

**Keep America Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County
Celebrates Earth Day with
Free Events for Residents of Shawnee County,
Great American Cleanup Activities and Volunteer Opportunities**

In recognition of the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, and in celebration of Earth Day the following services will be offered to residents of Shawnee County, free of charge (except where noted):

Saturday, April 17—Free Yard Waste Disposal

The Garick Yard Materials Recycling Facility will offer free disposal of yard waste for all Shawnee County residents. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at I-70 & MacVicar. They will accept trees, limbs, leaves and grass. All loads should be covered or secured. The free day is available to all residents of Shawnee County, no businesses. For more information, contact (785) 368-3762.

Saturday, June 12—Free confidential paper shred

Sponsored by Capitol Federal, bring paper to Crestview Park Shelter-4901 SW Shunga, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, Free landfill day

Rolling Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility will offer a free landfill day, sponsored by Waste Management of Kansas, Inc. The landfill located at 7351 N.W. Highway 75 will be open from 7 a.m. to Noon. To be eligible for free disposal all loads must be covered, contain no tires, hazardous waste items or appliances that contain Freon, no E-waste or PCB containing items. One load per customer. The free disposal of trash is available for individual Shawnee County residents only, no businesses. For more information, contact: (785) 246-0305. In the event of inclement weather, June 27th will be the rain date for the Free Landfill day. Please call to verify.

Saturday, July 17—Free Yard Waste Disposal

Forestry Products Recycling will offer free disposal of yard waste for all Shawnee County residents. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 3431 SE 21st. They will accept trees, limbs, leaves and grass. All loads should be covered or secured. The free day is available to all residents of Shawnee County, no businesses. For more information, contact (785) 478-9805.

Other Great American Cleanup services and events include:

March 1 through May 31-Advantage Metals and Scrap Management of Topeka, in partnership with the Keep American Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County program, is continuing their sponsorship of an aluminum can recycling program. Tell them you are with Keep America Beautiful and you will receive a five cent bonus over market price on each pound of cans recycled.

*****Advantage Metals, 1628 NW Gordon. Hours are: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - noon.***

*****Scrap Management 503 SE Branner. Hours are Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm and Saturday 8am-noon.***

April 3, May 1, and June 5 from 9 a.m. – noon –Shawnee County Household Hazardous Waste Special Collection Event – sponsored by Shawnee County Solid Waste Department. Collection of wastes such as household cleaners, pesticides, paint, batteries, outdated medication, sharps & similar products. Electronics and four tires per household will be collected free of charge (except fee for some televisions and computer monitors). Open to Shawnee County residents, households only, no businesses. Just East of Topeka Blvd. & North 46th Street. For questions call (785) 286-4381.

April 9-25--Tulip Time--City and Countywide celebration of tulips.

Featured sites include: Ted Ensley Gardens, 3650 SE West Edge Road; Old Prairie Town and Botanical Garden, 1st and Clay; Doran Rock Garden, 601 SW Gage; and Downtown Kansas Avenue.

April 9-25—Tulips at Twilight at Ward Meade/Old Prairie Town 7-10 p.m.

April 17—Festival of Tulips at the Lake—Open to the public—pancake feed from 8-10 a.m. Vendors, entertainment, car show, and beautiful tulip viewing from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fishing Clinic from 9-11:30. Dedication of Binkley Memorial and crowning of the Tulip Queen at noon. Donations accepted. (please watch the KAB website for weather updates and more info)

June 20—Summer Solstice Garden Party at Ted Ensley Gardens, Lake Shawnee 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Please RSVP to Philicia kab@kabtopsh.org or (785) 224-0446 for these events.

May 1—World Naked Gardening Day. Volunteers will help plant annuals at Ted Ensley Gardens from 9 a.m. - noon. Meet at 37th and West Edge Road.

May 22—Adopt-A-Piece of History at the Topeka Cemetery—Participants will mow, trim, do general cleanup, and lift stones from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day. Individuals are asked to provide their own equipment. Free lunch to volunteers at noon. Located at 1601 SE 10th.

June 5—Waterfront Warriors 9 – 11 a.m. Volunteers will help cleanup a waterway.

June 26—The KAB X-Treme Team—Volunteers will cleanup up some of our most littered areas from 9 – 11 a.m.

June 29—Weed Elimination Day at Ted Ensley Gardens—Volunteers will help pull weeds at the gardens from 9 a.m. – noon.



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