



SKID ROW CLEAN TEAM IMPACT REPORT



FY2022 - FY2024



RESTORING PRIDE TO NEIGHBORHOODS

URBAN ALCHEMY ISN'T AFRAID TO TACKLE PROBLEMS OTHERS MAY FIND OVERWHELMING.

That's why we began our street cleaning services in Los Angeles' Skid Row and San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhoods. Over the years, we've cleared more than 500 tons of trash. We also pick up used needles, helping make neighborhoods cleaner and safer.

As one of our most visible units, Urban Alchemy's Clean Teams remove garbage and debris from streets and other public places. But, this is not just about picking up trash. This simple but meaningful service restores a sense of pride to neglected neighborhoods, improves safety for residents, and often serves as a first point of contact with unsheltered neighbors. Clean Team Practitioners use their role as an opportunity to provide service with dignity, connection without judgment and resource without hassle. In the process of cleaning, Practitioners engage with residents, housed and unhoused—building transformative relationships and turning neglected spaces into safe, welcoming communities.

DELIVERING IMPACT

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Sidewalk and litter abatement in Skid Row

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Totals
Bags	47,494	56,131	54,261	157,886
Needles	26,746	14,136	11,653	52,535
Bulky Items	3,198	2,921	265	6,384
Graffiti Instances	1,987	2,152	299	4,438
Human Waste	4,729	2,998	2,636	10,362
Tents	41,714	37,338	31,394	110,446

CLEAN STREETS BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES.



Pounds of garbage removed

3,268,000



Needles removed

52,535



Graffiti elements washed away

4,438



For three years, Urban Alchemy has employed teams to keep the streets of Skid Row clean. Their basic job was to pick up garbage and clean off streets and sidewalks, but our Practitioners do more than simply clean. They talk to the unhoused people living on the streets to hear their stories, offer them empathy and support, and help tell them where to go to get resources.

Many people think the clean team's primary purpose is to make the neighborhood cleaner for others. We believe it's equally important to make the neighborhood cleaner for the unhoused people who are making it their home. They don't want to live in filth, but they need help to clean and get rid of garbage. We are proud to serve them.

