

Volunteers needed for May 5 community cleanup



KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS
BEAUTIFUL

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

By KOLOCares |

Posted: Thu 1:57 PM, Apr 12, 2018



RENO, Nev. (KOLO) - Volunteers are needed to clean up illegal dump sites, remove invasive weeds and beautify community neighborhoods during the [Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful](#) Great Community Cleanup Saturday May 5, 2018 from 8am – noon.

There are already 22 cleanup sites throughout the Truckee Meadows for which [volunteers can sign up](#).

This event is made possible by the generosity and hard work of volunteers. Last year, 780 volunteers removed more than 67 tons of illegally dumped trash and invasive weeds.

"Cleanup events are costly and labor-intensive," says Christi Cakiroglu, KTMB's Executive Director. "For example, it costs \$2 to recycle a tire properly, but for KTMB to come out to an open space area and clean it up, it is \$50-\$60. And that is with the help of volunteers and many community partners who give of their time for free. We work to connect our community with important resources and education, such as KTMB's [Recycling Guide](#), to help mitigate these problems. There are a lot of free and inexpensive ways to get rid of many of the items we find illegally dumped in the open spaces."

"Illegal dumping is a complex issue, but we are making progress on addressing it in our community through increased patrolling, cleanups and education", says Cakiroglu. "For the last 12 years, KTMB has coordinated the Illegal Dumping Task Force – a group of over 50 vested partners including the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, municipalities, recreating groups, and private citizens. This group meets regularly to discuss current illegal dumping sites, to support KTMB's Great Community Cleanup and work on long-term solutions to prevent illegal dumping."

KTMB's Great Community Cleanup is made possible thanks to the Truckee River Fund through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, Washoe County Health District, NV Energy Foundation, Sun Valley General Improvement District, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Spaces, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Bureau of Land Management, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada Department of Wildlife, SaveMart, Great Basin Brewery, Home Depot, RT Donovan, Waste Management, RAD, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, The Nature Conservancy, Pepsi, Tahoe Trail Bars and Tires Plus