



City of Yakima

News Release

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Clean City Program Reports Progress for Q3 2022

Abating/cleaning 726 incidents of graffiti, clearing over 47 tons of garbage and removing 286 grocery carts are some of the City of Yakima Clean City Program activities during the third quarter of 2022.

The Yakima City Council received an update in its agenda packet for the regular meeting on Tuesday, November. 15th. Click [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/public-works/) for the report covering Clean City activities July through September 2022.

The City of Yakima developed “Clean City” as a program in 2019. The main objectives of the Clean City program is to specifically address:

- Visual blight (trash, graffiti, dangerous building, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Unscheduled collection of waste and litter from the City’s public areas/thoroughfares
- Expediting the clean-up of such illegal dumps
- Cleaning up homeless encampments
- Supporting Yakima Police Department officers in unlawful camping enforcement
- Providing coordination with neighborhoods for annual clean-up events
- Creating educational components
- Engaging with community partners and volunteers

Clean City, under the direction of the City’s Public Works Department, coordinates the efforts of several City departments. 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.