



City of Yakima

News Release

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First Yakima Fall Clean Up Day Set for September 14th

The first of four fall community clean up events in Yakima is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th and is primarily targeting the western portion of the City. The event was moved from September 7th because of impacts on Yakima refuse routes caused by the Labor Day holiday.

Results from both the 2012 and 2013 Yakima Citizen Surveys clearly revealed an expectation that the City of Yakima should be more proactively involved in improving the overall appearance of the community. As part of its multi-pronged approach to meeting that expectation, the City conducted four clean up events this spring that proved to be very popular with residents. During those events the City collected 52 tons of garbage and yard debris, 620 pounds of paper, 120 pounds of plastic, 600 pounds of cardboard, and more than 1500 old tires.

Like the spring clean ups, the fall events will rotate between each of Yakima's four City Council Districts. The first fall clean up on Saturday, September 14th will target District 1, which primarily includes Yakima neighborhoods West of 40th Avenue. A free drop off site will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at 75th Avenue and Mead Avenue. 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 scrap metal, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and milk jugs. The drop off site will not accept hazardous materials such as paint and chemicals, but can take old tires for disposal.

Goodwill Industries will also have trucks at the drop off site to accept old electronic equipment for recycling and donations of reusable items.

Additional community clean up days this fall include Saturday, September 28th in District 2 (primarily south of Tieton Drive between 40th Avenue and 1st Street), Saturday, October 12th in District 3 (primarily the northeast and southeast sections of the city), and Saturday, November 2nd in District 4 (primarily between 40th Avenue and 1st Street).

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

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