



**CITY OF THE DALLES**  
Department of Public Works  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**TOPIC:** Spring Cleaning – Annual Spring Community Clean Up - May 2, 2026

**CONTACT:** Public Works Department (541) 296-5401

**FOR RELEASE:** IMMEDIATELY

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Spring cleaning? Save the date for free disposal!

The 38<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 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Yard debris and large items, such as furniture, may be disposed of at the Wasco County yard at the corner of West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Walnut Street only on this date and time.

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.



Use the QR code to learn more at [thedalles.org/cleanup](http://thedalles.org/cleanup)

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to help the elderly or handicapped dispose of unwanted items. Civic groups are encouraged to adopt an area of town for cleanup.

Volunteers are welcome! Please call Cindy Keever at (541) 506-2004 to learn about many task assignments available.

More information about the Annual Spring Community Clean Up is on the City Hall Facebook page, use the QR code or go to [thedalles.org/cleanup](http://thedalles.org/cleanup).

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--see attached flyer--

# ANNUAL SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Spring 2026 | 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING EVENT THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

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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.

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to help the elderly or handicapped dispose of unwanted items. Civic groups are encouraged to adopt an area of town for cleanup.

Please bring household clean up items only. No business or commercial waste will be accepted.



No loads larger than a standard sized pickup will be accepted. Household limit is two standard sized pickup loads (or equivalent if towing a trailer).

PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS  
TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL  
FOOD BANK.



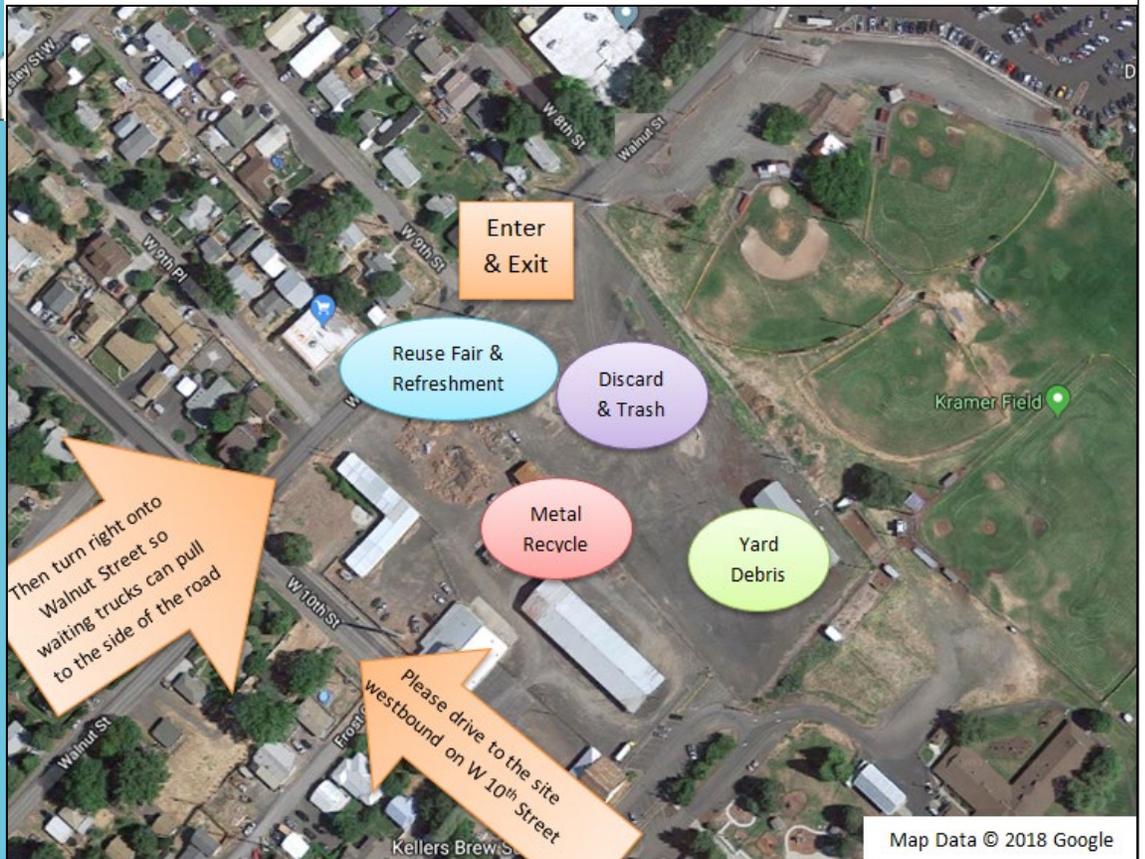
## ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Lines for the cleanup event may be long and move slowly. To help speed things up and to assure safety, please follow these guidelines:

- Hours are **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only**. Unauthorized dumping at the site outside of these hours could jeopardize the future of this event.
- No loads larger than a standard sized pickup. Household limit is two pickup loads.
- Please separate usable goods from trash before you drive to the collection site.
- Yes**, on-site recycling will be available
- Please reduce congestion by driving to the collection site going westbound on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right onto Walnut Street and then pull to the side of the road. See map for details.
- 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.
- No** kitchen garbage or food waste. **No** tires, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners. **No** computers, monitors or televisions. **No** dirt, rock or animal waste (manure).

See other side for a map of the collection site and yard debris loading guidelines.

## MAP OF ANNUAL SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP SITE



The Annual Spring Community Clean up Collection Site is at the Old Wasco County Maintenance Yard at the corner of West 10th Street and Walnut Street

Please drive safely when on site.

Then turn right onto Walnut Street so waiting trucks can pull to the side of the road

Please drive to the site westbound on W 10th Street

## YARD DEBRIS LOADING GUIDELINES

Yard debris will be recycled so separate it from trash. All participants are asked to follow these guidelines for loading yard debris:

- Put leaves, grass and clippings in compostable paper bags. **No** plastic bags.
- Debris should be less than 5-feet in length, and less than 4-inches in diameter.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON MAY 2, 2026

Kitchen garbage and food waste, electronic waste, tires and hazardous waste, such as paint, will not be accepted at the collection site.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on May 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Dalles Disposal 1317 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Registration required. For more information go to [tricityrecycle.com](http://tricityrecycle.com)

Please thank the Annual Spring Community Clean Up Sponsors and volunteers. We couldn't do it without them!



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Participants assume all risk when entering the Annual Spring Community Clean Up site. Sponsors will not be held liable for damage or injury which may occur during participation in our spring cleaning event. Participants agree to have their pictures taken while on site.