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Athens, Tennessee

Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Service



The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is hosting a mobile household hazardous waste collection service in Humphreys, Meigs, and Robertson counties on Saturday, May 11. Tennesseans are urged to bring items like cleaning fluids, pesticides, and swimming pool chemicals to designated drop-off points. **You do not need to live inside those counties to participate.** The drop-off location in Meigs County is at Decatur Farmers Market on Hwy. 58, Decatur, from 8 am - 1 pm. The contact is Eddie Jewell at (423) 334-5850. Since its start in 1993, the program has seen over 373,000 households dispose of more than 24 million pounds of hazardous material across over 1,500 collection events. Household hazardous waste, such as cleaning fluids and pesticides, poses risks due to its flammability, toxicity, reactivity, or corrosiveness. Items like mercury thermometers, fluorescent lamps, lithium batteries, and used needles should also be disposed of properly. Certain materials like ammunition, explosives, and electronics are not accepted. The service is free, with no appointment necessary.

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Community News You Can Use

- Mr. Mike Simmons, Principal at Athens City Middle school, has been named the Athens City Schools Principal of the Year. Also, Congratulations to Mr. Simmons for being named region level semi-finalist for Principal of the Year in the Southeast Region!
- The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced that Soap Box Derby registration is now open online, in-person, and over the phone until Friday, May 17th at 5:00pm. Online registration will still be open until Sunday, May 19th at 11:59pm. For the first time since 2019, the race will take place on Keith Lane on Saturday, June 1st 2024. Registration can be done online at www.athenstn.gov, by calling the Parks & Recreation office at (423) 744-2704, or by visiting the office at 815 N. Jackson St.
- The Annual Dan Henry Antique Tractor Show is ready to take you back in time. Come appreciate vintage machinery from all over the southeast. The event is FREE to attend and open to the public. It is being hosted at Dooley Tractor Company 109 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens on Saturday, May 18 from 8 am - 4 pm. 2 Dudes BBQ food truck will be on-site. For more info or to participate, contact Dan at (423) 506-2699.



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Athens, Tennessee

Celebrating Nurses, Hospitals, & EMS Partners

In May, we commemorate three significant national observances honoring the commitment and resilience of our nurses, hospital teams, and EMS professionals. These designated weeks serve as a tribute to the bravery exhibited by our caregivers. Despite numerous challenges in healthcare in recent years, our dedicated caregivers and hospital personnel have demonstrated remarkable courage, tirelessly delivering vital services to our community around the clock.

- **National Nurses Week (May 6-12)** celebrates our more than 200 nurses and the invaluable role they play in caring for our patients and our community.
- **National Hospital Week (May 12-18)** recognizes the thousands of hospitals and healthcare systems across the country, and the hundreds of thousands of dedicated workers who keep our communities healthy.
- **National EMS Week (May 19-25)** honors the EMTs, paramedics and other personnel who partner with us to provide life-saving care on the scene of an accident or emergency.

Athens Handyman Joins the Chamber of Commerce



A ribbon cutting was celebrated for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, The Athens Handyman, located in Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Paul Semenoff (Chamber Diplomat), Staci Gomez, Cody Rutland (Owner, The Athens Handyman), Stephanie Rutland, Stacey Hester (Chamber Diplomat), Wesley Skinner (Chamber Diplomat). Back: Larea Graves (Chamber Diplomat), Lindsey Ferguson (McMinn County Economic Development Authority), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Stephanie Devine, Charles Brewster, Nikki McConkey, Ben Smith, Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), Kelsey O'Daniel (Chamber Diplomat), Rafael Taylor, Hugh Willson (Chamber Diplomat) John Rodriguez (Chamber Board).

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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Athens, Tennessee

Arrest Reports

- Jeremiah King, 42 of Athens was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,042.45
- Joshua Williams, 34 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Evading and Possession of Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$13,500.
- Carl Millsaps, 42 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation (State). No Bond.
- Matthew McClung, 51 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Etowah PD for DUI, Open Container, Violation of Implied Consent, and Possession of a Handgun while Intoxicated. Total Bond: \$5,000.
- David Black, 26 of Spring City, was arrested by the THP for DUI, Driving on a Suspended License, and Open Container. Total Bond: \$5,000.
- Melinda Burress, 42 of Niota was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Theft of Service. Total Bond: \$2,000.
- Tashena Williams of Englewood, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Simple Possession of Schedule II and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond Reported.
- Detrail Harper, 35 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of an Order of Protection. Total Bond: \$6,000.

Those accused are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
Information gathered from Public Sources

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From page 1.....There's a fee for disposing of Very Small Quantity Generator Waste from non-household sources, like businesses or schools. Appointments are required for this, and individuals can call (615) 643-3170 for pricing and scheduling. Additionally, communities often offer collection services for batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, and electronic scrap, known as BOPAE. These materials, though less hazardous, aren't suitable for household hazardous waste events. Residents are advised to contact their local solid waste department for BOPAE collection sites.

When transporting materials, it's essential to use sturdy containers lined with newspaper or plastic to prevent spills and contamination. Keep hazardous items away from children and pets during transportation.

For more details about the household hazardous waste mobile collection service, individuals can call 800-287-9013.



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