

Clean & Green



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Clean Up, Green Up, Keep Up Our Community



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Clean & Green Receives Grant to Replace Trees



A Navy volunteer assists a resident in selecting her free trees in the August 19 giveaway.

Agriculture and the Florida Division of Forestry.

These grant funds allowed us to conduct tree giveaways for the residents of Escambia County, Florida, to help replace trees lost due to hurricane activity in our area.

Clean & Green has received funding through the Hurricane Grant Program administered by the Florida Division of Forestry with funds provided by the U.S. Forest Service. This grant is made possible by the U.S. Department of

The first giveaway was conducted on August 19 at Floral Tree Gardens on 9 Mile Rd. We gave away 205 trees during a four-hour period.

Our second giveaway was October 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at Floral Tree Gardens on 9 Mile Rd. We gave away 211 trees and delivered 54 trees to residents who needed assistance.

Both giveaways were assisted by Navy volunteers who helped residents pick out trees and load them into vehicles.

Thanks to all volunteers who helped make these giveaways possible, and thanks to all Escambia County residents who received trees and are helping green up and beautify our communities!



Escambia County Recycling Drop Off Locations

Baars Softball Field
12950 Gulf Beach Hwy.

Cowley Park, Pensacola Beach
NOW OPEN!
911 Via De Luna Dr.

Ever'Man Natural Foods Cooperative Grocery
315 W. Garden St. (rear parking lot)

Escambia County Extension Service
3740 Stefani Rd.

Escambia County Equestrian Center
7750 Mobile Hwy.

Ferry Pass Fire Station
2331 E. Johnson Ave.

John R. Jones Athletic Park
555 E. Nine Mile Rd.

Myrtle Grove Fire Department
7209 Lillian Hwy.

Ninth Avenue Fire Station
6550 N. 9th Ave.

Oak Grove Citizen's Convenience Center
745 N. Hwy. 99

Perdido Landfill
13009 Beulah Rd., Cantonment

Pleasant Grove Fire Department
9350 Gulf Beach Hwy.

Summit Boulevard Fire Station
2750 Summit Blvd.

University of West Florida
John Martin Hall, 11000 University Pkwy. and
Parking Lot #10, Campus Dr. (under water tower)

Warrington Fire Department
20 N. Navy Blvd.

Malcolm Young Center
925 E. Jackson St.

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Gardening Tips

Temperatures are beginning to cool, and we can again enjoy our gardening activities. Autumn and winter may seem to be the times to slow down, but now is the ideal time to renovate or improve your landscape.

Unless you have overseeded with ryegrass, you can take a break from most lawn activities. Turf is mostly dormant and it will not need the water unless we experience an extended dry period. Be sure not to apply any nitrogen to lawns until grass begins growing again next April.

Garden beds will need a little maintenance so they look good during the fall and winter. Hand pull winter weeds that are germinating under cool conditions. Apply a new layer of mulch over cleaned beds to prevent some weed growth. You may also want to add a small area of popular flowering annuals such as pansies, snapdragons, petunias, dianthus, or calendulas to brighten up. Incorporate a little slow release fertilizer into your planting areas to help annuals remain vigorous.

Be sure to visit a local nursery for some new shrubs or trees for your landscape. If you want a smaller tree consider Saucer magnolia, Taiwan cherry, Chinese pistache, Fringe tree, or a Savannah holly. Remember that all new trees will need plenty of water until established.

Our new Greenup Column is provided this quarter by Beth Boles, horticulture agent from Escambia County Extension.



Clean Up & Green Up Your Home

~Quick Yard Fix Ups~



Here are some quick ideas to spruce up your yard. Some of these ideas can be done quickly and have quite an impact on your yard's appearance.

1. Now is a great time to prune trees and shrubs to remove dead limbs and improve plant appearances. Be careful to not overdo it and damage plants.
2. Plant new shrubs or add containers with flowering plants for a quick landscape pickup. Cooler months are a great time to plant, and many nurseries have lower prices this time of year.
3. Clean up any landscape edging that has been damaged by mowing or weather.
4. Remove limbs and sticks. If you have a chipper, turn small debris into mulch.

