



CHATHAM COUNTY—SAVANNAH
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The WaterSpout

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'Tis the Season

It's that time of year again where we scour the stores and internet looking for the perfect gift for the special people in our lives. If you are like many others that are concerned about how wasteful the season can be and want to be a little more environmentally friendly, we have some gift ideas that will wow them but that you won't have to feel guilty that it will end up in the landfill by year's end. Some ideas to consider are:

Give them the gift of an **experience** that they will have for a lifetime. Get them concert, sporting events, movie or theater tickets. Or take them to the local trampoline park, zip lining, kayaking, on a fishing charter or dolphin cruise, golfing, or bowling.

Annual passes can allow them many wonderful experiences throughout the year. We are fortunate to have some amazing places to visit and spend time within close proximity to our area. Consider an annual pass to places such as Oatland Island Wildlife Center, Fort Pulaski, the Coastal Heritage Society, or Skidaway State Park/ GA State Park annual pass, or the Telfair Museum. There are plenty of options to please everyone on your list!

Give them the gift of **time**, which we could all use more of during this hurried time of the year. Offer to babysit for them to enjoy an evening out or get them a gift certificate for a house cleaning or professional organizer. Gift certificates to a local spa for a massage or mani/pedi for a little rest and relaxation will surely be appreciated!

Give them the gift of **memories**. Create a photo calendar, scrapbook, or photo-book that will allow the recipient to reminisce over fond memories every time they look at it. Pull together a family cookbook with all your family's best recipes. The recipients will enjoy the finished product and you will likely learn a lot of family stories while collecting the recipes.

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CALLING ALL CHATHAM COUNTY STUDENTS!

Do you like to draw? Do you care about the environment and want to help teach others about keeping our stormwater clean? If you answered yes to either of these questions and you are a student in Chatham County between the ages of 4 –18, we want to see your drawings showing ways to **KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN**. You just might find your artwork displayed on an 18-month calendar (July 2020 through December 2021). For more information and submission requirements, go to <https://cccdn.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/Files/Engineering/Stormwater Posters Rules 8 7.pdf>



If you're wondering what stormwater is exactly, it is a common term referring to rain that falls and flows over the ground during a storm. Stormwater flows directly off of roads, lawns, pavement, and other impervious surfaces sometimes causing flooding, and eventually draining directly into nearby waterways. Stormwater should be clean and free of pollutants and sediments. However that is often not the case. As stormwater flows over surfaces, it collects and carries pollutants into nearby waterways. Some examples of pollutants include oil, fertilizer, trash, and pet waste.

Now that you know what stormwater is, let's see those drawings of ways to **KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN!**

Water Restrictions are Still in Effect

It is important to remember that there are permanent outdoor watering restrictions for all of Chatham County. These restrictions remain in effect during both declared drought and non-drought periods.

Outdoor watering allowed between 4:01 PM– 9:59 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses	Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses	X	Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses

Reduce, Reuse, and (if all else fails) Recycle

If you've stopped by the MPC offices recently you have seen that we are in the midst of some much needed renovations to our office space. During this process we are doing our part to try to reuse many of our existing items or purchasing second hand so as to reduce our consumption of new materials. The MPC purchased furniture from Virginia College rather than buying new. We also are working to find others to use the items we no longer need. Ms. Joyner with the Redemption Center Church purchased the chairs from our hearing room for use at their church, thereby keeping them out of the landfill. Thank you Ms. Joyner and the Redemption Center Church!!



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Give them the gift of **knowledge**. There are classes for just about every hobby imaginable that could help them become better at something they enjoy. Depending on their interests classes for cooking, dance, swimming, music, pottery, painting/art, or photography would allow them to learn more about their interests. If you're lucky you may find yourself on the receiving end of some delicious goodies or beautiful artwork next year for the holidays!

Give them the gift of **goodies**. You can really get into the holiday season and make them something yourself such as yummy cookies and candies or homemade jams. If you don't have the time for homemade or you will need some cooking classes gifted to you before you can tackle that, you can give them a gift basket of fruit or wine or sign them up for the beer of the month club (there are snack of the month clubs for a nonalcoholic option). Gift cards to their favorite restaurant or coffee shop are a yummy gift as well.

