



Your Guide to Spring Events in Athens

April is here which means Earth Day and a variety of environmental events are upon us! Join ACC Stormwater and many other partner organizations in a community-wide celebration of Earth Day, including plant sales, clean-ups, gardening classes, group hikes, habitat restoration workdays, and fundraisers. Check them out here or visit our Green Life website [\[https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/6316/Green-Life-Expo\]](https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/6316/Green-Life-Expo) for a digital list.

KACCB's Ramp Up for Spring Cleaning

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful encourages citizens to get outside and cleanup our roadways. They are looking for volunteer groups to do one-time cleanups of roads or Loop 10 ramps and have tools to help! Visit www.keepathensbeautiful.org [http://www.keepathensbeautiful.org/] to submit a tool request.

ACC Stormwater's "Water Logged" Geocaches

ACC Stormwater encourages all geocachers to get out and complete their "Water Logged" geotrail around Athens. These stormwater-themed caches are meant to show how stormwater moves from street to stream. Log all five caches on the trail in the month of April and win a prize! Email stormwater@accgov.com [mailto:stormwater@accgov.com] to claim.

Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

This is a friendly competition between cities across the US, encouraging residents to conserve water, energy, and other natural resources through a series of easy-to-use online pledges. This year, Athens will be participating in the friendly competition against Gainesville, FL during the month of April. The stakes? Mayor and Commissioners of either city must wear the colors of the winning city's university and share it on social media. Visit www.thinkatthesink.com [http://www.thinkatthesink.com/] for more details and a link to the pledge.

Garden Earth Explorers

State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

Join the State Botanical Garden of Georgia education team as they bring you a new program to the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden, starting on March 28. Families will join one another for a morning of adventure discovering Garden Earth through songs, puppets, stories, hikes, activities, or games. Each week will highlight a new theme such as water, soil, foods we eat, plants or trees. Thursday mornings will be geared towards ages 3-6, and Saturday mornings for ages 7-10.

Athens Sustainability Networking Night

April 11 from 7 - 9 pm, Creature Comforts (271 W. Hancock Avenue)

Join UGA's Office of Sustainability for their second Sustainability Networking Night, this time in Athens! This event is an excellent opportunity to meet like-minded individuals who share a passion for making the world a better place. Attendees will consist of Office of Sustainability Interns, Sustainability Certificate Students, Office of Sustainability Alumni, Certificate Alumni, as well as other sustainability leaders in the Athens and Atlanta community. Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

Plantapalooza

April 13 from 8 am – 2 pm, Multiple Locations

Plantapalooza is three simultaneous plant sales in Athens: at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, UGA's Horticulture Club, and the Trial Gardens at UGA. There will be a variety of traditional and unique plants, plus access to horticulture professors, garden curators, and Master Gardeners to answer your questions. Visit www.botgarden.uga.edu/event/plantapalooza-three-plant-sales-one/ for details.

Memorial Park/Birchmore Trail Habitat Restoration

April 13 from 9 am - 12 pm, Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive)

Memorial Park Weed Warriors are continuing their 10-year effort to eliminate invasive exotic plants from this heavily infested forest. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Follow the Weed Warrior signs to the meeting place near the zoo entrance.

Athens Ladies Homestead Gathering Plant Sale

April 13 from 9 am - 2 pm, ACC Extension Office (2152 W. Broad Street)

This annual plant sale will feature herbs, summer veggie starts, and both food and flowering perennials. Please come out and support the work we do in this chapter! If you are interested in helping out with the sale, please email athensclarkega@nlhg.org.

Yoga Under the Stars

April 16 from 8 - 9 pm, UGA's Myers Quad (facing Sanford Drive)

Yoga Under the Stars is a part of UGA's Earth Week festivities and will be Tuesday April 16th from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Myers Quad at UGA. There will be yoga led by an instructor, followed by coffee and other activities. This event is open to the public.

April Full Moon Hike

April 19 from 8 - 9:30 pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

Come see the garden come alive at night! Each walk will focus on a different topic such as the moon, constellations, or nocturnal creatures. Bring family and friends of all ages along to enjoy the mysterious world of nature at night! Be prepared to hike up to 2 miles on our wooded trails and in the garden. If you have young children or infants, a backpack carrier is suggested. Visit www.botgarden.uga.edu/ to register.

