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## **Earth Month in Portland: Volunteer Events Across the City Invite Community Action**

**Portland, Ore., April 8, 2026** – Earth Month is in full swing and SOLVE is bringing people together across Portland for hands-on volunteer events throughout April. From neighborhood cleanups and park restoration to creative community activations, these projects offer meaningful ways for community members to care for the places they live, work, and explore.

As part of SOLVE’s Earth Month celebrations, more than 200 volunteer projects are taking place across Oregon and Southwest Washington throughout April. In Portland, that includes a full lineup of fun, community-powered, and creative events. From neighborhood cleanups to Earth Day celebrations and community parades, there are plenty of ways to take part throughout the month.

### **Featured Earth Month Events in Portland**

#### **Scott Elementary Community Cares Day**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 11, 9 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Scott Elementary School, Portland

Join Scott Elementary and SOLVE for a Community Cares Day focused on weeding, pruning, and litter removal around the school grounds. Volunteers will help create a cleaner, brighter space for students and neighbors while connecting with the local community. [Link to register](#)

#### **Reed Neighborhood Clean-up at Gigantic Brewing**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 11, 11 am – 3 pm

**WHERE:** Gigantic Brewing, Portland

Help clean up the Reed neighborhood, then connect with fellow volunteers at Gigantic Brewing. This extended cleanup offers a relaxed, community-focused way to make an impact.

[Link to register](#)

#### **Kind of a big dill: Celebrate Earth Month at Lents Park with Dillon T. Pickle**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 10 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Lents Park, Portland

Rise and brine! Join SOLVE and neighbors at Lents Park for a fun, family-friendly cleanup, with a special appearance by **Dillon T. Pickle, mascot of the Portland Pickles baseball team and Saucy T. Sausage from Portland Bangers FC**. Volunteers will collect litter and recyclables around the park and surrounding

neighborhood, then gather afterward for snacks and beverages. It's kind of a big dill, and a great opportunity to meet Dillon, connect with the community, and help keep Southeast Portland clean. [Link to register](#)

### **Celebrate Earth Day with SOLVE: Tom McCall Waterfront Cleanup**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 22, 10 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland

Celebrate Earth Day with a scenic cleanup along the Willamette River on Earth Day. Volunteers will work together to remove litter and recyclables from one of Portland's most iconic public spaces.

[Link to register](#)

### **Pier Park Pick-Up**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 9 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Pier Park, Portland

Support native plantings and help remove invasive species like ivy and blackberry, while also picking up litter and clearing debris. Coffee and donuts will be provided for volunteers.

[Link to register](#)

### **Earth Day Celebration: Cleanup + Making Earth Cool Parade**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 11 am – 1 pm

**WHERE:** Sunnyside Neighborhood, Portland

Join a lively Earth Day celebration featuring a neighborhood litter cleanup followed by food, music, a parade, costume contest, and community festivities in partnership with Making earth Cool.

[Link to register](#)

### **Neighborhood Ecology & Cleanup**

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 26, 11 am – 1 pm

**WHERE:** SE Portland

Combine a litter cleanup with a short, guided ecology walk led by an Oregon Master Naturalist. Learn about local plants and wildlife while helping to remove trash from the neighborhood.

[Link to register](#)

### **How to Get Involved**

- **Volunteer:** Browse the event calendar for more events and register yourself or a group at [volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring](https://volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring)
- **Encourage participation:** Invite schools, workplaces, and community groups to take part in Earth Month action
- **Spread the Word:** Share local events with friends, neighbors, and your community

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For more information or to register, visit [solve.org/oregon-spring](https://solve.org/oregon-spring)

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**About SOLVE**

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit [solve.org](https://solve.org) for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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