

Upcoming Events

March

Spring Cleanups – Come out and participate in one of the volunteer roadside litter cleanups being held by Jefferson County communities. Or find out how you could coordinate a volunteer roadside litter cleanup in your community. Materials are provided, and volunteer service hours will be awarded. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

April

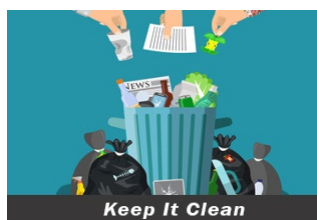
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event – April 13, 8:00 am to 11:30 am – Got unwanted paint? Old electronics? Yard chemicals? Vehicle fluids? Large appliances? Drop these and other items off for free at the following locations: First Baptist Church Gardendale - South Location, Classic Car Motoring in Irondale, or the City of Bessemer Public Works Laydown Yard. More information for this and other upcoming collection events is available at the Jefferson County [website](#), or call 205-325-8741.

Rain Barrel Workshop – April 20, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm – Jones Valley Teaching Farm, 701 25th St. N, Birmingham – [Learn](#) the importance of capturing, storing and repurposing rainwater at your home. Take home a ready-to-install 55-gallon rain barrel. Workshop only - \$5, workshop and rain barrel - \$38.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day - April 27 - Various Locations - Keep prescription drugs out of the wrong hands and out of the sanitary sewer system (please don't flush these down the toilet). Contact your local [law enforcement](#) agency for locations and times for safe, free [drop off opportunities](#).

Thank You!

A big thank you to all who participated in the January 27 Electronic Collection Event held at the Birmingham Zoo. In spite of the rain, we had a great turnout. 537 vehicles representing 606 households from 31 local jurisdictions within 51 unique zip codes were served. 12.92 tons of electronics were collected and 6.05 tons of paper were shredded during the event. Your efforts have kept these electronics out of the landfill and potentially reduced illegal dumping sites. The electronics collected by the vendor were 100% recycled or reused. Extracting the various components of electronics such as copper, silver, gold, and palladium allows these precious metals to be reused rather than being discarded and reduces the need for new mining activities. Less mining protects the habitats of many animals such as gorillas, chimpanzees, and elephants.



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