



City of Yakima

News Release

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Third Yakima Fall Clean Up Day Set For Saturday

The third in a series of fall community clean up events sponsored by the City of Yakima is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th and will target District 3, which consists primarily of the Northeast and Southeast sections of Yakima. A free drop off site will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parking lot across from the Yakima Police Department at 201 South 3rd Street. Vehicles should enter the site from the south off East Spruce and South 3rd Street to avoid creating traffic congestion problems on East Walnut 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 up to 10 old tires for disposal.

Goodwill Industries will also have a truck at the drop off site to accept old electronic equipment for recycling and donations of reusable items. Habitat for Humanity will also be accepting gently used furniture, home accessories and building materials.

During the first two clean up events this fall, the City of Yakima Refuse Division has collected two tons of metal, 17.5 tons of garbage and yard debris, and 585 old tires. The final fall clean up event will be held on Saturday, November 2nd in District 4 (primarily North of Tieton Drive between 40th Avenue and 1st Street).

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.

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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