

Organize your own litter cleanup



Removing litter from streams and roadways is an easy activity for all ages that helps to create a cleaner Kentucky for everyone! Follow these simple steps for planning a successful litter cleanup in your community.

- **Select your location.** Your chosen area should be accessible from public land. If this is not possible, or if your route will take you through private property, be sure to secure the owner's permission before going onto their land.
- **Recruit volunteers.** Take advantage of local newspapers, community newsletters and bulletin boards, and sites such as Facebook and Twitter. In addition, many high school and college courses require students to complete volunteer hours.
- **Secure supplies.** Your volunteers will need bags and gloves. If your cleanup will be along a roadside, you will also need to have brightly colored vests on hand to make volunteers visible to oncoming traffic. Bluegrass PRIDE provides bags and gloves free of charge and makes vests available for checkout.
- **Coordinate with solid waste.** Contact your city or county's solid waste coordinator and arrange to have a dumpster placed at your cleanup site to allow for easy disposal of gathered material. You should also work with him/her to ensure pickup of the dumpster after your cleanup.
- **Host your cleanup.** Clearly communicate the route to be cleaned and all expectations to your volunteers. This will make your event run much more smoothly.
- **Share your success!** Be sure to send pictures from your event to your local paper and community newsletters to show your hard work.

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