

## PRESS RELEASE

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It's Almost Here – Annual Spring Community Clean Up - May 6, 2023
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The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Community Clean Up will take place the first Saturday of May. The Dalles residents are encouraged to join in our annual spring cleaning event on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Yard debris and large items, such as furniture, may be disposed of at the Old Wasco County maintenance yard at the corner of West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Walnut Street only on this date and time. Unauthorized dumping at the site outside of these hours could jeopardize the future of this event.

This year the City is again asking citizens to make a special effort to prevent unsightly damage to street trees that have low hanging branches. Trimming branches before collision breaks branches is healthier for trees. Tree trimming also prevents damage to tall vehicles like garbage trucks and school buses. On Community Clean Up day, up to two standard sized pickup loads per household of tree trimmings can be disposed of for free.

Citizens are encouraged to separate usable goods from trash. Gently used items may be donated to the on-site Reuse Fair. Event participants may pick up "new" treasures from the Reuse Fair area at no cost.

Lines for the cleanup event are long and move slowly. Please reduce traffic congestion by driving to the collection site going westbound on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and then turn right onto Walnut Street so waiting trucks can pull to the side of the road. Please drive safely when on site.

Yard debris will be recycled so separate it from trash. Put leaves, grass and clippings in paper bags. Bundle branches with string or twine.

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to help the elderly or handicapped dispose of unwanted items.

Please bring household clean up items only to this annual event. <u>No</u> kitchen garbage or food waste. <u>No</u> tires, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners. <u>No</u> computers, monitors or televisions. <u>No</u> dirt, rock or animal waste (manure). <u>No</u> business or commercial waste will be accepted.

For more information about the Annual Spring Community Clean Up is on the City Hall Facebook page or go to thedalles.org.