

Mayor Fuhriman Has Declared A

Community-Wide Cleanup

May 11-16

Spring-cleaning doesn't just apply to houses. As the beautiful blanket of snow retreats from yards and roadways, it leaves behind not just a layer of blown-in soil, but debris of every kind. One slowly begins to see displaced items emerging from cover: torn plastic grocery bags, fast food containers, and aluminum cans, among other things.

Yards and alleys, vacant lots and abandoned buildings all reveal their collections, and the city begins to look neglected and dirty. With the same disapproval and vigor of a seasonally motivated housewife, Idaho Falls City leaders determined upon a plan, and the first annual Community-Wide Cleanup Campaign was born.

Mayor Jared Fuhriman has declared the campaign will take place this week from May 11th through May 16th, with all citizens participating to their level of ability. The Greater Idaho Falls Interfaith Council has taken the lead in organizing volunteer captains from each voting precinct whose responsibility it is to arrange for pickups and flatbed trucks, and for plenty of hands to gather and haul garbage. These captains will pinpoint areas of need within each precinct and will be available to help with loading and disposing of large items.

The city sanitation department is placing all available dumpsters around town to make them more accessible for neighborhood disposal. Flyers will be distributed to each home with information about what kinds of garbage go where, what can be recycled, and how to handle more difficult items.

It is hoped that each resident, in the city and in surrounding areas, will take advantage of this organized assistance to roll up their sleeves and help in every way possible. Each home and adjacent alleyway should be targeted by the homeowner. And where assistance is needed by the elderly and shut-ins, contact names are being supplied on the distributed flyer so that help can be sought.

This is an excellent time for families to establish their own recycling efforts, to clean up any graffiti on buildings and fences, to trim overhanging trees and bushes that threaten safety, and to dispose of items that are difficult to manage alone.

The flyer will supply information about the places to dispose of appliances, tires, paint, batteries and other difficult items. Phone numbers and directions are included to make this as easy a task as possible, and every effort is being made to give assistance where needed.

Youth and other groups are organizing to help the City Parks & Recreation Department clean up parks and roadways, and to enlarge the army of volunteers in sections of town that have older homes, older residents, and greater need.

Occasionally there are household items to be disposed, that are in working order and still have years of wear in them. When these items are identified by the neighborhood crew leaders, they will be taken to the Development Workshop Warehouse at 2475 Leslie, and be stored there for distribution to needy families through the auspices of various service agencies in town who combine their resources in these ways.

Neighborhood crew leaders and their volunteer forces are encouraged to further share their efforts by encouraging the culmination of the cleanup campaign by meeting together in a backyard to share refreshments or potluck, and to fully realize the camaraderie that grows among neighbors as they link arms with each other for such a good cause.

This annual event will grow better each year as we learn more about our city and its resources, especially its helping hands. Sharing the load of beautifying our community will provide an energizing synergy that will raise this event to the level of a community celebration, stimulating the growth of friendship with our neighbors and a feeling of stewardship for our city.

For more

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For graffiti information contact

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Dumpster Locations:

(Items that cannot be placed in these containers are household garbage, plastic bags, batteries, petroleum products, antifreeze, tires and any hazardous substances. For information on where to dispose of these items, call 528-5550. For information on disposal of flammable and hazardous waste, call 523-5382.)

- Intersection of Boulevard, Lake, and Garfield
- Melaleuca Field parking lot
- Jiffy Mart parking lot (Elm)
- Aquatic Center parking lot
- Intersection of Bennett and Waid
- North end of Canyon
- Intersection of Vassar and Saturn
- Intersection of Short and Capital
- Park at Holmes and Cleveland (by recycling bin)
- Intersection of Lovejoy and Sharp
- Vacant Lot on Jennie Lee
- On Pancheri by recycling bin

The City of Idaho Falls is pleased to announce the 2009 Community-Wide Cleanup. During the week of May 11-16 citizens are encouraged to spruce up their yards and neighborhoods and lend a helping hand to those in need of assistance. Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up the litter and weeds in alleyways. Dumpsters will be placed throughout the City for the convenience of residents. On May 16, members of the community can gather at local parks to help with city-organized projects. You can also contact your neighborhood's crew leader for information on dumpster locations, areas of need, and other questions. Let's all join together in this effort to help make our community beautiful.

Solid Waste Disposal

The Transfer Station (behind old Fred Meyer building) accepts: household garbage, bulky metal items, appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet, tires, waste oil, car batteries, paint, and grass.

Drop-off fees for the Transfer Station:

Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners: \$10

Tires (car and truck) and range: \$3-\$11 depending on size

Hatch Pit (west of Bish's RV) accepts: construction debris (except treated wood)

Please call 528-5550 for more information.

For information on flammable items and hazardous waste, call 523-5382.

Reusable Furniture

Citizens with reusable furniture or appliances are encouraged to take items to the Development Workshop Warehouse at 2475 Leslie rather than disposing of them. Items may also be taken to other charitable organizations that you typically donate to.

For help with moving/hauling these items, please call your neighborhood crew leader or the Sanitation Department at 612-8491.