



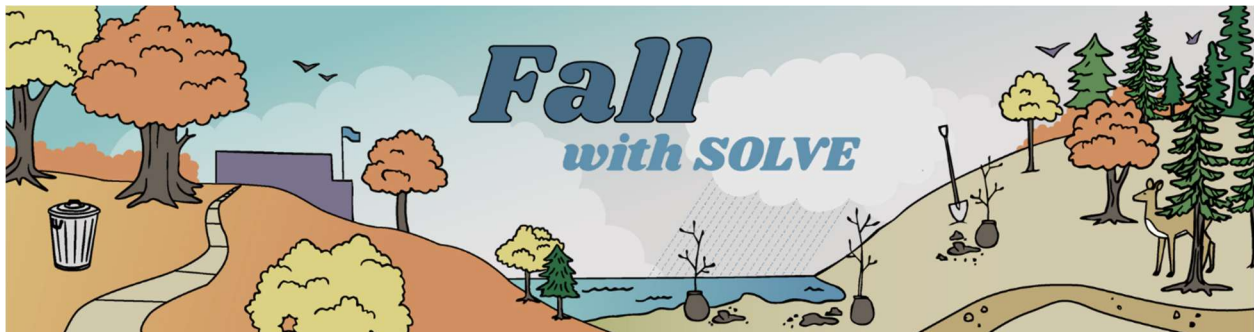
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Fall with SOLVE Launches: Registration Now Open for the 2025 Beach & Riverside Cleanup

Portland, Ore., September 2, 2025 – As the air turns crisp and the season shifts, SOLVE invites community members across Oregon and Southwest Washington to *Fall into Action with SOLVE*. At the heart of the season is the **Beach & Riverside Cleanup, September 20–28**, one of the largest volunteer events of the year. Registration is now open.

“Fall with SOLVE is about restoring and protecting the places we’ve spent the summer exploring,” said Kris Carico, CEO of SOLVE. “It’s about coming together to care for the places that matter most, from keeping school routes safe to preparing green spaces for the months ahead. It’s important to take action before rains wash litter into our waterways, and our local actions have lasting and far-reaching impacts. The Beach & Riverside Cleanup is the centerpiece of this season, connecting local efforts to global movements that protect our rivers, beaches, and public lands.”

Connecting Local Action to Global Movements

The 2025 Beach & Riverside Cleanup, in partnership with OnPoint Community Credit Union, spans ten days of statewide volunteer opportunities, from the Oregon Coast to urban neighborhoods in Oregon and SW Washington, and is tied to three days of global significance:

- **International Coastal Cleanup Day (September 20):** Uniting millions of volunteers worldwide to protect waterways from harmful trash and debris.

- **World Rivers Day (September 21):** Celebrating rivers and emphasizing the need to protect them.
- **National Public Lands Day (September 28):** The nation's largest single-day volunteer event focused on trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and native tree planting.

For nearly four decades, the Beach & Riverside Cleanup has brought communities together to protect beaches, rivers, parks, and public lands. Over **60 projects are already open for registration**, with opportunities for families, neighbors, community groups, and businesses to take part. From source to sea, volunteers will remove litter, restore natural areas, and create a visible difference across the region.

2025 Sponsors

SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup 2025, in partnership with OnPoint Community Credit Union, is proudly supported by Chevron, Clean Water Services, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc., Knife River, KOIN, Malibu Rum, Metro, National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), Oregon Parks and Recreation, Tillamook, and Wells Fargo.

What You'll See This Fall

With cooler weather and the energy of back-to-school season, SOLVE volunteers will:

- Clean up litter from neighborhoods, trails, parks, and waterways
- Restore habitats by removing invasive ivy and weeds
- Prepare green spaces for winter with mulch and maintenance
- Join forces with schools and community groups to inspire youth action

Key Fall Events:

While the Beach & Riverside Cleanup is the centerpiece, *Fall with SOLVE* also offers a variety of ways for communities to get involved:

- **Pick It Up!:** Large-scale community cleanups in Milwaukie (September 6), Bend (September 20), and Vancouver (October 10) bring together residents, businesses, and volunteers to give city centers a fresh start this fall.
- **Waterway Cleanup Series Wrap-Up (October 15):** The summer-long effort in partnership with Clackamas Water Environment Services concludes with a cleanup at High Rocks Park, Gladstone.
- **Monthly Detrash Portland Events:** Ongoing cleanups in Portland's business districts, focused on revitalizing key gathering areas.
- **Neighborhood & School Route Cleanups:** Supporting cleaner, safer pathways for students and families as the school year begins.
- **Restoration Projects:** Removing invasive species, mulching, and preparing natural areas for the winter months.

Get Involved

SOLVE invites individuals, families, schools, and businesses to take part in *Fall with SOLVE* by signing up for a project, hosting a cleanup, or supporting restoration efforts. Whether joining solo or with friends, family, or coworkers, every action helps protect waterways, restore habitats, and strengthen communities.

Looking ahead, there are even more ways to celebrate the season with purpose, from Giving Tuesday contributions to corporate volunteer projects and sponsorship opportunities. Support during this time helps sustain SOLVE's year-round work and expand its impact across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

For more information and to sign up, visit solveoregon.org/seasons.

About SOLVE

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit solveoregon.org for more information.
