.



## IT'S YOUR "DOODY"

BY PICKING UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF PET WASTE, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

PET WASTE CONTAINS HARMFUL BACTERIA WHICH IS WASHED BY RAINFALL AND IRRIGATION. PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERWAYS.

Pets don't pick up after themselves. So until that happens, it's YOUR 'doody':

- 1- Pick it up.
- 2 - Bag it.
- 3 - Trash it.

Dog waste does NOT fertilize the grass. If not picked up and properly discarded it can wind up in local creeks and streams when rain washes it from the ground.

Some common plants and yard chemicals are toxic for dogs. Visit [aces.edu](http://aces.edu) to learn how to care for your yard while keeping your pet safe.

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# MAY 2016

## GET INVOLVED

### Do Dah Day

Caldwell Park, Birmingham  
Come on out for this fun event which supports local animal charities. Visit [dodahday.org](http://dodahday.org) for more information.

**MAY 11**

**MAY 25**

### Lunch and Learn Series

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Free and open to the public. No reservations are required; light refreshments served. For information about seminar topics, visit [bbgardens.org](http://bbgardens.org).

**MAY 28**

Bankhead Lake/Lower Valley Creek Clean Up  
Visit [www.boatalabama.org](http://www.boatalabama.org) for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>May Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Bike-to-Work Day</i>	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
22 <i>International Day for Biological Diversity</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31				



# JUNE

Got bugs? Call the Plant Diagnostic Lab in Birmingham at 205-879-6964 ext. 19 to help you identify the insect problems and diseases that are plaguing your lawn or garden.

Some bugs are beneficial to humans because they eat harmful bugs and assist in helping keep plants healthy. Some even perform vital functions for our food crops.

Integrated pest management (IPM) strategies are simple. Identify the pest before reacting. Start with non-chemical tactics. If pesticides are needed, use the least toxic products first.

## “BEE” RESPONSIBLE!



## PESTICIDES DON'T PICK & CHOOSE

INSECTICIDES KILL ALL INSECTS, EVEN THE ONES YOU DID NOT INTEND TO HARM, SUCH AS OUR FOOD POLLINATORS.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES. CHOOSE THE LEAST TOXIC PRODUCTS FIRST. APPLY PRODUCTS ONLY IN THE LATE EVENINGS WHEN POLLINATORS ARE NOT ACTIVE.

Butterflies and other pollinators are dying because they are the unintended casualties of broad spectrum pesticide application. Spot treat affected plants and avoid over spray.

If bees completely disappear, more than 1/3 of the world's crops would disappear. There also would be much less feed for raising livestock.

You can do your part by using pesticides only when necessary, and spraying early in the morning or late in the evening when pollinators are not out looking for food. Consider planting bee friendly plants in your yard. Visit [www.aces.edu/urban/TreesforBees](http://www.aces.edu/urban/TreesforBees) to learn more!

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# JUNE 2016

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## GET INVOLVED

**JUNE 8**  
**JUNE 22**

### *Lunch and Learn Series*

11:30AM – 12:30PM  
Birmingham Botanical  
Gardens  
Free and open to the public.  
No reservations are  
required; light refreshments  
served. For information  
about seminar topics, visit  
[www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org).

### *Flicks Among the Flowers*

Birmingham Botanical  
Gardens  
Visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org)  
for more information.

### *National Pollinators Week*

Birmingham Botanical  
Gardens  
Visit [bbgardens.org](http://bbgardens.org) for  
more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 <i>World Environment Day</i>	6	7	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Global Wind Day</i>	16	17 <i>World Day to Combat Desertification &amp; Drought</i>	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



# JULY

Stormwater picks up pollution as it comes in contact with the ground, paved areas, and other surfaces, and carries these untreated substances into the storm drain system. Stormwater that carries pollution is called polluted runoff.

Reduce runoff by aerating your lawn and amending your soil to enhance its water retention.

Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation and maximize watering efficiency.

## REDUCE RUNOFF!



Tia P.  
Age 14

## WATER THE LAWN, NOT THE STREET

BY KEEPING WATER FROM LEAVING YOUR PROPERTY, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER RUNOFF AND WATER POLLUTION.

RUNOFF CARRIES LAWN PRODUCTS AND LOOSE SOIL TO OUR WATERWAYS CAUSING POLLUTION. DIRECT SPRINKLERS AND DOWNSPOUTS ONTO LAWNS, NOT DRIVEWAYS & SIDEWALKS.

Look for ways to reduce the amount of water your yard needs. Choosing native plants which are drought and pest resistant is a good start. Visit [aces.edu](http://aces.edu) for more information.

