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## **DeKalb's Amnesty Day Disposes 264 Tons of Waste**

**DECATUR, Ga.** – The DeKalb County Sanitation Division processed 264 tons of materials, including garbage, furniture and appliances, during the "2nd Annual Landfill Amnesty Day." The Operation Spring Clean Sweep 2018 event provided a free disposal opportunity for DeKalb County residents, and was held on Saturday, May 19, at the county-owned Seminole Road Landfill located in Ellenwood, GA.



DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond and Sanitation Division Director Tracy Hutchinson welcome DeKalb residents to "2nd Annual Landfill Amnesty Day."

Among the items dropped off and processed were 194 tons of garbage and bulky items, 40 tons of yard trimmings, 30 tons of construction and demolition materials and 512 tires. More than 850 county residents participated in the event, saving residents a total of \$9,224 in disposal fees.

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"Along with other county departments, the Sanitation Division was delighted to support the launch of *Operation Spring Clean Sweep 2018* by providing DeKalb residents with an opportunity to dispose of unwanted items," said Sanitation Division Director Tracy Hutchinson. "We remain committed to maintaining clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing communities throughout DeKalb."

Seventy county employees staffed the all-day event, which was a collaborative effort between the Sanitation Division, Code Enforcement and Police Services.

Operation Spring Clean Sweep 2018 is a multi-departmental initiative focused on litter collection, illegal dumping, and removing debris, trash and grass from streets, neighborhoods, sidewalks, roadway drains and county rights of way.

For more information on *Operation Spring Clean Sweep 2018*, contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900 or <a href="mailto:sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov">sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov</a>, visit <a href="mailto:swww.dekalbsanitation.com">www.dekalbsanitation.com</a>, or follow the Sanitation Division on Twitter @DKalbSanitation.

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