



*Green Starts Here!*

# GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

## *Tips for a Safe & Successful Cleanup*

All normal, safe working precautions should apply:

1. Be careful: use gloves when picking up litter & do not handle anything that looks suspicious, sharp, or dangerous. Drink plenty of fluids & avoid over-exertion.
  - Bring a reusable water bottle & work gloves to your cleanup!
2. Supervise children closely; work in pairs.
  - Also makes cleaning up easier! One child with an open bag & one with a grabber.
3. When near a road always remain aware: do not play in the street or otherwise distract motorists.
  - Wear safety vests or bright clothing, work in groups, & face oncoming traffic.
4. Be aware of ticks, poison ivy, & other allergens in the area.
  - Wash your hands & any exposed skin after the cleanup & check for ticks.
5. Do not overstuff bags. Be watchful for sharp objects that may be poking out of the bag. Work in teams when removing large objects.
6. Use black bags for non-recyclable debris. Use clear bags for recyclable debris (plastic, glass, or metal containers/cans/bottles).
  - Hazardous waste should be kept separate from bagged debris to be taken to the [Hazardous Waste Facility in Pomona](#)
7. Place full garbage bags within 5 ft. of the road for pick up by the Highway Dept.
  - Keep black bags & clear bags *separate* so the Highway Dept. can appropriately transport debris.
8. *\*Submit your Cleanup Report Form!* Otherwise we cannot remove the bags from the road!
  - Report forms can be submitted in-person, to your Cleanup Leader, on [www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org](http://www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org), or via email to [cleanups@keeprocklandbeautiful.org](mailto:cleanups@keeprocklandbeautiful.org)
  - Be sure to fill out the Community Appearance Index on the back!
9. *\*Email photos of your cleanup to [cleanups@keeprocklandbeautiful.org](mailto:cleanups@keeprocklandbeautiful.org)*
  - We love seeing & hearing about your cleanup successes! Please include any interesting items found, funny occurrences, impact statements, or otherwise interesting stories when following up with our Cleanup Coordinator.