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**SOLVE Invites Portlanders to Celebrate Summer at the
10th Annual *Pick It Up, Portland!***

- **Citywide cleanup at five locations across Portland**
- **Launching Love PDXSM to inspire year-round community pride**

Portland, Ore., July 27, 2026 – As Portlanders make the most of summer, SOLVE is inviting the community to celebrate the season by helping keep the city clean during the **10th annual *Pick It Up, Portland!*** on **Thursday, August 6, from 10 am to noon.**

Volunteers will come together at **five cleanup locations across the city** to remove litter from parks, riverfronts, business districts, and neighborhood streets, creating cleaner, healthier, and more welcoming public spaces for everyone to enjoy. Whether joining as an individual, with family and friends, or as part of a workplace team, participants will make a visible difference while spending a summer morning giving back to Portland.

"Ten years ago, Pick It Up, Portland! started with a simple idea: bring neighbors together to care for the city we all share," said Kris Carico, CEO of SOLVE. "Today, that spirit is stronger than ever. Every volunteer helps create cleaner neighborhoods, healthier communities, and a Portland we can all take pride in."

Volunteers can choose from five cleanup events across Portland and register here:

- [Southeast Portland / Central Eastside](#), presented by Subaru of Portland
- [Cathedral Park](#), North Portland
- [Holladay Park](#), Northeast Portland presented by Pacific Power
- [Downtown Portland](#), presented by AAA
- [Sellwood Riverfront Park](#), Southeast Portland

Cleanup supplies including litter grabbers, gloves, safety vests, and bags will be provided. Volunteers can also enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks throughout the morning, and each cleanup location will host a raffle featuring a prize basket filled with goodies from local artisans.

During ***Pick It Up, Portland!***, SOLVE will also launch **Love PDXSM**, a campaign that encourages Portlanders to care for the places they love through community and environmental action. Love PDXSM is part of **Keep America Beautiful's Love Your Happy PlaceSM** national campaign, inspiring people to take pride in their communities through recycling education, community cleanups, and shared stewardship of local spaces. The campaign is supported through a community grant funded by **Niagara Cares**.

Pick It Up! is SOLVE's regional cleanup initiative that brings residents, businesses, and community organizations together to care for shared public spaces, city by city. What began in Portland has grown into a regional movement, with events now taking place in Vancouver, Milwaukie, Salem, Bend, and Medford.

Pick It Up, Portland! is made possible through the generous support of Subaru of Portland, alongside AAA, the City of Portland, Fred Meyer, Kaiser Permanente, Metro, Pacific Power, Plaid Pantry, and KOIN 6.

Visit the [***Pick It Up, Portland!***](#) event site and register for the event locations.

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 for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).