



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.



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