


I. Establishing 2024 Spring Clean-Up Week

TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

FROM: Delilah A. Walsh, City Manager Initials: 

DATE: March 1, 2024 File #: MGR24-119

RE: **Establishing 2024 Spring Clean-Up Week**

As the City Council is aware, Ketchikan Spring Clean-Up Week has traditionally been scheduled to coincide with Earth Day. During this week, the City provides residential curbside pickup within City limits of acceptable solid waste items for disposal at the municipal landfill.

Solid Waste Supervisor Brain Gilson is proposing to schedule Spring Clean-Up Week this year from April 20 through April 27, 2024.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council designate Saturday, April 20th through Saturday, April 27th, 2024, as Ketchikan Spring Clean-Up Week.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Delilah Walsh, City Manager
FROM: Brian Gilson, Solid Waste Supervisor
CC: Amanda Robinson, Acting Public Works Director
DATE: February 23rd, 2024
SUBJECT: **Establishing Spring Clean-Up Week**

Ketchikan Spring Clean-Up Week has traditionally been scheduled around Earth Day, which is April 22nd. Staff proposes designating April 20th through April 27th as Ketchikan Spring Clean-Up Week.

Traditional events scheduled for Spring Clean-Up Week include:

- Special clean up events by various groups.
- ALPAR bags are provided free of charge.
- City Solid Waste and Borough Code Enforcement staff will coordinate special clean-up efforts for groups interested in adopting an area.
- The Public Works Department picks up extra residential trash if brought curbside (loads are limited to the equivalent of one 10 cubic yard truck per family).
- Free trash disposal of appropriate residential items at the Deer Mountain Landfill.
- Groups participating in the Adopt-a-Mile program are encouraged to clean up their adopted mile during this week.

A total of 953,620 pounds or 476.81 **tons** of trash was weighed in during Clean-Up Week in 2023. Of the trash from inside the City, approximately 41% was picked up and delivered by City crews as part of the curbside pickup program.

The following is a tabulation of trash weighed in during Spring Clean-Up Week in 2021, 2022, and 2023:

	2021	2022	2023
City Residents	310,020 lbs.	238,560 lbs.	301,680 lbs.
Borough (Non-City)	507,640 lbs.	515,640 lbs.	607,120 lbs.
Saxman	59,880 lbs.	58,280 lbs.	44,820 lbs.
Total	438.77 Tons	406.24 Tons	476.81 Tons
% Borough (Non-City)	65%	63%	68%

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a motion approving Saturday April 20th through Saturday April 27th be designated as Ketchikan Spring Clean-Up Week.