

SPRING CLEANUP TO REDUCE URBAN BLIGHT

# CITYWIDE SCRUB EVENTS

FREE drop off for bulk trash items, excess yard waste & more! Visit us online at [DSM.city/SCRUB](https://www.dsm.city/SCRUB) to learn more!

## SCRUB Guidelines

### Acceptable SCRUB Items:

- Trash containers, general trash including furniture, bulky household items, and televisions
- Lawn mowers with all fluids drained
- Tires, any size, on/off rim  
(Limit 10 per vehicle - NO commercial haulers)
- Appliances, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, washers, dryers and dishwashers
- **Yard debris is only accepted at the City's Compost Center at 1601 Harriet Street**—we accept brush, tree limbs (24" diameter or less; maximum length 10'), leaves, grass clippings, straw, hay and garden waste

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal is only available at MEGA SCRUB events**, designated in the calendar to the right.

For more information regarding Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, call Metro Waste Authority at (515) 244-0021 or visit [MWAToday.com](https://www.mwatoday.com).

### Requirements:

- Proof of City of Des Moines residency is required (photo ID or current utility bill)
- No commercial haulers at SCRUB—commercial haulers are only permitted at the landfill
- Cars, pickups and small single axle trailers only
- Trailers must be single axle, no longer than 12 feet
- Scavenging/salvaging is NOT permitted at any time

### Unloading (prepare for potential delays):

- Drive slowly through the event space
- Follow directions from staff and volunteers when entering, unloading and exiting SCRUB
- Plan to unload your own vehicle within 15 minutes
- Place all items in dumpsters or compactors as directed by staff and volunteers
- Clean up any mess you create

## 2026 SCRUB Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	HOURS
3/21/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center	7 a.m.–2 p.m.
4/18/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center  <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Merle Hay Mall (North Parking Lot; 3800 Merle Hay Road)	7 a.m.–2 p.m.  7 a.m.–1 p.m.
5/16/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center  <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Polk County River Place (2309 Euclid Avenue)	7 a.m.–2 p.m.  7 a.m.–1 p.m.
6/20/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center  <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Capitol Complex Lot #3 (west of E 14th St., south of Court Avenue)	7 a.m.–2 p.m.  7 a.m.–1 p.m.
7/18/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center	7 a.m.–2 p.m.
8/15/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center	7 a.m.–2 p.m.
9/19/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center  <b>MEGA SCRUB:</b> Bell Avenue Business Park (1901 Bell Avenue)	7 a.m.–2 p.m.  7 a.m.–1 p.m.
10/17/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center	7 a.m.–2 p.m.
11/21/2026	Metro Central Transfer Station; Compost Center	7 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Metro Central Transfer Station**  
4198 Delaware Avenue

**City Compost Center**  
1601 Harriet Street



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