

Community Focus Statement C: Maintain and enhance Helendale’s aesthetic value

Action Statements C.1: Expand the desert cleanup program to at least 2 times a year to reduce the overall amount of refuse and litter on undeveloped and public lands within Helendale.

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Benchmark: Two community clean-up days occur annually to create where developers and residents want to live.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$1,000–\$3,000



Community cleanup program in Oakland CA. Photo source: Leo Romero

The Helendale Community Services District (CSD) could hold a desert cleanup program at least twice a year. The cleanup could be held at the community center, and the CSD and Burrtec Industries could collaborate to offer Helendale residents a free community cleanup day. Community members could be encouraged to bring electronic waste, metal recycling, green waste, tires, and general trash. In addition, the San Bernardino County Code Enforcement and Solid Waste Management Divisions organize community cleanups regularly in conjunction with County supervisors to offer convenient trash disposal option to residents. These County events could be part of a local community cleanup day.

In addition, San Bernardino County inmate workers clean up illegal dump sites while saving taxpayer money. For example, as of March 2016, inmate workers began cleaning up a 66-acre illegal dump site in Apple Valley, near Interstate 15 and Dale Evans Parkway. The effort is part of an initiative the County Supervisor kicked off last year to use county jail inmates to clean up trash and clear illegal dump sites across the high desert. County Code Enforcement has an online complaint form at <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/CodeEnforcementHome.aspx> in which complaints and reports of illegal dumping can be easily reported. Residents in the Helendale community can use this application to inform County Code Enforcement about dumping and graffiti in and adjacent to the community.



| Action | Action Leader | Timeline | Resources |
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| 1. Organize and schedule two free community cleanup days at the Community Center. | Champion and Helendale Community Services District | Month 1 | Helendale Community Services District Solid Waste Management Division- http://www.helendalecsd.org/ |
| 2. Contact residents to volunteer for community cleanup twice per year. | Champion and Helendale Community Services District | Twice a year | County Code Enforcement: http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/CodeEnforcementHome.aspx |
| 3. Encourage community members to bring electronic waste, metal recycling, green waste, tires, and general trash. | Champion and Helendale Community Services District, San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division | Twice a year | County Public Works- Solid Waste Division http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/SolidWasteManagement.aspx |