



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.
 - Make cleaning up collaborative and easier – one child holds an open bag & one uses the grabber. They can then trade off.
3. When near a road, always remain aware! Do not play in the street or otherwise distract motorists.
 - Wear safety vests and/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, however, please fill them completely and be sure to securely tie them. 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 waste. Use clear bags for recyclable waste (plastic, glass, or metal containers/cans/bottles – Do not include paper).
 - Hazardous waste should be kept separate from bagged waste and 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 the bags. Be sure to use your “bag tags.”
8. **Submit your Cleanup Report Form!* Otherwise we cannot remove the bags from the road!
 - Go to www.keepprocklandbeautiful.org or complete hard copy at your Community Cleanup Event and return to the leader. (Be sure to fill out the Community Appearance Index on the back!)
 - We love seeing & hearing about your cleanup successes! Please include any interesting items found, funny occurrences, and/or statements about the value of your participation in the cleanup.
9. **Email photos of your cleanup to photos@keepprocklandbeautiful.org*