



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

October 14, 2025

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SUBJECT: LITTER CONTROL UPDATE: FY25 SUMMARY AND FY26 EVENTS

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) litter control program metrics and to highlight planned activities for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). Table 1 summarizes the litter control services that support the City's goal of maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive community. The overarching objective remains to eliminate litter and illegal dumping. The slight reduction in total litter weight collected in FY25 reflects increased service frequency and a decline in large illegal dumping incidents.

Table 1: Comparison of Fiscal Years 2023, 2024 & 2025 Litter Control Program Metrics

Litter Control Metrics	FY23 Material Collected (lbs.)	FY24 Material Collected (lbs.)	FY25 Material Collected (lbs.)
Illegal Dump Investigations & Abatement	11,484,685	10,247,600	7,206,920
Litter Abatement (UpSpire contractors & city staff)	5,148,737	7,427,864	7,116,205
Street Sweeping	3,012,000	1,768,000	4,124,000
Volunteer Efforts (KFWD & Special Events)	248,200	244,919	208,161
Waterbody Litter Traps	12,750	11,400	8,542
TOTAL	19,906,372	19,699,873	18,663,828

Table 1 Presents weights for litter control and illegal dumping services in FY23, FY24 and FY25.

In FY2025, City staff and community partners achieved the following:

1. Removed litter and debris from 6,776 illegal dump sites and 2,496 illegal camp sites.
2. Swept 76,807 curb miles of City streets.
3. Conducted four tire take-back events, collecting 1,269 scrap tires through an NCTCOG grant.
4. Supported the launch of the Fairhaven Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) and continued work on three ongoing NIPs: Seminary, Worth Heights, and Historic Marine Creek.
5. Dedicated one UpSpire litter crew to daily cleanup along the East Lancaster corridor, expanding service from Henderson to Riverside and continuing regular underpass maintenance.
6. Maintained two five-person supplemental highway litter crews to support TxDOT with greenspace litter collection along I-30, I-35, I-20, and Hwy 287.
7. Provided litter control and street sweeping for major community events including the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Professional Bull Riders' Stockyard Showcase, Juneteenth Celebration, Cowtown Marathon, and others.
8. Collaborated with internal and external partners—including TxDOT, North Tarrant Express, North Texas Tollway Authority, Trinity River Authority, Tarrant Regional Water District, and City departments (PARD, PD, TPW)—on joint cleanup efforts such as the Pre-2026 FIFA



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World Cup Lake Arlington cleanup, TxDOT joint cleanups, and the 2025 Texas FFA Convention cleanup event.

9. Approved funding and contract authority to expand to five UpSpire crews focused on illegal camp site cleanups, effective September 30, 2025, with the first crews expected to deploy in Fall 2025.

FY25 Keep Fort Worth Beautiful (KFWB) Volunteers

KFWB offers multiple programs to engage volunteers and to encourage litter control throughout the community. KFWB offers free cleanup supplies to support volunteer-led events at any time during the year. Cleanup supplies can be requested at: (817) 392-2046 or by emailing: kfwb@fortworthtexas.gov. FY25 KFWB volunteer cleanup efforts are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. FY25 Volunteer Litter Cleanup Summary (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)

2025 Efforts	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Litter Removed (lbs.)
Cowtown Great American Cleanup	3,778	8,512	84,813
Neighborhood Litter Stomp	1,494	3,411	31,303
Volunteer-Led Cleanups	977	2,198	46,895
Adopt-A-Spot	1,525	17,676	45,150
TOTAL	7,774	31,797	208,161

Table 2 presents Keep Fort Worth Beautiful litter control efforts completed in FY25.

FY26 Continued Focus on a Cleaner, Safer City

In FY26, all litter and illegal dumping programs will continue. As noted, resources are allocated to expand illegal campsite cleanups. Staff are also accounting for increased efforts during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. All residents and visitors may report litter and illegal dumping issues through the MyFW app or by calling the Fort Worth 311 Contact Center: (817) 392-1234. Everyone is encouraged to participate in any of seven city-led litter cleanup events planned in FY26 (Table 3).

Table 3: FY26 Scheduled Litter Cleanup Events

Date	Event	Meeting Location
October 11, 2025	Neighborhood Litter Stomp	Citywide
December 13, 2025	Polytechnic Heights	Titus Paulsel Park
March 29, 2026	Cowtown Great American Cleanup	Citywide
April 11, 2026	Far Greater Northside Historical	Buck Sansom Park
April 18, 2026	FIFA/UTA Big Event Collaboration	Eugene McCray Park
June 13, 2026	Las Vegas Trail	Westwind Park
September 12, 2026	Overton South	West Haven Park

Table 3 presents FY26 planned special litter cleanup events.



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