



Garbage is piled up at a previous Throw Away Day. The success of the past days has led to the scheduling of quarterly throw away days in an effort to keep the trash from being disposed of improperly.

Due to success of Throw Away Days, quarterly events set up



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Local officials have dealt with the problem of illegal dumping for years, but if the success of the two Countywide Throw Away Days is any indication, a partial solution to the problem may have been found.

Middle Tallapoosa Clean Water Partnership Coordinator Sabrina Clark Wood said that the volume of trash and unwanted items that were collected on Jan. 10-11, two weekdays shows that people need a place to get rid of items that have collected at their homes on a regular basis.

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“Over 36 tons of garbage was collected, similar to the 40 tons collected last April,” Wood said. “Unlike what was done in April, these two days were during the week. I think that shows that there is a need for this service.

“We are pleased to announce that we are moving forward with a Throw Away Day Program. Several commissioners have already agreed to join forces throughout the year and continue to offer dumpsters at no charge.”

Commissioner John McKelvey personally saw how much the dumpsters were used. In his district, a dumpster was placed in Daviston. After just a few hours, he had to call for another run because the receptacle was overflowing.

“To say they used it was an understatement,” McKelvey said. “It filled up three times over the three days. The good thing is that everything they took in means that is less likely that those things will end up dumped on the side of area roads.”

McKelvey’s district was the only one with similar results. Wood said that each district placed one dumpster at an advertised location. During the two day event, dumpsters were emptied multiple times and in many locations additional dumpsters had to be added.

Because the days have been so popular, a quarterly schedule has been set, Wood said.

“To keep a quarterly schedule, April 10-11 should be our next event followed by July 10-11 and October 9-10,” Wood said. “This has been a much-needed resource for county residents and I encourage everyone to thank their commissioners and make them aware of how beneficial it has been.

“We will share the locations for the future events soon, but people can go ahead and mark their calendars.”

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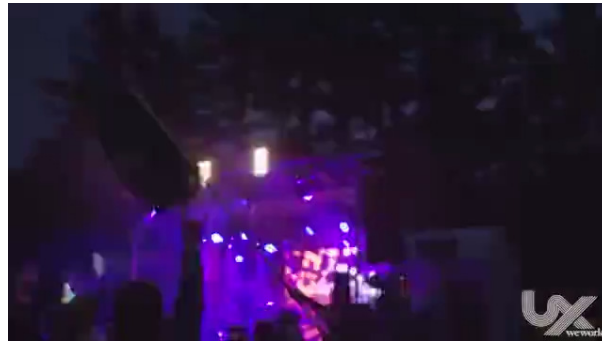
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