



Mount Vernon

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NEWS ALERT: Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 9

Popular event will again take place at Ariel~Foundation Park this year

MOUNT VERNON, April 15, 2026 – The City of Mount Vernon is once again having a Spring Clean-up Day this year. As with last year’s day, the 2026 event will again take place at Ariel~Foundation Park, on Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to noon, in front of the Schnormeier Events Center.

This year’s Spring Clean-Up Day will also be open to all Knox County residents (proof of residency may be required). Whereas prior clean-ups were open only to City residents, 2025’s event, thanks to the partnership of Knox County Recycling and Litter Prevention, was the first to be open to everyone countywide.

Anyone living in the county with large, unwanted items, old furniture or just general junk taking up space will be able to dispose of it responsibly on May 9, while keeping our communities clean and clutter-free. Participants must unload their own materials, but volunteers will be on site to lend a hand.

There will be no limit on loads, with a cost of \$20 per load. Payment will be accepted in cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to “City of Mount Vernon” and note “Spring Clean-Up” in the memo.

No trailer or dumping will be permitted, and all materials must be disposed of by hand. Large furniture items like mattresses can be stacked behind Dumpsters. Participants must supply their own protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.

The following materials will not be permitted at the Spring Clean-Up Day – hazardous or toxic wastes, materials containing asbestos, lead acid batteries, oil or auto parts, infectious or bio-hazardous waste, steel drums or steel structures, ashes, dead animals, liquids, tires, yard waste, construction materials, or appliances containing CFC (Freon), such as refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers and humidifiers.

Due to the popularity of the annual Spring Clean-Up Day, the City of Mount Vernon in 2025 also had a Fall Clean-Up Day for the first time. The City is planning to do this again in 2026, on a date, still to be announced, in October.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community’s infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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