

# Hanford employees to join Earth Day cleanup

Hanford employees will be rolling up their sleeves to join other regional volunteers in participating in the Community Cleanup Day scheduled for April 19. Hanford contractors are supporting the Tri-Cities' observance of Earth Day with spring cleanup and beautification projects at a variety of locations in the region.

The Fluor Hanford Community Involvement Team will help clean up a two-mile stretch of Interstate 82 in the Adopt-a-Highway program and will clean up a park in West Richland, the facilities of The Arc of the Tri-Cities and homes of senior citizens. Team Battelle will help spring clean yards for senior and disabled citizens. Fluor Hanford, Battelle and Bechtel are all sponsors of the Community Cleanup Day activities.

If you have a spring cleanup project going at your home, here are a few events to assist you on April 19:

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., household hazardous waste collection for Benton County residents at the Tri-Cities Coliseum
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., free public document-shredding event provided by Columbia Industries at the Tri-Cities Coliseum
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., household and yard waste disposal for West Richland residents at Flat Top Park.
- April 19-26, Northwest Tire Recycling will offer discounts for recycling tires at 880 Curie St. in Richland, 371-1475.

If you would like to join any of the Hanford teams in their cleanup efforts, call Calvin Dudney of Fluor Hanford at 373-6267 or Sandra Cannon of Battelle at (509) 529-1535.

To participate in community cleanup events, call the contacts of the individual cleanup projects listed below and on the Web site at [www.tcfm.org/earthday](http://www.tcfm.org/earthday). At this site you can also download forms to register for a community cleanup project or sign up to participate in a cleanup project.

- The Tapteal Greenway is sponsoring a work day on April 19 to help maintain the trails at the Chamna Natural Preserve. Contact Ginger Wireman at 946-9692 or 736-3008 for more information.
- The Benton Franklin Volunteer Center is scheduling senior and disabled citizen yard cleanup projects. Call the Volunteer Center at 582-0631 to adopt a yard.
- The Atomic Ducks Dive Club needs certified divers to help clean the trash out of the Columbia River on April 19. Non-divers are also needed for shore support. Call Carol Porter at 373-7402 during the day or at 943-5019 in the evening.
- Groups are encouraged to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway litter cleanup on or around April 20. Call Tim Arntzen at 545-3405 to schedule your group.
- Throughout April, cell phones and accessories that are no longer needed can be donated to the National Donate a Phone Program, through which they are repaired and provided to domestic violence victims. Phone collection containers will be placed at the Richland Public Library and Mid-Columbia Public Library branches. For more information, log onto [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com). ■