



City of Yakima

News Release

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Clean City Program Reports Progress in First Half of 2022

Abating/cleaning 2,239 incidents of graffiti, clearing over 87 tons of garbage and removing 803 grocery carts are some of the City of Yakima Clean City Program activities during the first six months of 2022.

The Yakima City Council received a report on the program in its agenda packet for the August 16th meeting. Click [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/public-works/) for the report, which covers Clean City activities for the first half of 2022.

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

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/public-works/> for more about the City of Yakima Public Works Department.