



CLEANUP CHRONICLES



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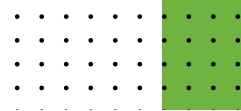
Upcoming events – towards Zero Waste 2040

We are welcoming the sunny weather with several exciting events that you can participate in throughout May to June. Come check out our monthly cleanups, our zero waste fair, or our repair cafes and drop off events and meet likeminded folks in the community!

Cleanups

From now until the end of June, we will be hosting 4 cleanups that we would love to have you participate in! Please find the event and sign up details below, and sign up early so we know how many volunteers we can anticipate! You can also visit our [city calendar](#) for a full list of all the upcoming cleanups.

1. May 13 – [Chinatown Cleanup at Andy Livingstone Park](#) from 10am–12pm
2. May 20 – [City Hosted Cleanup at Killarney Park](#) from 10am–12pm – with the City of Vancouver's Zero Waste Fair
3. June 10 – [Chinatown Cleanup at Chinatown Plaza](#) from 9am–12pm – with the Chinatown BIA
4. June 17 – [City Hosted Cleanup at Winona Park](#) from 10am–12pm – with an invasive species removal by the Green Infrastructure Team



Zero Waste Fair

Our Zero Waste Fair is coming up on May 20th at Killarney Community Centre! Join us to learn more about zero waste living and participate in different zero waste activities. The event will run from 9am-1pm and will feature the following:

- Free Swap – bring up to 5 small items in good condition (clothing, housewares, small electronics, books, toys, games, art etc.) and trade it in for something new to take home with you!
- Repair Cafe – bring in an item that needs repairing and our volunteer repairers will try their best to fix it for you! Note that there are only a few limited spots remaining and online registration is required.
- Seminars and Workshops – to learn more about different waste related topics featuring organizations such as FoodMesh, Reusables, and Oceanwise
- City Hosted Cleanup – details above

You can preregister online for the event [here](#). Hope to see you there!

A vertical poster for the Zero Waste Fair. The background is a soft-focus image of a blue sky with white clouds. The title 'ZERO WASTE FAIR' is in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, the location and date are in green: 'Killarney Community Centre', '6260 Killarney Street', and 'May 20, 2023 | 9am-1pm'. A horizontal line separates this from the 'INCLUDES FREE:' section, which lists four activities with icons: Repair Café (wrench and screwdriver), Bike Tune-ups (bicycle), Workshops, Seminars (person at a screen), and Swap Event (two arrows pointing in opposite directions). To the right of this list, it says 'To register, scan the QR code' above a QR code. Below the QR code, it says 'SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!'. At the bottom, a white banner contains the text 'Learn about sharing, reusing and repairing your stuff. And meet the organizations helping to build a Zero Waste Vancouver.' The City of Vancouver logo is in the bottom left, and the website 'VANCOUVER.CA/REPAIRCAFE' is in the bottom right.

ZERO WASTE FAIR

Killarney Community Centre
6260 Killarney Street
May 20, 2023 | 9am-1pm

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-  **BIKE TUNE-UPS**
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-  **SWAP EVENT**

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Recapping the 2023 Litter Cleanup Challenge

Our inaugural litter cleanup challenge this year was a success! With the help of our 9 partnering community centres and 6 community policing centres, we were able to distribute over 600 cleanup kits, and received nearly 70 online submissions! We also received some valuable feedback from the community and were able to take away many learnings to guide our future events! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's kickoff!

Here are some comments that we received from our participants:

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- My 7 year old son loved using the garbage picker upper and was so proud to help his community. We will be doing neighbourhood litter pick ups regularly.
- It was really fun cleaning up the areas where our family lives. I did it with my two kids and they really were happy cleaning up and we hope to participate in this program more often. Thank you very much.
- I think it's a great idea my toddler had a blast nice little Sunday cleaning party. Thank you
- This program is great, otherwise we'd have even more litter around everywhere. I clean pretty frequently in my area and still there are so many cigarette butts by the bus stop and general snacks food wraps.



Recapping our first Chinatown Cleanup

We had a successful Chinatown Cleanup on Apr 15 and cleaned up over 25 bags of garbage! Our next cleanup in Chinatown will be on May 13 and we will be having these cleanups monthly until November on top of the existing city hosted cleanups so keep an eye out on our [city calendar](#) to sign up! Thank you to everybody who came out!



Graffiti Removal Programs

Are you interested in volunteering for graffiti removal? Whether you would like to volunteer as an individual or as a group, we have opportunities for both.

If you're an individual looking to remove graffiti in your local neighbourhood, the City of Vancouver has partnered with Dulux Paints to provide property owners and tenants with up to 2 gallons of exterior paint per calendar year for graffiti removal. Simply [apply online](#) for your free paint voucher!

If you're looking to join a group, several of the local community policing centres conduct graffiti removal on a regular basis. The Chinese CPC, the Hastings Sunrise CPC, and the West End Coal Harbour CPC are some of the policing centres that offer graffiti removal programs.



Opportunities with Oceanwise for World Oceans Day

World Oceans Day is coming up next month on June 8th! If you are looking to make an even bigger impact in your community, you can participate in the following two Oceanwise activities to be a plastic reduction hero!

- Take the plastic pledge - Are you committed to reducing your plastic waste? Take the Oceanwise plastic pledge today and let us know how you will be reducing your plastic footprint.
- Take the plastic challenge - Have you ever wondered how much plastic your household generates? If you're curious, Oceanwise is now providing you resources to conduct a mini waste audit in your own homes! You can visit the link to check out how you can participate in the plastic challenge to move towards reducing even more plastic waste in your own homes.

