



City of Bellevue



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# Information

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# AGENDA

**Keep Bellevue Beautiful**

**Adopt-A-Street**

**Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval**

**Graffiti Prevention and Removal**

**Next Steps**



# Highlights

- 344 Volunteers
- Seven Neighborhood Area cleanups



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- Business cleanup events
- Probation partnership program



# Adopt-A-Street Program Summer 2024

Neighborhoods, businesses  
and civic groups

- Four cleanups a year
- Provide supplies and training
- Bag collection for residents with Republic Services
- Web tools for ease of adoption, reporting and performance data



# Upcoming Events



**Wilburton Cleanup  
and EarthFest Event**  
**Saturday, April 20**



**Eastgate Cleanup**  
**Saturday, May 11**



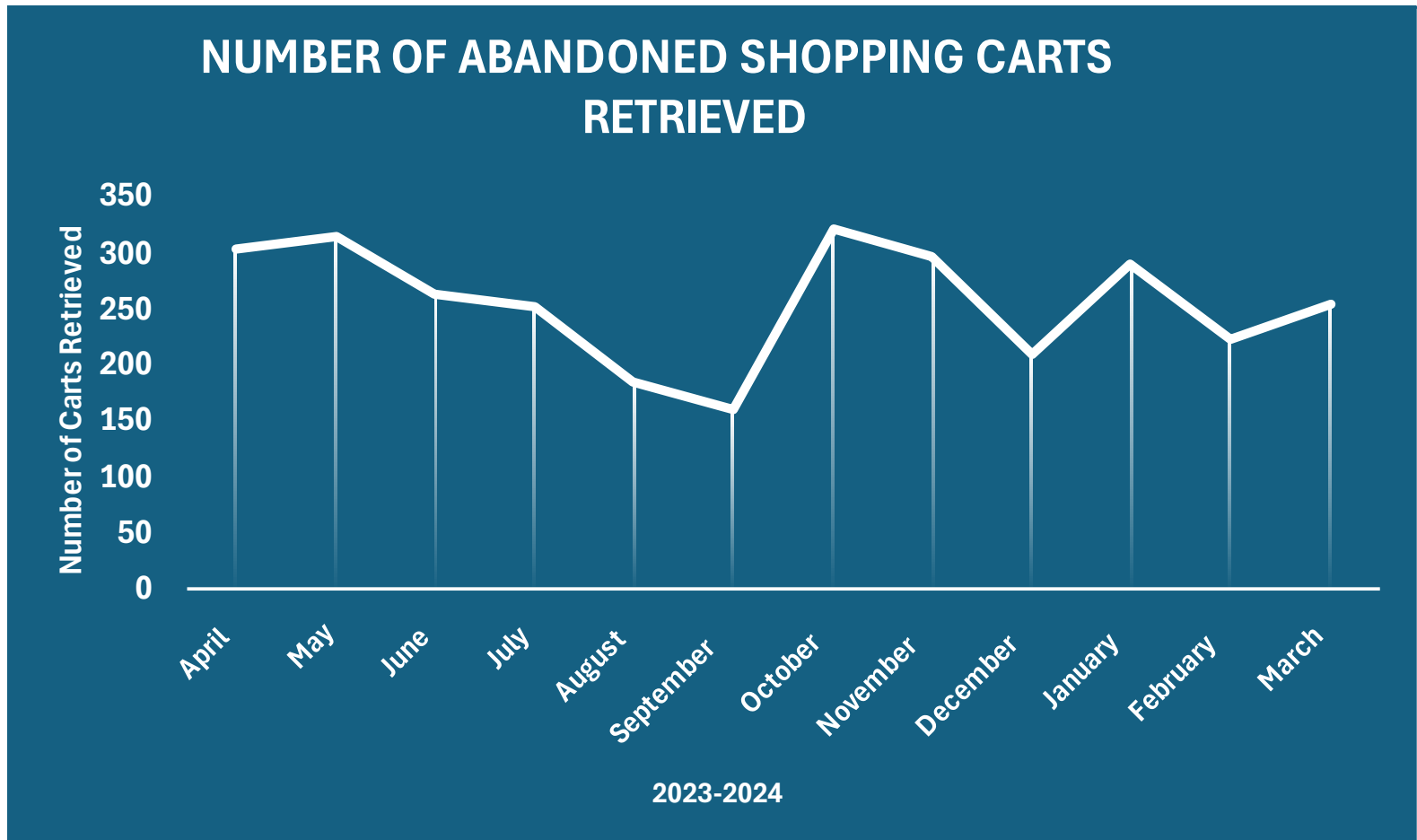
# Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval Program



# Background

## 3,080 Retrieved Carts

April 2023-March 2024



# Responsibility of Retailers



- Retrieval of their store's abandoned shopping carts.
- Provide shopping cart containment areas.
- Carts located outside of containment area are considered a public nuisance.
- Signage on each cart, stating that unauthorized removal of shopping cart constitutes theft.

