



## **Town of Blades**

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### **Ordinance 441 – Town of Blades Clean-Up Day(s)**

#### **Section 1: Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish clear guidelines for participation in Town of Blades Clean-Up Day(s). This initiative supports community beautification and responsible waste disposal while ensuring that public services are accessed and equitably in alignment with fiscal responsibility. The ordinance sets forth eligibility criteria, load limitations, and enforcement procedures to maintain fairness and operational efficiency. This Clean-Up Day event is not to take the place of regular trash removal by residents.

#### **Section 2: Definitions**

**Clean-Up Day** - A town sponsored event held on designated date(s) during which eligible residents may dispose of approved household trash and yard waste at no cost, or reduced cost.

**Combined Load** - The total quantity of waste (including household trash and yard debris) delivered by a household, regardless of number of trips or vehicle type. A load may be measured by volume, weight, or container count, as determined by the Department of Public Works.

**Yard Waste** - Organic material including leaves, branches, grass clippings, and other vegetative debris, generated from routine property maintenance.

**Household Trash** - Non-hazardous residential waste excluding recyclables, electronics, construction debris, or prohibited items as defined by sanitation guidelines.

**Arrears** - A status indicating that a resident or property owner has unpaid balances on property taxes or public utility accounts that are past due as of the Clean-Up date.

**Eligible Resident** - A person who resides within the town limits and meets all criteria for participation as outlined in Section 3.

#### **Section 3: Eligibility for Participation**

**Residency** - Must reside within the incorporated limits of the Town of Blades.

Account Standing - Must not be in arrears on any property tax or utility account administered by the Town or its authorized agents.

Verification - Must provide proof of residency and account standing upon request. Acceptable documentation includes valid photo ID and a recent utility bill or tax receipt. Residents found to be in arrears shall be deemed ineligible to participate until such balances are paid in full or resolved through an approved payment plan.

#### **Section 4: Load Limitations**

(a) Each eligible household shall be permitted to dispose of up to two (2) combined loads of trash and yard waste during Clean-Up Day event.

(b) Loads must be separated according to sanitation guidelines (e.g. yard waste must be bagged or bundled separately from household trash).

(c) Mixed or improperly sorted loads may be refused or redirected to standard disposal services at the resident's expense.

(d) No hazardous materials, electronics, construction debris, or commercial waste shall be accepted.

#### **Section 5: Enforcement and Compliance**

The Town Administrator or their designee shall oversee enforcement of this ordinance. The following provisions apply:

(a) Verification - Town staff shall verify participant eligibility using current tax and utility records. A list of eligible addresses may be compiled in advance.

(b) On-Site Checks - Staff may request documentation at the drop-off site. Refusal to provide documentation may result in denial of service.

(c) Violations - Any attempt to circumvent eligibility requirements, exceed load limits, or dispose of prohibited materials may result in:

- Immediate denial of service
- Issuance of a citation or fine
- Suspension from future Clean-Up Day events

#### **Section 6: Appeals and Hardship Exceptions**

Residents who believe they have been incorrectly deemed ineligible or who are experiencing financial hardship may submit a written appeal to the Town Administrator. Appeals must be received no later than ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled Clean-Up Day. The Town Administrator shall review

appeals and respond within five (5) business days of receipt. Approved exceptions may be granted on a one-time basis and shall not exempt the resident from future compliance.

**Section 7: Public Notification and Outreach**

The Town of Blades shall provide timely and accessible information regarding Clean-Up Day through the following channels: Official town website and social media platforms, printed flyers distributed to residential addresses, and notices posted at Town Hall, Public Works Department, and other community bulletin boards. All communications shall include dates and locations of Clean-Up Day, eligibility requirements, load limitations, sorting instructions, and contact information for appeals and questions.


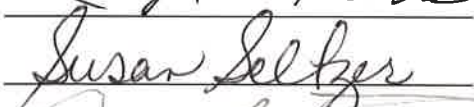
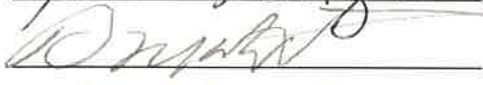

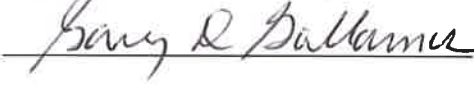

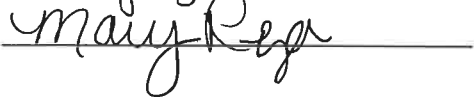
**Section 8: Severability**

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 9: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Council and shall apply to all future Clean-Up Day events unless amended or repealed.

Adopted by the Commissioners of the Town of Blades 03/09/2026, 2026.

	Mayor Nancy McAdams
	Commissioner Susan Seltzer
	Commissioner Donald Trice
	Commissioner Garold Miller
	Commissioner Gary Gallamore
	Commissioner Judy Evans
	Town Administrator Mary Reza

First Reading: January 12, 2026  
Second Reading: February 9, 2026  
Third Reading: March 9, 2026

