

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



THE TIME WHEN THE BLUE CAMAS BLOOM

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We're excited to share our second monthly newsletter with Malahat Nation members and continue strengthening community connections. We invite members to join the Housing Advisory Committee and take part in the upcoming Yukw'akw'usthut Festival and contest. Your participation will help make these initiatives a success.

Coming Up

KEY DATES AND EVENTS TO KNOW

- ▶ **MAY 5**
NATIONAL DAY FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN
- ▶ **MAY 7**
CAMP FIRE BAN
- ▶ **MAY 15-24**
YUKW'AKW'USTHUT FESTIVAL - BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR CLEANING AND RENEWAL
- ▶ **JUNE 21**
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
- ▶ **JUNE 2026**
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESMENTS BEGIN

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Protect the land for future generations.

INTRODUCING:

Yukw'akw'usthut Festival

The Yukw'akw'usthut Festival brings people together with a simple goal: cleaning and renewal across Malahat Nation. As spring arrives, it is a time to care for our homes and the land around us. Cleaning is more than a chore. It is a way to show respect for the community and future of Malahat Nation.

This festival is self-paced, so each household can take part in their own way. You might clean your yard, organize your home, or gather items you no longer need. You may take a bag and walk along your road to pick up rubbish. Every effort helps make the community cleaner and stronger.

DROP OFF & PICK UP OPTIONS

Waste and recyclable items can be dropped off in the designated bins located along Jesken and Thunder Rd. The Operations & Maintenance team can assist with appliances and large furniture if you leave them at the end of your driveway.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Check out the attached festival schedule we've shared! It's full of tips and ideas to make tidying your home and yard easier and more fun. Following it can help you get ready for drop-offs and make the festival a great success for everyone.

CHANCE TO WIN \$500

We will also be hosting a fun before and after contest with a grand prize of a **\$500 gift card**. Take photos of your outdoor space (remember that the photos shared will be posted online for the contest) before you start and after you finish for a chance to share your hard work and celebrate the changes. Contest details can be found on the next pages.

This festival is about renewal, working together, and caring for the community in a good way.

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DATES:

May 15 to 24



BIN LOCATIONS:

- Top & bottom of Jesken
- Beside the band admin office on Thunder Rd



PICK UP:

Items must be at the end of your driveway

Yukw'akw'usthut Festival Schedule

MALAHAT NATION BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER
FOR CLEANING AND RENEWAL

DAY 1: DECLUTTER & PREP

- WALK THROUGH ENTIRE HOME AND YARD
- PICK UP OBVIOUS TRASH AND DEBRIS
- SORT ITEMS: KEEP / DONATE / DUMP
- GATHER CLEANING SUPPLIES

DAY 2: OUTDOOR CLEANUP

- REMOVE LOOSE GARBAGE AND DEBRIS
- CLEAR DRIVEWAY AND WALKWAYS
- START SORTING OUTDOOR PILES
- BREAK DOWN BULKY ITEMS IF NEEDED

DAY 3: OUTDOOR CLEANUP

- FINISH CLEARING CLUTTERED YARD AREAS
- CUT BACK WEEDS AND OVERGROWTH
- SWEEP PATIO/DECK/PORCH
- GROUP TOOLS AND SALVAGEABLE ITEMS

DAY 4: OUTDOOR RESET

- HOSE OR PRESSURE WASH SURFACES
- CLEAN OUTDOOR FURNITURE
- WASH AND DISINFECT GARBAGE BINS
- SET UP ORGANIZED OUTDOOR ZONES

DAY 5: KITCHEN DEEP CLEAN

- WIPE COUNTERS AND CABINETS
- CLEAN SINK AND CLEAR COUNTERTOPS
- TOSS EXPIRED FOOD & WIPE FRIDGE/FREEZER
- MOP FLOOR

DAY 6: BATHROOM & LAUNDRY

- SCRUB TOILET, SINK, TUB/SHOWER
- CLEAN MIRRORS AND FIXTURES
- WASH TOWELS AND BATH MATS
- START LAUNDRY

DAY 7: LIVING AREAS RESET

- DUST SURFACES AND ELECTRONICS
- VACUUM CARPETS AND RUGS, MOP FLOORS
- CLEAN WINDOWS AND MIRRORS
- REFRESH CUSHIONS AND SEATING

DAY 8: BEDROOMS & FABRICS

- WASH AND CHANGE BEDDING
- DECLUTTER SURFACES
- ORGANIZE CLOSETS
- WASH CURTAINS/BLANKETS

DAY 9: FINAL DETAILS & WHOLE PROPERTY RESET

- CLEAN BASEBOARDS, VENTS, SWITCHES, HANDLES
- TAKE OUT ALL GARBAGE/RECYCLING (USE BINS PROVIDED)
- FINAL OUTDOOR TIDY (QUICK SWEEP + PICKUP)
- OPEN WINDOWS FOR FRESH AIR & ADD FINISHING TOUCHES (CANDLES, PLANTS, DÉCOR)

DAY 10: FESTIVAL COMPLETION

- SEND BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS TO HOUSING@MALAHATNATION.COM
- SEE CONTEST RULES ON THE NEXT PAGE
- BEFORE & AFTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED JUNE 1ST 🏆
- TAKE PRIDE IN THE PROGRESS AND SHARED EFFORT

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Support and care for one another.

Contest Rules & Prizes

RULES

1. Open to all MÁLEXEŁ WILŃEW
2. Area selected must be within 100m of a Malahat residence.
3. Before and after images must include date and time collected.
4. Images can be submitted from May 15-24, 2026.
5. Contest winners to be announced on Facebook on June 1st.
6. Winners to be determined by anonymous Facebook vote.
7. Prizes to third place.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Take a before image of an area needing a clean-up.
2. Remove and sort all waste items into their appropriate bags or bins.
3. Take an image of the bags/items removed.
4. Take an image of the area after the items have been removed.
5. Email no more than 3 images (clearly labeled) to housing@malahatnation.com
6. Images due by 11:59PM May 24, 2026

PRIZE LIST

- 1st Place: \$500 Adams Tarp & Tool Gift card
- 2nd Place: \$100 Save On Foods Gift card
- 3rd Place: \$100 Marks Work Wearhouse Gift card



Message from Housing

MALAHAT NATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We are looking for members to join the Housing Advisory Committee. Your voice and ideas can help shape housing decisions that meet the needs of our community. By joining, you can make a real difference and help build a stronger, more supportive community for everyone.

IM INTERESTED!



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