



Press Release

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Opportunities in Bentonville's Big Tidy Up

Bentonville, AR... (Oct. 5, 2011)- Each fall, thousands of Arkansans remove tons of trash from our state's roadways, shorelines, parks and public areas during the Great Arkansas Cleanup (GAC), the statewide community-improvement campaign.

The 2011 GAC is sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Glad Products Co., Keep America Beautiful, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and Walmart/Sam's Club. These dedicated sponsors enable thousands of concerned community volunteers to make Arkansas a cleaner, healthier and more beautiful state.

The "Big Tidy Up" is Bentonville's initiative to participate in the 2011 GAC. Several opportunities to remove household waste and clean up city streets are available.

Events include opportunities for shredding personal documents. The first one is sponsored by Benton County and the Shred It Truck will be at the Benton County Courthouse on Saturday, October 8 from 8 am – 12 pm. The City of Bentonville is sponsoring the Shred It Truck on Saturday, October 15 at the Community Development Building, 305 SW A Street in Bentonville from 8 am to 12 pm.

The Bentonville Tree and Landscape Committee will give away free trees on Saturday, October 22 near the Bentonville Square in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. The tree giveaway will begin at 9 am and wrap up when all trees are given away. They will be distributed on a first come, first served basis; one per household.

The Bentonville Compost Facility, located at 2000 NW A Street will have trailers available for the disposal of both e-waste and old tires starting Tuesday, October 25 through Saturday, October 29. The facility is open from 8 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. All household electronics will be accepted (materials from businesses will not be accepted) on the e-waste trailer. Up to four passenger tires (not on rims) per household will be accepted on the tire waste trailer. For questions, call 271-5954. The trailers are provided courtesy of the Benton County Solid Waste District. The Compost Facility will also be giving away wood chip mulch. Please bring your own containers.

Finally, Bentonville's Fall Cleanup will take place Saturday, Oct. 29. That morning, teams and individuals will collect litter and trash along Bentonville's City streets and trails. Please register

with the Community Programs Coordinator at 271-6826 or by emailing Danielle Shasteen at dshasteen@bentonville.com. Check-in begins at 9 am and will wrap up when everyone has completed their clean up assignment.

The complete schedule of events and details are available on the city's website at www.bentonville.com under the "Big Tidy Up" link on the right.

The Great Arkansas Cleanup began more than 40 years ago as the Greers Ferry Lake and Little Red River Cleanup. In 1985, then-U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers guided legislation requiring an annual pickup event during the weekend after Labor Day on all federal lands. This law, the Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Act, honors the founder of the event. Mr. Garner continues his advocacy for a clean and litter-free environment as a member of the [Keep Arkansas Beautiful Foundation](#) Board of Directors.

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