

A group of five people, four young men and one older man, are standing in a row in front of a large mural depicting a landscape with a river, hills, and trees. The person on the far left is a young man with short brown hair wearing a grey and white striped long-sleeved shirt and dark jeans. The second person is a young man with dark curly hair and glasses, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt with a pink collar and tan cargo pants. The third person is a young man with short black hair wearing a grey jacket over an orange t-shirt with a circular logo, and blue jeans. The fourth person is a young man with long blonde hair wearing a grey beanie, an orange long-sleeved shirt with a circular logo, and brown corduroy pants. The person on the far right is an older man with a grey beard, wearing a grey baseball cap, a white t-shirt with a circular logo and the text 'Clean River ALLIANCE', and grey pants. A large white banner with black text is superimposed over the middle of the image.

# Trash Service for the Homeless

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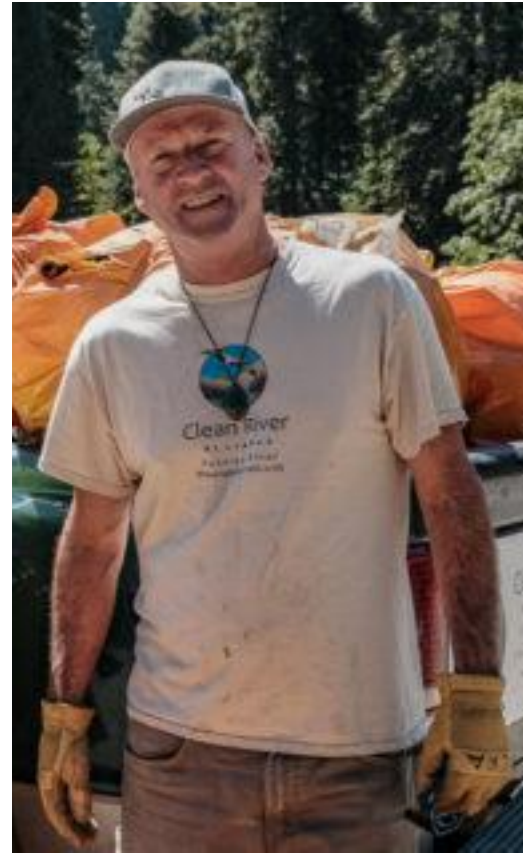
# History of Clean River Alliance

- Founded by Chris Brokate in December 2014
  - Wanted to clean up the Russian River after seeing effects of heavy rain bringing trash downstream
- Organizes trash cleanups, teaches homeless clean camp habits, and operates the homeless trash program in Guerneville, Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Hopland, and now Ukiah
- “Clean camps=clean river. Positively engaging the homeless leads to behavior changes and accountability, evictions will not change behavior.”
- Hundreds of thousands of pounds of trash

<https://cleanriveralliance.org/>

## **CRA Mission:**

To remove trash from the Russian River watershed and to educate citizens about the problem of trash in our waters by creating more public clean-up events.



# Why This Project?

- Senior Project for high school
- Living in Ukiah
  - We see the homeless problem every day
  - We see environmental degradation, littering, etc.
- Luca's childhood experience with homelessness



Clean River  
ALLIANCE  
Russian River

The background image shows a ground covered in various types of trash, including plastic bottles, food wrappers, and other debris. There are some green plants and bushes in the foreground and background, suggesting a natural area that has been polluted. The overall scene is one of environmental neglect and waste accumulation.

## *What is a trash service for the homeless anyway?*

- Homeless people have trash, but nowhere to put it
- Trash accumulates in encampments until heavy rainfall
- Trash gets swept downstream and ends up in the ocean
- CRA supplies the homeless with trash bags and a pickup date
- Dramatically decreases the amount of trash in the river/community

# Black Oak Meetups

- Meetings with Chris Brokate, Mayor Maureen Mulheren, Deborah Edelman, Chris Ostrom, Salvador Rico, a journalist from the Ukiah Daily Journal
  - Planning for what to do, who to contact, etc



# Orange trash bags

- Our way of differentiating between our bags and random trash bags
- Bright orange and labelled
- Brought with maps to Mcavhn, Inland Winter Shelter, and Plowshares
- Over 200+ bags have been given out



**FREE  
TRASH  
BAGS  
& pickup  
service!**



Are you homeless? Want to  
**CLEAN UP YOUR CAMPSITE?**

Clean River Alliance and Mendo Recycle  
are providing free trash bags and pickup  
service as indicated on the map.

