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***Pick It Up, Bend!* Returns September 27 with Community Cleanup and Chance to Win Jack Johnson Concert Tickets**

Portland, Ore., September 16, 2026 – Following a successful inaugural event in 2025, SOLVE is bringing ***Pick It Up, Bend!*** back to the community on **Sunday, September 27, from 10 am to noon**. Volunteers will come together at the **Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater** for a community cleanup, with all participating volunteers entered into a free drawing for **two tickets to the sold-out Jack Johnson concert that evening**.

Individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations are invited to take part in the cleanup and help create a visible, immediate impact on some of Bend's most popular community spaces. Volunteers will spread throughout the Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater to remove litter and help keep these shared spaces clean and welcoming.

This year's event also continues SOLVE's partnership with the **Johnson Ohana Foundation** and Jack Johnson's All At Once community. Following the cleanup, SOLVE will participate as a **Village Green partner** at the Jack Johnson concert that evening, connecting a morning of community action with an evening focused on music, community, and the environment.

"Pick It Up! continues to grow because communities are ready to come together and take action in the places they call home," said Kris Carico, CEO of SOLVE. "We're excited to bring the series back to Bend for a second year and to continue building our partnership with the Johnson Ohana Foundation. It's a great opportunity to connect local volunteers with a broader movement that shows how community action can make a difference."

As an added part of the day, all participating volunteers will be entered into a **free drawing for two tickets to the Jack Johnson concert**. SOLVE will also be joined by **Stio**, providing snacks and beverages for volunteers.

Event Details

What: *Pick It Up, Bend!*

When: Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 10 am – 12 pm

Where: Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater, Bend

Who: Individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations

Registration: [SOLVE](#) | [Pick It Up, Bend!](#)

Please note: Participation in the cleanup does not include or guarantee concert admission. Two concert tickets will be awarded to the selected drawing recipient.

Pick It Up, Bend! is made possible through the support from Old Mill District, Hayden Homes Theatre, Lithia & Driveway, and Cascade Disposal.

About *Pick It Up!*

Pick It Up! is SOLVE's regional cleanup initiative that brings residents, businesses, and community organizations together to improve shared public spaces city-by-city. Following successful events in Portland, Vancouver, Milwaukie, Bend, Medford, and Salem, the program continues to expand opportunities for community involvement across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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](#).