5. Add a new layer of mulch to planting beds or paths. For a quick fix, stir up existing mulch to make it look fresh.
6. Rake up leaves and gather for curbside pickup. Be sure to check with your trash disposal service for rules on pickup. Never mix yard debris with household trash.
7. Create a pathway using low voltage lighting and mulch, and edge with low maintenance plants.
8. Use lattice or fence panels to conceal trash cans or air conditioning units.
9. Clean gutters and your house. A pressure washer can help remove mildew stains and dirt and give your house a fresh appearance.

Help keep your community clean and green by starting at home. Mowing, trimming and raking can have a big impact on your lawn's appearance and help bring pride to your neighborhood. If you have elderly neighbors, consider 'adopting' them to help with these simple chores. Once you become a Proud Neighbor, don't forget to apply for our award to show off your hard work!

Pruning Tips

Prune to shape young trees, but don't cut back the leader.

Remove crossing branches and branches that grow back towards the center of the tree.

As young trees grow, remove lower branches gradually to raise the crown, and remove branches that are too closely spaced on the trunk.

Be careful of pruning that can harm trees, such as topping, the pruning of

large upright branches done to reduce the height of the tree, and tipping, the practice of cutting lateral branches between nodes to reduce crown width.

Improper pruning cuts can cause injury to the tree that can result in decay. If in doubt, consult a professional gardner at your local nursery for advice before pruning.



Recycle in Escambia County

Why should I recycle?

Reducing waste, reusing materials and products, and recycling are some of the most powerful ways individuals, households and businesses can protect the environment.

What about reuse?

Many commonly discarded items — from single-sided paper to clothing to televisions — are readily reusable in their current form. Instead of tossing an item in the trash can or recycling bin, consider ways it might still be usable to you or someone else, or whether it can be repaired if needed. Give your discards a chance at a second life by holding a yard

sale or donating items to Goodwill, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, or other charitable outlets.

What can I recycle?

Many materials can be recycled. Some of the most common are: newspaper, aluminum cans, cardboard, steel cans, writing/copy paper, plastic bottles, mixed household paper, glass bottles and jars, magazines, and end of life electronics.

Where can I recycle?

Escambia County operates a drop off recycling program and has added new sites with plans on more expansion. See page 4 for a current list.

Support Clean & Green

Whether it's volunteering your time or your money, Clean & Green needs your help to keep our communities clean. Our goal is to clean it up, green it up and keep it up. This means that people must stay involved to keep our neighborhoods clean. Our mission is to increase community awareness by organizing volunteers to engage in litter cleanups, outdoor beautification projects, and plantings and help them become aware of how litter affects everyone.

Your sponsorship allows us to buy food for our volunteers, equipment to operate cleanups, trash bags and dumpsters for cleanups, educational materials and so much more. With all the recent hurricane activity, our need for lawn care equipment has increased. Old equipment cluttering up your garage? Donate it to Clean & Green. We accept gently used items in working condition to help in cleanups of our elderly and disabled citizens yards. Contact us at (850) 438-1178 for more information.

Get involved today and take pride in Pensacola and Escambia County.

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Be a Sponsor of Clean & Green	From:	To:
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	\$1000	& up
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsorship	\$500	\$999
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsorship	\$250	\$499
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsorship	\$100	\$249
<input type="checkbox"/> Copper Sponsorship	\$50	\$99
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Sponsorship	\$1	\$49

Method of Payment: check money order

Name

Name of Business or Organization

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Mail to:

Clean & Green
3303 N. Davis Hwy.
Pensacola, FL 32503

Phone: 850-438-1178

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City of Pensacola

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Mr. Ted Ciano's Car, Truck
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EW Bullock Associates
Pensacola Seville Sertoma
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Clean & Green and Washington High School 'Return the Warmth'



Washington High FBLA

This past spring, during the Great American Cleanup, Clean & Green teamed up with Washington High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to recycle plastic bottles for Keep America Beautiful's 'Return the Warmth' campaign. This program was sponsored by grants from Sam's Club and Aquafina. As one of the top collecting schools nationwide, Washington High and Clean & Green were rewarded with fleece jackets made from recycled plastic bottles from Young America to distribute to needy children in our community. Supreme Paper donated warehouse space to hold the jackets until they were distributed.