Boulevard Woods Earth Day Clean-Up

April 20 from 10 am - 1 pm, Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive)

Celebrate Earth Day with ACC Trails & Open Space by cleaning up accumulated brush and improving the trails at Boulevard Woods Park. Please wear close-toed shoes, long sleeves and pants, and bring a refillable water bottle. We will provide gloves, tools, snacks, and water. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

North Oconee River Greenway Overlook Planting

April 20 from 10 am - 1 pm, North Oconee Access Road Parking Lot

Come play in the dirt with us! ACC Trails and Open Space will be planting native plants that are suited for streambanks after clearing much of the vegetation to open up views and control invasive plants. Please wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, long sleeves, and long pants, and bring a refillable water bottle. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

UGA Earth Day Celebration

April 22 from 10 am - 2 pm, UGA Tate Plaza

UGA's Earth Day Celebration will be on Monday, April 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Tate Plaza at UGA. This is a free event, and there will be lots of

organizations tabling, along with activities like making terrariums with plants. This event is free and open to the public.

Georgia Review Earth Day Celebration

April 22 from 7 - 9 pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

National Book Award winner Barry Lopez, one of the country's most important environmental writers and advocates, will return to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia for The Georgia Review's eleventh annual Earth Day program. A contributor to the Review over the past twenty-five years, Lopez was the keynote speaker for the journal's 2011 event and becomes the first repeat speaker. This event is open to the public free of charge and will be followed by a reception.

Sandy Creek Nature Center Habitat Restoration

April 27 from 9 am - 12 pm, Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road)

Join us in removing and treating invasive plants at Sandy Creek Nature Center. This is an ongoing program to improve habitat for native plants and animals. We will meet at the Cook's Trail trailhead. Please wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves, and long pants. Please bring a refillable water bottle. We will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Athens Area Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

April 27, ACC Extension Office (2152 W. Broad Street)

This annual sale features a variety of plants grown by Master Gardeners including annuals, perennials, herbs, veggies, ferns, shrubs, bulbs and more! Unique and native plants, houseplants, and heirlooms will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine and parking is available next door in the Long Horn Steakhouse parking lot. Cash or check only.

2019 Grand Opening of the West Broad Farmers Market

May 4 from 9 am - 1 pm, West Broad Farmers Market (1573 W. Broad Street)

Join the Athens Land Trust for flavor, family, and fun as they kick off this market season with fresh food, cooking demonstrations, and the Annual May Day Celebration. Come support local business and get fresh for less with SNAP/EBT.

Public Tour of the Drinking Water Treatment Plant

May 4 from 10 am - 12 pm, J.B. Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant (780 Barber St.)

Come and celebrate National Drinking Water Week with us! Water is a resource that is often overlooked and taken for granted. We look forward to showing you the process our water goes through before being delivered to your home, businesses, and schools. Following the tour, join us in the Water Resources Building for water conservation displays, giveaways, and tastings. Register at www.thinkatthesink.com [<http://www.thinkatthesink.com/>].

Free Gardening Class Series: Composting

May 8 at 6 pm, ACC Library (2025 Baxter Street)

This class is a part of ACC Extension's 2019 Free Gardening Class Series. It will include an informative presentation on topics including the basic concepts and importance of efficient composting as well as recommended structure and methods. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Please register by May 7. Visit www.extension.uga.edu [<http://www.extension.uga.edu/>] for more information.

Roll Out the Barrels

May 23 from 6 - 9 pm, The Foundry (295 E. Dougherty Street)

Enjoy functional art and support sustainability at the 9th annual Roll Out the Barrels! The event will feature a silent auction of 15 rain barrels painted by local artists, hors d'oeuvres, and live music. The event is hosted by Athens-Clarke County Stormwater and Water Conservation Office, and proceeds benefit the ACC Green Schools Program. Visit www.rolloutthebarrels.org [<http://www.rolloutthebarrels.org/>] for more details.

NEW: Pay Your Stormwater Utility Bill Online!

ACC Stormwater is now accepting online payments for all Stormwater Utility accounts. A reminder that this is a separate account from your municipal water and trash bill. Visit [this link](https://atheneegov.aspgov.com/Click2GovCX/index.html) to set up your account; you will need your name, mailing address, and Stormwater account number(s) to create a profile. Please call 706-613-3440 if you have any issues getting into the system.

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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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