

Safety Tips



DOs

Individuals:

- ✓ Wear gloves, thick-soled closed shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirts
- ✓ Wear safety vests or bright colors for roadside cleanups
- ✓ Wear sunscreen and bug repellent
- ✓ Drink plenty of fluids and keep “quick energy foods” on hand
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and the potential hazards associated with them (e.g., passing cars, hazardous tree branches, poison ivy, broken glass, needles etc.)
- ✓ Use the “buddy system” ...work in teams of two or three to maximize safety
- ✓ Keep pre-moistened towelettes on hand and wash hands after the cleanup

Group Leader:

- ✓ Ensure Consent, Release and Waiver Forms have been read and signed.
- ✓ Be aware of all known allergies of volunteers before participation
- ✓ Know emergency procedures, such as the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or an ambulance
- ✓ Have a first aid kit and cellular phone on hand
- ✓ If possible, have someone trained in CPR and/or First-Aid on hand
- ✓ Provide adequate adult supervision if you involve youth 12-17 years in litter removal
- ✓ Provide 1 adult to supervise every 5 (or less) children under the age of 12

DON'Ts

Individuals:

- ✗ Don't pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, condoms, animal carcasses or other unidentified, questionable objects
- ✗ Don't overstuff bags
- ✗ Don't attempt to move large objects such as rusted car shells, old household appliances or swing sets on your own.
- ✗ Don't bring pets to events, as they may distract participants or even detract from the cleanup
- ✗ Don't enter swift moving water if doing a waterway cleanup
- ✗ Don't overdo it physically
- ✗ Don't bring alcoholic beverages or consume alcohol during a clean-up

Group Leader:

- ✗ Don't schedule cleanups during peak pedestrian or traffic hours
- ✗ Don't conduct cleanups during extremely inclement weather
- ✗ Don't conduct cleanups near or around construction sites or heavy traffic areas

For additional information, please call City Services at **3-1-1.**