



Winter Weather Tips

Winter in Athens can bring freezing temperatures, causing instances of ice, snow, and sleet. To best prepare yourself, your home, or your business for this time of year, keep these simple tips in mind:

- When de-icing your driveway or sidewalk, use sand or birdseed instead of salt. This limits the amount of sodium entering our waterways when the snow or ice melts.
- Keep your pipes from freezing by leaving cabinets open to allow warm air to circulate, and by allowing your faucet to drip slowly to keep water moving.
- If possible, shut off outdoor water valves to prevent freezing pipes.
- Be sure to stay indoors during extreme weather events, and drive only if necessary.
- Make sure furniture isn't blocking any indoor heating vents.
- Remove any large tree branches that could get weighed down with ice or snow and fall on your or someone else's house.

ACC Stormwater would also like to wish our subscribers a happy and safe holiday season!



Call for Entries: 2019 Ripple Effect Film Festival

Due to popular demand, the ACC Water Conservation Office, in conjunction with ACC Stormwater and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, is pleased to announce the return of the Ripple Effect Film Project. The film contest is open to filmmakers of all ages and levels of experience who reside, work, go to school, or otherwise have a connection to Athens, GA. Entries can be submitted by an individual or team, and finalist films will be showcased at the Blue Carpet Premiere in Spring 2019.

In support of the EPA's WaterSense [Fix a Leak Week](https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week) [<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>], film entries should focus on one of the following suggested topics:

- Fix a Leak Week
- Fixing Automotive Leaks
- Preventing Leaking Litter
- Promoting WaterSense

Judges will score entries based on strength of message, originality, artistic execution, and production quality. All submissions must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on January 25, 2019.

For official rules and more information about Ripple Effect, visit www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org [<http://www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org/>] or call 706-613-3729.

Upcoming Events

Winter Rain Barrel Workshop
Thursday, December 13, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
ACC Planning Auditorium (120 W. Dougherty Street)

ACC Stormwater is hosting a free rain barrel workshop on Thursday, December 13. Registration for the workshop is currently full, but if you would like to be added to the waitlist, please visit www.accgov.com/stormwater [<http://www.accgov.com/stormwater>].

Athens' MLK Jr. Day of Service
Monday, January 21, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Various Locations

In 1994, the U.S. Congress made the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday an official day of service. Athens, Georgia is one of the thousands of cities across the United States that decided to make this "A Day On and Not a Day Off." To celebrate, many organizations across town will be hosting volunteer projects. Visit www.accgov.com/MLKDay [<http://www.accgov.com/MLKDay>] for more information and the link to sign-up to volunteer.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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