The first giveaway was at Washington High School on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For a donation of a minimum of three cans of food, children received a free fleece pullover. All donations of canned food were given to Manna Food Bank for the upcoming holidays.

The remaining fleece jackets were donated by the FBLA students and Clean & Green on Nov. 28 to local charities that help kids in need. This included Favor House, Loaves & Fishes Homeless Shelter, Children's Home Society, 'The Coat Off Your Back' Drive, and the Gulf Coast Kid's House.

Clean & Green is proud of the hard work of the Washington High School students that made this giveaway possible. It was their hard work and recycling efforts that helped 'Return the Warmth' to children in need.



A family receives jackets at the Dec. 17 Return the Warmth food drive.

Mary Jane Waters Memorial

Mrs. Mary Jane Waters, the recipient of the 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award from Clean & Green and Keep America Beautiful, recently passed away. Mrs. Waters was dedicated to cleaning up Pensacola and made a big difference in the litter reduction in her neighborhood.

In honor of her memory, Board Member Lavona Boone has created a memorial fund. If you would like to contribute, please contact our office. All donations will go toward our work in litter reduction and beautification in Escambia County and are tax deductible.



Mrs. Mary Jane Waters receives the Volunteer of the Year Award of 2004 from then Chairman Vann Goodloe.

Thanks Volunteers

Many thanks to the UWF Paramedic and Firefighter students who teamed up to clean Whitmire Cemetery on Oct. 7. With the help of James Sellers and Bill Halfacre, there were 48 volunteers to help clean up overgrowth and make the cemetery available for those whose families are buried there. Way to go volunteers!

Campus Pride 2007

It's time again for the Campus Pride Cleanup and Greenup in Escambia County schools. New for this year is a Calendar Competition for the top winning schools from last year: Lipscomb Elementary, Bellview Middle School, and Pine Forest High School. Each grade in these schools will compete in a contest to draw the winning picture for each month of the calendar. The theme for the calendar will be recycling, antilitter, and pride in school grounds and community.

Entries will be voted on by the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs and announced with the new Campus Pride Winners in May of 2007.

The winning entries will be turned into a calendar that will be printed next year with school calendar events and available from local schools or directly from Clean & Green.

Be sure to enter your school in this year's Campus Pride Competition to be eligible for the next Campus Pride Calendar Competition. The deadline for entries is Friday, April 13, 2007. Contact our office at (850) 438-1178 for entry forms if your school did not receive one.



ECUA and Clean & Green Team up to Recycle Household Grease

Because household cooking oils and grease can clog sewer lines and your home's plumbing, ECUA is introducing a Residential Cooking Grease Disposal Program. Disposing of household grease correctly is essential to ensure that your plumbing and ECUA sewer lines don't get "all choked up." Pouring cooking grease down the drain is not recommended because as grease cools, it hardens, leading to "chokes" in your plumbing or sewer line. Even though we live in a warm climate, many fats harden at room temperature or during cooler times of the year (like now!).

The aim of our new Disposal Program is to help ECUA customers capture and dispose of their cooking grease in an environmentally safe and effective way. Starting in December 2006 (actual start date is still undefined as of this printing), ECUA will begin the distribution of containers that you can use to store and dispose of household cooking grease. Return your filled container to any of the participating locations listed below, and exchange it for an empty one, ready to repeat the process. It's that simple!

Residential Cooking Grease Disposal Program Sites:

Clean & Green

3303 N. Davis Hwy. (Left of company sign)

ECUA at Ellyson Industrial Park

9255 Sturdevant St. (Outside gate left of garage entrance)

ECUA Sanitation Department

3050 Godwin Lane (East end of employee parking)

ECUA Main Street Plant

401 W Government St. (Corner of Government & Coyle St.)

ECUA Bayou Marcus Water Reclamation Facility

3050 Fayal Dr. (Outside gate right of plant entrance)

Please be on the look-out for the beginning of this important program at a location near you, and help us keep sewer lines and your home's plumbing clear and unclogged.