Give them the gift of **entertainment**. Give them a couple months/year subscription to something they would enjoy. There are several book, music, and movie platforms out there that can allow them to have unlimited access to their favorite titles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness every time they jam out to their favorite songs or chill out watching a movie they have been wanting to see.

Give them the gift of **charity**...not them but to an organization or cause that they feel passionately about. Do you have an animal lover in your life? Consider donating pet food or supplies to the animal shelter in their name or Adopt a Wild Friend at Oatland Island. Tree lover? Check out the Savannah Tree Foundation. Somebody that feels strongly about preserving Savannah's historic treasures? Historic Savannah Foundation would love to have their support! No matter their passion— the environment, animals, education, preservation, etc.— there are organizations that are in need of support!

None of the ideas suggested seem just right for your loved one? Don't want to make something yourself and a gift card seems too impersonal? You can still be environmentally friendly in your purchases. Consider shopping locally for locally made products or buying second hand items. If your recipient isn't as environmentally friendly and may not be excited about an already used item, there are many companies that sell almost anything that you can think of made from recycled or sustainable materials. It might take a little research but you will feel better in the end that you are doing your part to reduce your impacts on the planet over the holidays.

Another way to reduce your impacts is to be eco-conscious in your wrapping of your gifts. Many places do not recycle wrapping paper so reducing and reusing are key in being eco conscious. You can reuse gift bags you received gifts in or put your gift in a cool tote bag instead of a gift bag. In lieu of wrapping paper you could wrap your present in cloth or in newspaper or other paper you already have on hand. One of the most memorable gift wraps I ever received was a going away gift wrapped in an old map. Be creative!

Finally, if you have a live tree don't take it to the dump after the holidays where it will take up precious landfill space. Recycle it so that it can be turned into mulch! If you live in the County, they will pickup your trees curbside. And anyone can take their tree to one of the County recycling centers around the County to be processed. The Savannah/Hilton Head Island International Airport is once again sponsoring Bring One for the Chipper tree recycling event, as well. Starting December 26th Christmas trees can be taken to the airport's recycling lot off Aggett Drive to be chipped into mulch for use throughout the airport's property for beautification projects, soil erosion prevention, and water retention efforts. Remember to remove all your lights and decorations from the tree for a smooth recycling process!

Happy, Healthy, Environmentally Friendly Holidays from the MPC!!

FARM TRUCK 912

Current Schedule

Sunday

West Broad Street YMCA / 1110 May St.

12:00-2:00pm

Jewish Educational Alliance / 5111 Abercorn St.

2:30-4:30pm

Monday

Union Mission - Yamacraw / 120 Fahm St

12:30-2:30pm

Hitch Village / Burney Dr. and E. Broad St.

3:00-5:00pm

Tuesday

Skidaway Island / 1 W Ridge Road

2:00-5:00pm

Wednesday

Daffin Park - Salvation Army / 3000 Bee Road

12:00-2:00pm

Lady Bamford- Fellwood / 1410 Richards St.

3:30-5:15pm

Thursday

Good Samaritan - Garden City/ 4704 Augusta Road

10:00-12:00pm

Sheppard's Gas & Food-

Carver Village / 1302 W Gwinnett St.

12:30-2:00pm

Friday

WW Law / 909 E Bolton St.

3:00-5:00

Saturday

PARC/425 Pennsylvania Ave

1:00-3:00pm

Montgomery Plaza / 3811 Montgomery St

3:30-5:30pm

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Forsyth Farmers' Market

Every Saturday at the south end of Forsyth Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Support local farmers and improve your health by shopping at the Forsyth Farmers' Market. Select from a variety of fresh, regional produce sold by farmers and take advantage of nutritional information and demonstrations offered at the health pavilion. EBT cards are accepted.

Please visit: www.forsythfarmersmarket.org



Check out our **new and improved** MPC Natural Resources website!!

<https://mpcnaturalresources.org/>