

Event Clean-Up

As an event organizer, you must ensure the proper disposal of waste and garbage throughout the term of your event, and immediately upon conclusion of the event, the area must be returned to a clean condition. A cleaning crew, staffed with your organization's personnel or volunteers, is required to clean during and at the end of each day of an event. If you, as an event organizer, set a standard of leaving the venue as clean as you found it, you can have a highly beneficial impact on the Santa Barbara community. Depending on the size and impact of your event, you may be required to hire a professional cleaning company and a company to power-wash the streets, sidewalks, landscape areas or parking lots. If washing is required, the Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) requires that you use a water collection system, so the wastewater does not go into storm drains. The event area must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the City.

Professional Cleaning Contract

Cleaning during and after an event by a professional company may be required for events, if determined by City staff that there is past history of poor cleanup and/or use of event staff and volunteers was insufficient to accomplish the task successfully. Requirements for professional services may include the following:

- Pickup of any overflowing trash from trash/recycle containers (cardboard event boxes and permanent trash/recycle receptacles) within the event area.
- Thorough clean-up up any residual trash/litter (including confetti) from event area, including all streets sidewalks, gutters, drain inlets, catch basins and planters.
- Use of a vacuum to clean-up and capture confetti.
- Power washing with a water collection system (if required).

A copy of a contract from the cleaning company must be provided one week prior to your event as proof of compliance.