



City of Yakima

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Community Clean Ups Proving Successful

The first three community clean up events that the City of Yakima's Refuse Division has coordinated this year have been big successes. In total, the March 9th, March 30th, and April 13th clean ups have yielded almost 33 tons (66,000 pounds) of trash.

The fourth of eight clean up events scheduled for this year will take place on Saturday, May 4th and will focus on the area north of Tieton Drive between roughly 40th Avenue and 1st Street. A free drop off site will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the City of Yakima Public Works parking lot at 2301 Fruitvale Blvd. Residents from the clean up area can bring unwanted items to the drop off site at any time during those hours.

The clean ups are part of the effort the City is making to help improve the appearance of the community. A citizen survey last year showed that people in Yakima want the City to devote resources toward making the community more attractive.

This year's clean ups are rotating between each of the Yakima's four City Council districts. The May 4th clean up will take place in District 4.

Clean up days scheduled for later in the year include Saturday, September 7th in District 1, Saturday, September 28th in District 2, Saturday, October 12th in District 3, and Saturday, November 2nd in District 4.

This Saturday, District 4 residents can pick up free bags at the drop off site and use them to help clean neighborhood alleys and streets. Anyone bringing trash to the drop off site is urged to separate household refuse from yard debris. Recycling bins will also be available to handle paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and milk jugs.

Goodwill Industries will also have trucks at the drop off site to accept old electronic equipment for recycling and donations of reusable items. The drop off site will not accept hazardous materials such as paint and chemicals, but will handle old tires for disposal.

Any individuals or groups interested in becoming involved in future Yakima community clean ups should contact Yakima Refuse Code Compliance Officer James Scott at 576-6745.

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