



Blight Removal Update

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Community Vitality and Safety
June 10, 2021



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OVERVIEW



- Adopt A Spot and Neighborhood Litter Patrol
- Purple Bag Pilot
- HIRE Program
- Encampment-related Debris Removal
 - Vendor performance
- Use of ARPA Funds

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Adopt A Spot and Neighborhood Litter Patrol



- Provide bags, gloves and trash removal
 - Adopt-A-Spot (AAS) ongoing with opportunity for sign placement
 - Neighborhood Litter Patrol (NLP) one time events
- 2021 performance
 - 149 total adopters enrolled
 - Q1 2021
 - 7 new adopters
 - 6 new volunteers for neighborhood litter patrol
 - 96 cleanups or blue tickets requested

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Purple Bag Pilot Program



- Environmental Services (ES) launched pilot in late 2020
- Recently expanded to add additional ES properties
- Working to expand to other locations



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Pilot HIRE Program



- Launched in April 2021
- Provides opportunity for businesses to have trash removal and light landscaping performed
- Employs individuals experiencing homelessness and provides them skill-building opportunities

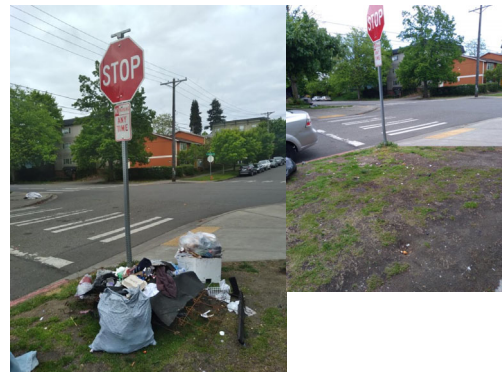
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Encampment Debris Removal



- Late 2020 NCS piloted approach in Hilltop
- Early 2021 expanded to add biohazard removal contractor
 - Focused on:
 - S. 8th to 15th on Yakima
 - S. 13th and Altheimer
 - S. 14th and 'G' Street
 - S. 11th and J Street
 - 6th and 'L'/'M' Street
- Adjusting contract to add staffing and locations



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Vendor Performance



Site location	Garbage Bags Collected and Disposed	Garbage Bags Distributed	Needles collected	Furniture collected
S. 8 th to 15 th on Yakima	267	141	131	6
S. 13 th and Alzheimer	118	57	7	
S. 14 th and G Street	128	36	12	2
S. 11 th and J Street	149	122	7	
6 th and 'L'/'M'	252	159	28	4
TOTAL	914	515	185	12

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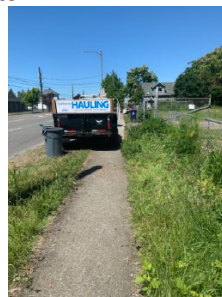
March 1, 2021 thru May 21, 2021

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Encampment Debris Removal



- In March 2021, NCS added a contract to address encampments in all districts
 - Allows for 'on-call' ability to address removal needs
 - Initially unoccupied encampments only
 - Recently expanded to allow contractor to address agreed upon occupied encampments



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Vendor Performance



- 56 Tons of trash collected (March 22-June 3, 2021)
- Regular maintenance locations:
 - 34/35th and Pacific
 - South Tacoma Way at the Rescue Mission
 - E. N and E. 25th Street
 - 25th and A Street
 - 24th and Puyallup
 - 16th and Yakima
 - 11th and MLK
 - 49th/51st and Burlington

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Use of ARPA Funds



- Use of \$300,000 in ARPA to address ongoing debris removal from encampments
- Use of \$500,000 in ARPA to implement and promote city-wide cleanup effort

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