Add or reapply mulch to garden beds to retain moisture and reduce the frequency of watering.

Look for ways to keep rainwater on your property by using features in your landscape to slow it down, spread it out, and allow it to soak in.

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# JULY 2016

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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
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## GET INVOLVED

**JULY 13**

**JULY 27**

### **Lunch and Learn Series**

11:30AM – 12:30PM

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Free and open to the public. No reservations are required; light refreshments served. For information about seminar topics, visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org).

### **Flicks Among the Flowers**

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org) for more information.



# AUGUST

Litter and trash in communities can attract unwanted vermin like rats, raccoons, opossums and snakes.

Participate in a creek clean up near you! For more information, visit [www.renewourrivers.com](http://www.renewourrivers.com)

Properly disposing of litter and trash, covering trash cans to keep out wind and animals, and periodically picking up around your property can help keep these pollutants out of creeks and streams.

## TRASH FLOATS!



## TARP & TIE YOUR LOAD

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INTENTIONAL OR NOT, TRASH AND OTHER ITEMS THAT BLOW OUT OF VEHICLES OR TAILERS BECOMES LITTER. LITTER POLLUTES OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS.

Whatever is on the ground can be washed by rainwater into the storm drainage system and carried untreated to local creeks and streams.

Got items that your curbside trash service won't pick up? Visit [www.recycleAL.com](http://www.recycleAL.com) to find facilities that will accept your hard to dispose of items.

Make littering unacceptable in your community by coordinating or participating in a roadside litter cleanup. Call 325.8741 to learn more.

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# AUGUST 2016

## GET INVOLVED

### **National Night Out**

For information call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 205-325-1450 or the City of Birmingham Police Department at 205-328-9311.

### **AUGUST 10**

### **AUGUST 24**

### **Lunch and Learn Series**

11:30AM-12:30PM

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Free and open to the public.

No reservations are required; light refreshments served.

For information about seminar topics, visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org).

### **Valley Creek Cleanup**

Free t-shirt and lunch.

Call 205-930-1274 for more information.

### **National Water Quality Month**

What are you doing to protect water quality in Jefferson County's 50 creeks and streams?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# SEPTEMBER

Instead of piling your leaves or grass clippings on the curb, start looking at them as a resource instead of a nuisance by using them as mulch or in a compost pile.

You can reduce the amount of garbage your household generates by adding kitchen scraps such as vegetable and fruit peels, coffee grounds, and egg shells to your compost pile. Never add grease, animal waste, or other animal products to the pile.

## IT'S "MULCH" BETTER!

Kaden M. - Age 12



### FLOOD

IT AFFECTS YOU!  
LEAVES IN ROADWAYS  
OR ROADSIDE DITCHES  
BLOCK RAIN FROM  
ENTERING STORM DRAINS  
CAUSING FLOODING.

### FOOD

SAVE MONEY!  
MULCHED LEAVES WILL  
DECOMPOSE SUPPLYING  
PLANTS WITH A NATURAL,  
SLOW RELEASE FORM OF  
FREE FOOD.

ONE LETTER CHANGES EVERYTHING. KEEP LEAVES OUT OF  
ROADWAYS, ROADSIDE DITCHES, AND STORM DRAINS.

Mulch enriches soil by supplying micronutrients, stabilizing soil temperature, retaining moisture, and reducing weed growth.

Compost is ready to use when it no longer resembles what it originally was, and looks and smells like rich crumbly soil. Compost improves the quality and texture of soil, adds nutrients and helps retain moisture.

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# SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Patriot's Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>World Water Monitoring Day</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>World Car Free Day</i>	23	24
25 <i>World Rivers Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30	

**GET INVOLVED**

**SEPTEMBER 14  
SEPTEMBER 28**

**Lunch and Learn Series**

11:30AM – 12:30PM  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Free and open to the public. No reservations are required; light refreshments served. For information about seminar topics, visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org).

**Pollution Prevention Week**

Everything exposed to rain is a potential source of water pollution! What pollutants are lurking at your home?

**SepticSmart Week**

Visit [www.water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/septicsmart](http://www.water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/septicsmart) to learn more.

**Village Creek Fall Cleanup**

Visit [www.villagecreeksociety.org](http://www.villagecreeksociety.org) for more information.



# OCTOBER

Running a lawnmower without the bag attached over the leaves in your yard will chop them into bits and drop the bits back onto your lawn. These bits will decompose on your lawn and provide FREE slow release fertilizer.

Bagging leaves for trash pickup is just throwing away a valuable resource. Use your leaves and yard waste to start a compost pile at home.