Ask at our Personal Care door  
for a free orange bag and a map  
showing where to leave full bags.

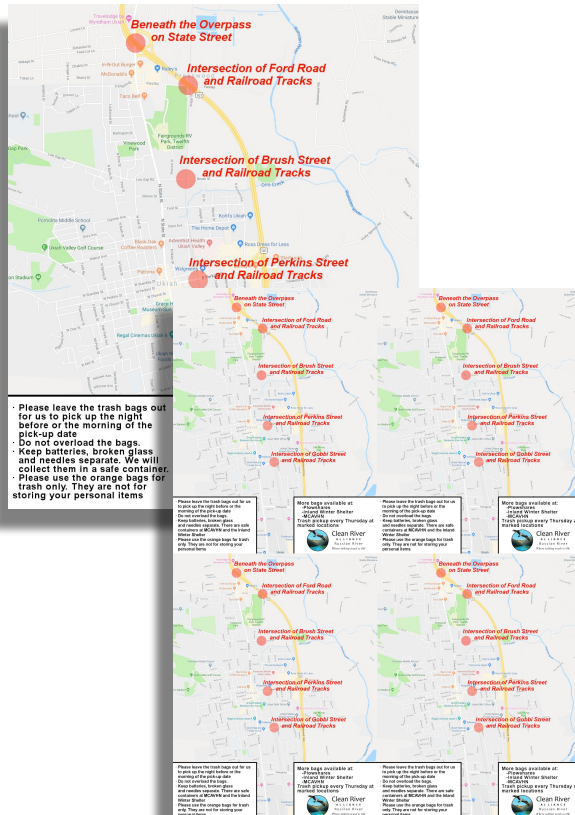
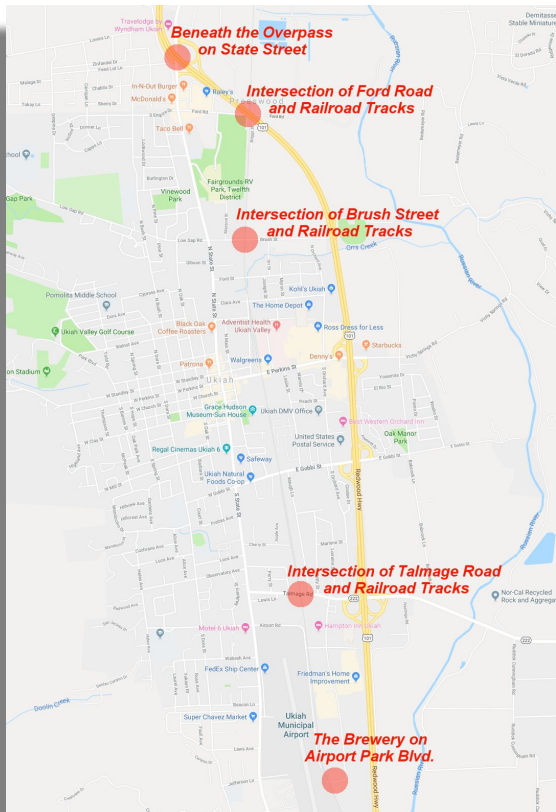


**Packing and labelling trash bags**



**Finding bags in Ukiah**

# Map of Pickup Locations + Info



**Here's how you can reach us and our partners**

Inland Winter Shelter.....	1145 S State St, Utah.....	(707) 234-3260
Powderhairs.....	1346 S State St, Utah.....	(707) 462-8582
McAuliffe.....	148 Clara Ave, Utah.....	(707) 462-1932
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