# Code Compliance Outreach to Retailers

- Many have existing cart containment or retrieval systems.
- Improvement needed on required signage.
- Retailers continue to review cart containment technology.



# Exploration of Cost Recovery

## Required Code Changes

- **Clarity on labeling requirements for retailers**
- **Establish fees sufficient to cover costs**

## Additional Administration

- **Resources to process notice violations to prepare and prove enforcement cases and administer collections**

# Next Steps



- **Renewal of cart retrieval vendor contract**
- **Continue to work with retailers on signage, containment and retrieval**

# Graffiti Prevention and Removal



# Approach

## Follow the 3 R's

✓ Report

✓ Record

✓ Remove



**Graffiti:  
Prevention  
and Removal**

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If you are a property owner (home or business) you are responsible for removing any graffiti that occurs on your property (Bellevue City Code 9.10).

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### Follow the 3 R's

#### REPORT

Reporting graffiti is an important step in preventing and addressing the problem.

- Call 911 to report graffiti in progress.
- Use the MyBellevue app or the Bellevuewa.gov website to report existing graffiti.
- If you need to file a police report for existing graffiti, this can be done online at [bellevuewa.gov/report-and-prevent-crime](https://bellevuewa.gov/report-and-prevent-crime) or by calling the non-emergency line 425-577-5656.

#### RECORD

Take a photograph of the graffiti. This record of the vandalism can be important to include in a police report or in your report on the MyBellevue app or city website.

#### REMOVE

Remove the graffiti from your property within 24-48 hours to help prevent graffiti from spreading or reoccurring. Quick removal of graffiti is considered one of the best ways to combat graffiti.

**Graffiti that is not removed may result in code enforcement action.**





# Location Matters

**City-owned property**

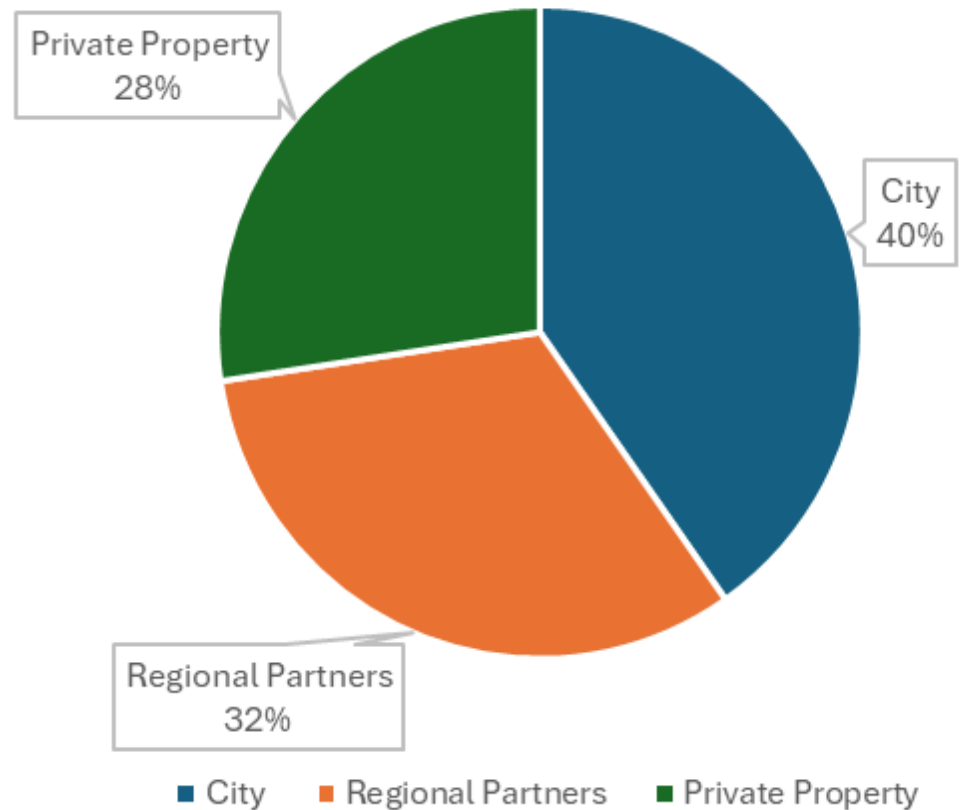
**City removes graffiti as soon as possible**

**Regional Partners' Properties**

**WSDOT, Sound Transit, King County**

**Private property**

Graffiti By Location (June 2023 - March 2024)



# Assistance Available for Homeowners



## Paint-over graffiti removal assistance

- **Code Compliance referral**
- **Single-family residential**
- **Meet hardship criteria**



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