



# How to Organize a Litter Cleanup

Hosting a litter cleanup is a fantastic way to improve your community, protect the environment, and inspire others to get involved. Whether it's a small neighborhood effort or a bigger event, your actions contribute to a cleaner, greener future. Let's get started!

## Plan Ahead

**Pick Your Spot:** Choose a place that could use a little TLC—a park, beach, or local neighborhood. Walk through the area first to see what needs to be done.

**Set Your Goals:** Are you cleaning up a specific area? Collecting a certain amount of trash? Bringing a certain number of people together? Define your mission!

**Get Permission:** Check with local authorities to see if you need any permits or approvals.

## Get the Community Involved

**Spread the Word:** Share your event on social media, put up flyers, or post on community boards. Partnering with local organizations or businesses can help get the word out even more!

**Engage Local Groups:** Reach out to schools, faith-based organizations, and businesses to rally support and bring in more volunteers.

## Gather Supplies and Keep It Safe

**Bring the Tools:** Stock up on gloves, trash bags, recycling bins, safety vests, and tools like grabbers or shovels.

**Safety First:** Have a first aid kit on hand and give volunteers a quick safety briefing, especially about handling sharp or hazardous items.

## Make It Fun for Volunteers

**Team Up:** Divide volunteers into smaller groups with team leaders to keep things organized and efficient.

**Provide Perks:** Keep everyone happy and energized with snacks, water, or small giveaways.

**Share Tips:** Teach volunteers how to sort recyclables from general waste—it's a great learning moment for everyone!

## Celebrate Your Success

**Capture the Moment:** Take photos and videos to show the impact of your event.

**Say Thank You:** Give volunteers a big shout-out through follow-up emails, social media posts, or even a small get-together.

**Share the Results:** Highlight your accomplishments—like how much litter you collected or how much space you cleaned—to inspire others to join in next time!

Your cleanup isn't just a local win—it's part of a bigger mission to create a cleaner, more sustainable America. Together, we're working toward picking up **25 billion pieces of litter** by America's 250th birthday! Thank you for stepping up and making a difference—you're helping to create a brighter future for us all! We want to hear from you – **use the QR code to let us know how much litter you have cleaned up:**

To continue elevating your impact and learn how your neighborhood, club, or organization can pledge support for this nationwide initiative, visit [kab.org/greatest](http://kab.org/greatest).

