



# Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents



It's hot out there. And when the temperatures rise, so does the demand on our water sources.

The Water Works Board of the City of Auburn has a few pointers to help us all follow efficient practices for irrigation and outdoor watering. Try these tips to help you conserve water, ensuring that our water resources are used wisely:

- **Don't overwater your lawn.** Generally, lawns only need watering every five to seven days during the summer. Watering your grass too frequently can make the root system of your lawn too shallow.
- **Don't water sidewalks, driveways or other paved areas.** Position sprinklers so that all water lands on your lawn or plants.
- **Avoid watering during the middle of the day** to avoid unnecessary water loss because of evaporation. Irrigating in the middle of the day can

result in losing as much as 40-60% of the water to evaporation. Water before 8 a.m. As a general rule, the earlier, the better!

- **Check irrigation systems** on a regular basis to ensure the system's parts (pipes, sprinkler heads, etc.) are not damaged or broken. Many irrigation systems use about 1,000 gallons of water an hour!
- **Install rain sensors** and/or moisture sensors on irrigation systems to eliminate unnecessary watering during rainy periods.
- **Don't leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.** Use a timer to remind you to turn the water off.
- **Use xeriscaping**, or landscaping and horticultural practices that minimize water usage. Get more info about xeriscaping from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service's website, [aces.edu](http://aces.edu).
- **Consider rainwater harvesting.** Consider collecting rain using rain barrels, etc. that can be used for outdoor watering. Note that rain barrels can collect pollutants and bacteria from roofs, animals, etc. This should be considered when using rain barrels for edible plants. Water from rain barrels should never be used for human consumption. Find more info at [adem.alabama.gov/programs/water/waterforms/LIDHandbook.pdf](http://adem.alabama.gov/programs/water/waterforms/LIDHandbook.pdf).
- **Increase your lawn mower blade height.** A higher-cut lawn will encourage deeper-growing roots and will result in better soil moisture retention.
- **Mulch effectively** around all plants, trees and shrubs. Mulching helps soil retain moisture and controls weeds.

## Neighborhood Conference set for Aug. 16

Mark your calendar for our 2025 Neighborhood Conference! This free event is set for Saturday, Aug. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the new Lake Wilmore Park Recreation Center.

Whether you're part of a neighborhood association or simply care about quality of life in your community, the conference is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and learn about the resources available to support Auburn's neighborhoods.

The day will include mini sessions, a closing speaker and chances to network with fellow residents over refreshments and a provided lunch. Registration is required and will be open July 7-31. Visit [auburnal.gov/neighborhood-conference](http://auburnal.gov/neighborhood-conference) for more info and to register.



# Getting rid of tires?

## Tips from Environmental Services

When not disposed of properly, tires can become a significant environmental hazard due to their non-biodegradable nature and high flammability.

Proper disposal not only helps maintain a cleaner environment and reduce litter, but it also reduces the risk of tire fires and other related hazards.

While the City itself doesn't offer tire disposal services, there are several local businesses that do. If you're looking to get rid of tires, please reach out to local tire retailers to ask about their tire disposal services.

Find more info about how to properly get rid of things at [auburnal.gov/garbage-and-recycling/trash-frequently-asked-questions](http://auburnal.gov/garbage-and-recycling/trash-frequently-asked-questions).



## NOISE COMPLAINTS

Need to report a noise complaint? Contact the Auburn Police Department's non-emergency line, 334-501-3100, day or night. An officer will patrol the area to determine the source of the noise and take appropriate action as guided by state law.

Callers have the option to meet with officers or remain anonymous — please do not call the Tip Line with noise complaints.

## August with Auburn Parks & Recreation

Get ready for a fun-filled month with Auburn Parks and Recreation! **Fall program registration** opens Monday, Aug. 4, offering something for everyone. Sign up for senior programs and field trips, fitness classes, art workshops, therapeutic recreation and more. With so many options available, now is the perfect time to try something new and stay active.

