



City of Yakima

News Release

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Clean City Program Reports Progress in 2023

Responding to more than 2,200 graffiti incidents, contacting more than 3,700 individuals experiencing homelessness and clearing more than 183 tons of garbage were some of the City of Yakima Clean City Program activities in 2023.

The Yakima City Council received updates on the program in the agenda packet for its meeting on Tuesday, February 20th.

Click [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](https://novusagenda.com) for a copy of the update. The link also includes a Clean City Program report for the 4th quarter of 2023.

The City of Yakima developed “Clean City” as a program in 2019. Its main objectives are:

- Address visual blight (trash, graffiti, dangerous building, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Address unscheduled collection of waste and litter from the City’s public areas/thoroughfares
- Expedite the clean-up of such illegal dumps
- Clean up homeless encampments
- Support Yakima Police Department officers in unlawful camping enforcement
- Provide coordination with neighborhoods for annual clean-up events
- Create educational components
- Engage with community partners and volunteers

Clean City, under the direction of the City’s Public Works Division, coordinates the efforts of several City departments and community partners. They include:

City of Yakima Public Works

Public Works Administration

Refuse Division

Streets & Traffic Division

Parks & Recreation Division

City of Yakima Codes Division

City of Yakima Legal Department

Yakima Police Department

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