



Chatham County

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Grant received to Develop the Coastal Georgia Adopt-A-Drain (AAD) Stormwater Volunteer Program.



STORMWATER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Chatham County Department of Engineering received a Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) to develop the Coastal Georgia AAD Stormwater Volunteer Program. This program will work with local residents to label and monitor Unincorporated Chatham County storm drains, specifically the drains along the road known as “curb inlets.” Customized storm drain marking tiles display a QR Code which links to the County’s Stormwater webpage (<http://engineering.chathamcounty.org/Stormwater/About>).



Storm Drain Marking Tile

Volunteers are needed to assist with this program in varying capacities! Volunteers can assist in applying storm drain marking tiles and volunteers are needed to monitor storm drains near them. Data collected through the Coastal Georgia AAD Program will be a valuable asset to the County’s mandated stormwater program and a critical component to help our communities learn to KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN.

**Join us for the initial Coastal Georgia AAD Volunteer Training session
March 19th from 9am—11am at Lake Mayer.**

For more information, email Stormwater@ChathamCounty.org or call 912-652-7800

“Done Gone Green”

I heard my neighbors have “done gone green”.
Oh my!Wait... what exactly does that mean?
Rumor is they installed a rain barrel to collect water
To use in their garden and make puddles for their daughter.
And they installed native plants, tolerant of Savannah’s climate.
Like, Wax Myrtles, Milkweed, and Birdfoot Violet.
When established, these native plants require less chemicals and care
As they are naturally used to the “pests” that reside here.
Also, these plants require less fertilizer and sprays,
Whoa! These neighbors revamped their ol’ gardening ways.
These mindful changes from their “done gone green” decree
Is providing benefits to wildlife and saving them money.
Reducing what they pay to maintain a great outdoor space,
To harness free rainwater and local plants used to this place.
Such simple, basic, “done gone green” modifications,
Could be great neighborhood trends to sweep the nation!
- by Angela Bliss

**Share your Stormwater poem!
Send it to Stormwater@Chathamcounty.org**

*Planting resources, such as the Riparian Buffer Guide, are located at
<http://engineering.chathamcounty.org/Stormwater/Education-Resources>*

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Chatham County Catch Basin

BRING YOUR STYROFOAM! PACKAGING - WE CAN NOW RECYCLE IT!



The Chatham County Resource Conservation and Recycling Center on Eisenhower Drive is now accepting Styrofoam packaging material!

This new pilot program will take Styrofoam packaging wastes, like the molded packaging material, and turn it into ingots which is pictured to the right. These Ingots are ways to reuse Styrofoam packing material by converting it into valuable building materials.

When bringing Styrofoam packaging, please make sure it is clean and void of non Styrofoam debris.

No Styrofoam food or beverage containers are being accepted as these items will contaminate the ingots. Contaminated ingots cannot be used and will end up in the landfill.

The center is open 8:30 am - 5:00 pm on Tuesday through Saturday excluding holidays and is located at 1321 Eisenhower Drive.

Also accepted:

- Cardboard
- Newspaper, Magazines
- Plastic shopping bags
- Plastics 1 & 2 (clear bottle, Milk Jug, & Detergent bottle)



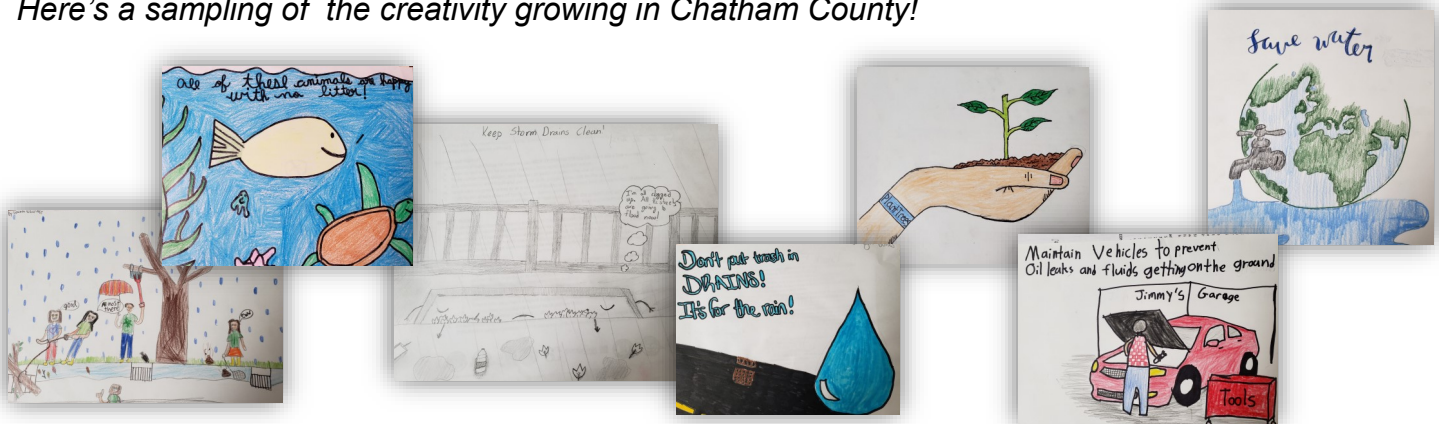
Recycled Styrofoam Ingot



Thank you to students, faculty, and parents who supported the KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN Calendar Art Competition.

Judging occurs this month with notifications going out the first week of March! Stay tuned to see the winning 18 submissions that will be used to create Chatham County's 2020-2021 KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN Calendar.

Here's a sampling of the creativity growing in Chatham County!



Here are ways that you can still help with KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN!

Please remember to:

- Pick up pet wastes
- Secure trash and debris in the back of the truck
- Prevent limbs and trash from going into the storm drain
- Report any illegal dumping or blowing of debris into storm drains
- Do not apply pesticides or herbicides before a heavy rainfall
- Follow instructions when using and discarding yard chemicals.
- Use the SEE, CLICK, FIX app to report any damaged or clogged stormdrains!