The ever-popular **Itty Bitty Auburn Scavenger Hunt** returns Aug. 1! Pick up your worksheet at any Auburn Parks and Recreation facility or download one from [auburnal.gov/parks](http://auburnal.gov/parks). Spend the month solving clues and searching for answers around town. Turn in your completed form by Aug. 31 by registering at [auburnal.myrec.com](http://auburnal.myrec.com) to be entered into a prize drawing!

Don't miss the final **Float-In-Movie** of the summer on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Samford Pool. Enjoy a screening of "The Sandlot" under the stars. Gates open at 7:30 p.m., admission is free, and concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your favorite float and soak up the summer fun!

And finally, stop by **City Market** every Saturday morning in August from 8-11 a.m. at Town Creek Park. Shop fresh produce, homemade goods and crafts from local vendors. The last market of the season will be held Aug. 30, so don't miss your chance to support local and stock up on seasonal favorites!

## Board & commission vacancies

The Auburn City Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the Industrial Development Board and the Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors.

Applications for both boards will open Aug. 20 and close Sept. 8. Appointments will be made at the Sept. 16 Auburn City Council meeting.

You can find more information and a link to apply at [auburnal.gov/boards](http://auburnal.gov/boards).

# Who should I call?

Whether you have a question about your water bill, want to know more about our library collection or have an emergency, here are the best places to start. Keep this on your fridge for easy reference!



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**RENT A PARKS & REC FACILITY**  
*Parks & Recreation*  
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**ATHLETICS**  
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**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**  
*Parks & Recreation*  
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**REPORT RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES**  
*Public Works*  
334-501-3000  
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**REQUEST SIDEWALK & TRAFFIC CALMING**  
*Engineering Services*  
334-501-7390  
[webengineering@auburnal.gov](mailto:webengineering@auburnal.gov)



**REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE**  
*Alabama Power*  
1-800-245-2244  
[customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report](http://customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report)



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## AUBURNFIXIT

You can also request City services and report issues through the **Auburn Fix It app**. Once you make a report, you can track its progress from beginning to resolution.

## AUBURNAL.GOV/FIXIT



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# AUGUST 2025 upcoming events

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<i>Background Photo: City Market</i>	Programs & events are subject to change.  Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnal.gov">auburnal.gov</a> .	<b>Auburn Public Library</b> <a href="http://auburnal.gov/library">auburnal.gov/library</a> <b>City Meetings</b> <a href="http://auburnal.gov/boards">auburnal.gov/boards</a> <b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> <a href="http://auburnal.gov/parks">auburnal.gov/parks</a> <b>Citywide Events</b> <a href="http://auburnal.gov">auburnal.gov</a>			<b>1</b> <b>Puppet Shows</b> Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. <b>Tree Commission</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Itty Bitty Auburn Scavenger Hunt Begins</b>	<b>City Market</b> 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park <b>Family Story Time</b> Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. <b>Untidy Tales</b> Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. <b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b> Saturdays @ 1 p.m. <b>Float-In-Movie</b> 7:30 p.m. @ Samford Pool
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Cemetery Advisory Board</b> 4 p.m.	<b>Preschool Story Time</b> Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board</b> 11:45 a.m. <b>PreK in PJs</b> Tuesdays @ 1 p.m. <b>Adults Create! Floral Arrangements</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD <b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.	<b>6</b> <b>Baby's 1st Story Time</b> Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. <b>Untidy Tales</b> Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. <b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> <b>Toddler Tales</b> Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. <b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b> Thursdays @ 1 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>City Market</b> 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park <b>Adults Create! Floral Arrangements</b> 2 p.m.
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Planning Commission Packet Meeting</b> Noon	<b>12</b> <b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4 p.m. <b>Adults Create! Floral Arrangements</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m. <b>Planning Commission</b> 5 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>City Market</b> 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Auburn Public Library Board</b> 10 a.m. <b>Greenspace Advisory Board</b> Noon <b>Chapter Chats Book Club</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD <b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Water Works Board</b> 4 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>City Market</b> 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park <b>Adults Create! Floral Arrangements</b> 2 p.m.
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>City Market</b> 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park
<b>31</b> <b>Itty Bitty Auburn Scavenger Hunt Ends</b>						