

The Great American Cleanup was created by Keep America Beautiful. This nonprofit organization formed in 1953 when companies like Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, and PepsiCo partnered with government officials to address the problem of litter in the United States, especially along the country's highways. In its early years, the organization focused on releasing public service announcements to discourage individuals from littering. Today, the organization focuses on beautification by encouraging communities to eliminate litter and reduce waste through recycling programs.

The Great American Cleanup began in 1999 to beautify American communities through litter removal. Since then, the Cleanup has expanded to include community greening which involves the planting of trees, flowers, and gardens. In addition, the Cleanup strives to educate local communities about the importance of protecting the environment and recycling. Great American Cleanup Week occurs between March 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> every year, and over 30,000 communities and more than 3,000,000 volunteers participate annually. The Cleanup Week is dedicated to carrying out projects that will beautify communities. Most participant communities have a cleanup day in which individuals come together to clean up litter from their neighborhoods, parks, and streets. Many communities also use the week as an opportunity to clean up illegal dumpsites, plant trees, preserve hiking trails, and teach individuals about the importance of recycling and proper waste disposal.

Citizens are invited to clean up their homes, neighborhoods, and streets this spring! There will be dumpsters placed throughout the city for your use all month. If you need assistance with large items, please contact the city at (770) 266-5148. Place yard debris curbside and tires beside dumpsters.

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The City of Monroe will be participating in The Great American Cleanup during the month of April. During the entire month of April, residents can drop off trash at dumpsters placed throughout the city; please see the map below for dumpster locations. During the week of April 22-26, any resident living within the city limits of Monroe (no businesses please) wishing to bring trash, garbage, scrap metal, and/or tires (limit 10) to the City of Monroe Transfer Station at 213 Cherry Hill Drive. will be able to do so without charge. For the hours of operation, contact the office at (770) 266-5148.

Community Cleanup Day will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>!!! Volunteers are welcomed to meet at City Hall @ 9am! The areas of focus will be Broad Street, Wayne Street, Lumpkin Street, Spring Street, and Childers Park. Supplies will be provided!



## **QUICK REFERENCE**

## **City of Monroe Cleanup Guide**

- April drop off trash at dumpsters placed throughout the city
- April 22-26 bring trash, garbage, and tires (limit 10) to Transfer Station
- April 27 Community Cleanup Day (meet at City Hall @ 9am)
- Take GLASS waste to Keep Walton Clean & Beautiful Recycling Center,
  2051 Leroy Anderson Road
- The City of Monroe will not accept paint
- No TIRES in the dumpsters, please stack beside the dumpsters
- HELP MAKE MONROE THE CLEANEST MONROE POSSIBLE & JOIN US!!!



## **DUMPSTER LOCATIONS**

