

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS

Fight the Blight Program

Neighborhoods with 51% low to moderate-income (LMI) level persons in the service area qualify for one "no cost - city funded" event annually. Community Engagement partners with Shawnee County Waste Management to provide two trash trucks to pick up items on the curb at residences throughout the neighborhood. Cleaning supplies (trash bags, gloves) will be available, upon request, to Neighborhood Improvement Associations and community non-profit organizations that organize neighborhood cleanup efforts in LMI neighborhoods. This free event also includes the cost of printing and mailing a postcard to the neighborhood.

Free Dumpster Program

Shawnee County Waste Management will provide two free dumpsters for one event annually in each NIA. The NIA is responsible for securing a location for the event and ensuring that all rules for dumping are followed.

Neighborhood Clean-up Program

Neighborhood Improvement Associations may use their NIA Support Funding, provided by the City, to host additional clean-up efforts. The Neighborhood Cleanup Program helps residents dispose of bulky waste and reduce illegal dumping. The program is also a great way for neighbors to get out and meet each other while providing a valuable public service. (see fees below)

Neighborhood Clean-up Dumpster & Trash Truck Fees

<u>Activity</u>
Trash trucks (2 truck minimum - \$165 per hour/per truck for a minimum of 4 hours)
20 yd. \$255.00 per pull (\$40.00 per ton over 4 tons) \$35.00 per week rental
30 yd. \$275.00 per pull (\$40.00 per ton over 5 tons) \$40.00 per week rental
40 yd. \$295.00 per pull (\$40.00 per ton over 5 tons) \$45.00 per week rental

Neighborhood Clean-Up Request Process

1. The neighborhood must have 51% low moderate-income level persons in the service area to use Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG). NIA Support Funds will be used to pay all associated clean-up fees.
2. The NIA must vote at an NIA meeting to approve a neighborhood clean-up and request dumpsters/trash truck(s). The date, time, and location for the clean-up event must be voted upon also.
3. A Neighborhood Clean-up Request Form must be completed and submitted at least three weeks prior to the scheduled clean-up date to the City of Topeka Division of Community Engagement. (It is recommended that requests be submitted up to a month in advance to allow for approval, from the Shawnee County Solid Waste Department, and time to send notice to the neighborhood.)
4. A Dumpster Placement Permission form must be signed by the individual, organization, or company where the dumpster will be placed, and submitted with the clean-up request form.
5. A copy of the NIA minutes, approving the clean-up event, must accompany the clean-up request form.
6. An NIA must publish the location, date, and time of the clean-up through newsletters, fliers, or other publications for distribution to the neighborhood at least two weeks prior to the scheduled clean-up event.

Shawnee County Solid Waste (SCSW) NIA Clean Up Guidelines

1. All NIAs are entitled to two free dumpsters annually.
2. SCSW will not dump trash carts/cans.
3. Large bulky items: armoires, hutches, desks etc. must be broken down for easier handling.
4. Boards and carpeting must be cut into 4' lengths.
5. To prevent infestation to our employees: mattresses/box springs, couches, and recliners must be bed bug-free or they must be wrapped tightly and securely with plastic.
6. SCSW will not accept the following: tree limbs, appliances, metal, tires, or hazardous materials (batteries, oil, paint, insecticide/poisons).