## IT'S "MULCH" BETTER!



## LEAF MULCH MAKES FREE FOOD

BY RELYING ON NATURE TO FEED AND PROTECT YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN BEDS, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

FALLEN LEAVES CONTAIN NUTRIENTS THAT PROVIDE FREE PLANT FOOD. MULCH SMOTHERS WEEDS, HELPS SOILS RETAIN MOISTURE, AND REDUCES SOIL EROSION.

Got too many leaves for your lawn mower to handle? Use your fallen leaves as mulch for your garden beds as a FREE way to reduce weeds and retain moisture around plants.

Now is the best time to plant trees, shrubs, and other additions to your landscape! Also, don't forget to winterize your plants by reapplying mulch to your garden and flowerbeds.

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# OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Fall Plant Sale

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Visit [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org) for more information.

### OCTOBER 12 OCTOBER 21

### Lunch and Learn Series

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2	3 <i>World Habitat Day</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12 <i>International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction</i>	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Boss's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Halloween</i>					



# NOVEMBER

Pouring any fats, oils, or grease down the drain clogs the pipes in your home and causes sanitary sewer overflows.

The cost of a plumber to clear clogged drains or a sewage backup can really add up. Keep used cooking oil and grease out of the drain!

## 1 DROP BUILDS UP!



1. COOK & COOL    2. POUR INTO CONTAINER    3. RETURN & EXCHANGE

## OIL & GREASE CLOGS DRAINS

BY PROPERLY DISPOSING OF YOUR USED COOKING OIL AND GREASE, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

HOUSEHOLD COOKING OIL & GREASE CLOGS SINK DRAINS AND SEWER PIPES AND IS COSTLY TO REPAIR. SAVE MONEY AND PREVENT HEADACHES ~ RECYCLE THESE PRODUCTS FOR FREE. CALL 205-238-3876 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Sanitary sewer overflows pollute streams and creeks with raw sewage. These events are costly to repair and unhealthy for people and the environment.

You can avoid costly plumbing repairs by recycling used cooking oil and grease. New, clean recycling containers are available for FREE at all Jefferson County collection centers. Visit [www.jeffcoes.org](http://www.jeffcoes.org) to find a location near you.

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# NOVEMBER 2016

## GET INVOLVED

### **Grants Mill Road Cleanup Project**

Call Jefferson County  
Stormwater Management  
at 205-325-8741 for more  
information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12
13	14	15 <i>America Recycles Day</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# DECEMBER

Think twice before pouring used cooking oil and grease outside to dispose of it or to control weeds. This practice attracts unwanted 'visitors' to your home . . . and they might even bring their friends!

Instead of dooming your old electronics and holiday decorations to the landfill, why not recycle them? Visit [www.recycleAL.com](http://www.recycleAL.com) to find facilities that will accept these and other holiday items.

## UMMM BACON!

Steffen M. - Age 14



## YOU CREATED THE GUEST LIST

BY PROPERLY DISPOSING OF YOUR USED COOKING OIL AND GREASE, YOU CAN PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

COOKING OIL & GREASE Poured ONTO THE GROUND INVITES UNWANTED GUESTS TO YOUR HOME & POLLUTES OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS. RECYCLE USED COOKING OIL FOR FREE.

Rats, raccoons, opossums and other vermin will feed on any type of grease, oil, or other food waste that you place uncovered outside your home. These animals can carry disease and create a health risk for humans.

Keep creepy critters away from your home by recycling used cooking oil and grease at one of Jefferson County's 19 collection centers. It's easy, convenient and FREE! Visit [jeffcoes.org](http://jeffcoes.org) to find a location near you.

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# DECEMBER 2016

## TIPS FOR GREEN HOLIDAYS

### Free the Tree!

Recycle or repurpose your Christmas tree. Visit [www.recycleAL.com](http://www.recycleAL.com) for recycling information and ideas.

### Recycle Paper

Try wrapping your presents in brown or recycled paper.

### Turn off the Lights

Christmas tree lights left on for 10 hours a day over the 12 days of Christmas produce enough CO<sub>2</sub> to inflate 12 balloons.

### Defrost your freezer before the Holidays

It will work more efficiently and create more space to store leftover food, so that it doesn't go to waste.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>International Volunteer Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>International Mountain Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Hanukkah</i>
25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
<b>JANUARY 1</b> <i>New Year's Day                      Hanukkah Ends                      Kwanzaa Ends</i>						



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## JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29					

## MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
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## APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## JUNE

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## JULY

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## AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## SEPTEMBER

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## OCTOBER

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## NOVEMBER

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## DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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