### **2025 Neighborhood Beautification Project**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis between April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025, and must be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance of intended event date.

Neighborhood Council:	
Neighborhood Clean-up Coordinator/ Event Contact:	
Phone:	Email:

# Each eligible neighborhood council is allotted \$1000 in funds to organize volunteer-led clean up events in their neighborhood.

- Funding Parameters:
  - Events must be hosted between April September 2025.
  - Based on an estimation of event costs, each neighborhood council can host two events during the 2025 program year.
  - Neighborhoods are allowed to gift their funding to another neighborhood. Partnering neighborhoods need to inform Amber Groe (agroe@spokanecity.org) at the time of application submission.
  - Do not overload any dumpsters or rolling carts. Overloading may cause disqualification of access to project funds.
  - Eligible methods of using this funding include (each of the following events is estimated to cost \$500 per event):
    - Request a 6-yard dumpster for neighborhood special event or park/public area clean-up or leaf pick up for elderly neighbors, etc. (Damage release form must be completed)
    - Check out clean-up supplies from Solid Waste (vests, grabbers, garbage bags, brooms/dustpans) and request an amount in disposal pass funds for public area clean-up. (Volunteer waiver form must be completed)
  - This program is not for personal use.

Note: The city has limited supplies for clean-up events. Supplies will be checked out on a first come, first served basis. The city does not provide personal protective equipment including gloves.

Date of event:	
Location of Event:	
Time of Event:	
Summary of Project:	

#### What supplies do you need for your event (check all that apply):

**6-yard Dumpster** (for a weekend event, the dumpster will be dropped off on Friday and picked up on Monday)

- Neighborhood council must identify location for dumpster and submit signed damage release form from property owner.
- If you believe you need a larger dumpster for your event, please contact Amber Groe (509-625-6156, <u>agroe@spokanecity.org</u>)
- Disposal Passes (in lieu of dumpster, I will take garbage collected to the Waste to Energy Facility)
  - Disposal pass(es) can be provided instead of dumpsters. Amber Groe will work with you to determine what value of pass you may need for your event. Please have an idea of how many vehicles will be taking garbage to the Waste to Energy Facility.
- □ Clean-up Supplies (vests, grabbers, brooms/dustpans, garbage bags)
  - How many attendees do you anticipate?\_
  - Please note: Neighborhood Councils will be required to replace any lost or damaged materials.

## **Neighborhood Beautification Event Examples**

Partner with neighbors who have code violations:

- Request a 6-yard dumpster
- Request a dumpster to be placed at a home that is in violation City Code for excess waste. Work the Office of Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement to identify neighbors in need. Some residents don't have the physical or financial ability to remove waste from their property.



Recruit volunteers to help load waste into dumpster. Possibly trim landscaping and mow grass.

- Consider partnering with your local <u>C.O.P.S. Shop</u> to survey landscaping and how <u>Crime Prevention Through</u> <u>Environmental Design (CPTED)</u> might be helpful for the resident.
- Private property requires a waiver signed by property owner. A damage release form is required for dumpster requests.

Clean-up a public park, trail, or sidewalks:

- Request a 6-yard dumpster or disposal passes (if planning to dispose of yourself) and clean-up supplies (vests, grabbers, brooms/dustpans, garbage bags)
- Plan a clean-up event in your neighborhood. Request a dumpster to be placed in a location central to your clean up or use disposal passes to remove waste via garbage bags.
- A damage release form is required for dumpster requests.
- Note that state owned trails and city owned parks require prior authorization.



# How to plan a beautification event

Consider implementing these tips as you plan your clean-up event.

- 1. Select your clean-up location
- 2. Estimate the # of volunteers you need
- 3. Set a time and date
- 4. Complete the "Neighborhood Beautification Project" application
- 5. Partner with local vendors (businesses for donated food/drink, additional volunteers, etc.)
- 6. Advertise (using the neighborhood council email list is a good way to recruit volunteers)
- 7. Pick up supplies, if applicable
- 8. Make a task list for volunteers
- 9. Send reminder to volunteers (remind them to bring gloves, water, etc.)
- 10. Host event
- 11. Return supplies, if applicable