



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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## **Clean City Program Reports Second Quarter 2023 Progress**

Abating/cleaning 586 incidents of graffiti and clearing over 52 tons of garbage are some of the City of Yakima Clean City Program activities during the second quarter (April-June) of 2023.

The Yakima City Council received a report on the program in its agenda packet for the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Click [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/novusagenda.com) for the report, which covers Clean City second quarter/year-to-date accomplishments for 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 Department, coordinates the efforts of several City divisions, 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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