

SCRUB stands for Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight. It is the City's mission to enhance the City's neighborhoods by allowing residents an opportunity to remove yard waste and debris from homes and yards to reduce the blighted areas within the City.

### Types of Events

- **MEGA SCRUB:** An event that is hosted by select neighborhoods within their section of the City. Any Des Moines Resident may participate.
- **Transfer Station SCRUB:** An alternate drop-off location used for SCRUB events. The Metro Waste Transfer Station is located at 4198 Delaware Ave. SCRUB dates and hours are posted on the [SCRUB Calendar](#).
- **Compost Site SCRUB:** A drop off site designated for yard and tree debris during SCRUB events. The Des Moines Compost Site is located at 1601 Harriet Street. SCRUB dates and hours are posted on the SCRUB Calendar

### Free Drop off - Delays Possible

- Proof of Residency is required - Bring a photo id or current utility bill.
- Before each event, please review the [SCRUB guidelines](#).
- MEGA SCRUB events now offer Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. [See list of items](#). (Capacity for hazardous waste drop-off is limited and fills up quickly. Early arrival is advised.)
- SCRUB events are free to Des Moines citizens, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

Date	Location	Hours
March 21, 2026	• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM
	• City of Des Moines Compost Center, <a href="#">1601 Harriet St.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM
April 18, 2026	• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM
	• City of Des Moines Compost Center, <a href="#">1601 Harriet St.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM
	• <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Merle Hay Mall, <a href="#">3800 Merle Hay Rd.</a> (North Parking Lot) <a href="#">Click here for entry map</a>	• <b>7 AM - 1 PM</b>
May 16, 2026	• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM
	• City of Des Moines Compost Center, <a href="#">1601 Harriet St.</a>	• 7 AM - 2 PM

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June 20, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Polk County River Place, <a href="#">2309 Euclid Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7 AM - 1 PM</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Des Moines Compost Center, <a href="#">1601 Harriet St.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> <a href="#">Capitol Complex Lot #3</a> (west of E. 14th and south of Court Ave.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7 AM - 1 PM</b></li> </ul>
July 18, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
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August 15, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
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September 19, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Des Moines Compost Center, <a href="#">1601 Harriet St.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Bell Avenue Business Center, <a href="#">1901 Bell Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7 AM - 1 PM</b></li> </ul>
October 17, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
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November 21, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Central Transfer Station, <a href="#">4198 Delaware Ave.</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 AM - 2 PM</li> </ul>
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