

LITTER CLEANUP SAFETY TIPS



Your safety is important to us, so please the following tips in mind during your project!

Dress for Success

- Wear long pants, long sleeves, socks, and sturdy shoes or boots. Do not wear sandals.
- Make sure to wear sunscreen and insect repellent when appropriate.
- Wear sturdy work or garden gloves and wash your hands well afterward
- If working near a road or parking lot, put on your hi-visibility vest before you start collecting! Always face traffic so drivers can see you and you can see them.

During the Cleanup

- Designate a team leader to keep track of volunteers.
- Provide at least one adult supervisor for every group of six volunteers under 18 years of age.
- Avoid horseplay during the cleanup to avoid accidents. No pushing, jumping, play-fighting, or waving garbage pickers.
- Don't overfill your bag! It's satisfying to fill them up, but not so satisfying to carry them once you do!

Natural Hazards

- Look out for poison ivy or thorny plants, and do not eat any berries or mushrooms you find.
- Do not enter high vegetation—these areas can be home to snakes and other wildlife.
- Make sure to check the forecast and have an exit plan in the event of bad weather.
- Do not enter streams, ponds, lakes, marshes, or other bodies of water.

Avoid Dangerous Litter!

Do not pick up dangerous items, which includes razor blades, syringes or needles, household hazardous waste (HHW), dead animals, condoms, weapons, and unlabeled chemical containers.

Kids: If you find dangerous litter, stay away tell an adult!

Adults: If you find weapons, please the Kansas City Police Department's non-emergency line at: 816-234-5111.

If you find chemicals, HHW, or dead animals in the open, please call 311 or call 816-513-7525