



Perris Press Release

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Perris Cleans Up!

Perris residents took advantage of the annual opportunity to throw away as much trash as possible without charge from their backyards, storage sheds, garages, attics, bedrooms and patios. The line to offload cars and trucks loaded with refuse began forming at the old Perris Police Headquarters well before the 7 a.m. May 19 official kickoff of the annual Spring Cleaning.

Lines of vehicles stretched around the corner from G and Seventh streets, their drivers eager for the big clean-up to begin.

"This event is always well received by the public," said Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough. "It's the kind of quality-of-life issue that this City is famous for. Giving residents the chance to clean up their homes and property helps instill pride in their neighborhood and community."

When the last of the vehicles was empty and the trash tally totaled, City of Perris residents had discarded 234 tons of garbage.



The line of vehicles waiting to unload trash reached down G Street to almost Seventh just after the start of the Perris clean-up day.

City of Perris Public Works employees also did their part to make the City look better, trimming weeds along Fourth Street from Interstate 215 to A Street.

Shrya Jackson arrived early with her work crew, which consisted of her children, Shamar, 12, A.J., 14, and Kasun, 17. After completing her first trip, Jackson said she planned on returning for a second. Then a third. Then a fourth. Then a fifth. Her trash pile included construction materials, wood scraps, cement, tree limbs, chairs, fish tanks, grills and shelving.

"I've got two years of stuff here!" Jackson said. "Some of my neighbors are going to be so happy. This is going to better my neighborhood. This clean-up makes me able to better enjoy the property I live on."

Jackson said she is particularly pleased the City arranged with its waste hauler, CR&R, to provide the cleanup for no cost.

"I've been planning this for more than a year," she said.

Resident Oliver Fernandez said the annual clean-up encourages people to take pride in their homes, thereby increasing property values. He discarded a mattress, sofas and chairs.

"I am glad the City of Perris provides this service," Fernandez said.

Brothers Kerry and Andre Williams also threw out broken furniture. Both said they were grateful for the free dump-day during this tough economy.

"Every time the City offers this, I take advantage," said Andre Williams. "It gives a lot of people the chance to clean up their property."

His brother concurred.

"People don't have the finances to pay to dump," Kerry Williams said. "This is a good thing."

Chuck Brashier said the cleanup day helps people take care of the planet. He threw away a hot tub, chairs, tires, televisions and household trash.

"We have an obligation to keep this place clean," he said. "Anytime you throw trash on the street, you're ruining the planet. Giving people the chance to clean up their homes is a great idea."



Shamar Jackson, 12, picks up trash to throw in a Dumpster during Perris' annual clean-up day May 19. City residents tossed out 234 tons of refuse.



A CR&R trash-truck operator prepares to empty a Dumpster at the former Perris Police Headquarters, site of the annual clean-up.



Brothers Andre and Kerry Williams prepare to throw out an old mattress.