

SCHOOL CLEANUP

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Be sure to review all guidelines with participants before the cleanup.

- Schedule your cleanup to take place during daylight hours.
- Learn to identify poison ivy. Avoid any contact with noxious weeds or thorny plants.
- Before starting your cleanup, instruct all participants to not pick up anything hazardous (i.e. medical waste, unknown liquid/chemical substances, animal carcasses, etc.).
 - If you encounter such items, you should notify the Public Works Department or Police Department in the town where you are doing the cleanup.
- Suggestions for the cleanup team:
 - Wear long pants; blue jeans are recommended, and a long-sleeved shirt/jacket.
 - Wear work boots or heavy shoes. A minimum ankle high is suggested.
 - Wear work gloves supplied by Morris County Clean Communities.
 - Dress warmly during cold weather.
 - Use the bathroom before reporting to the cleanup area.
- Provide plenty of cold drinks in summer; hot beverages in winter.
- Designate someone as the photographer for the cleanup (you will need to submit three photos from your cleanup to meet the requirements). One of the three photos must be of the group with the bags of litter you collected during the litter cleanup. Contact the local newspaper for media coverage.
- Be sure all recyclables are kept separate from the trash to be recycled. Properly dispose of all collected trash. Be sure to count the bags of litter collected and complete the summary form.
- Be alert for bees, wasps, hornets, snakes, and ticks. Tuck pants into socks.
- Pay special attention to handling broken glass and sharp pieces of metal. Again, the adult advisor should do this. Do not step or kneel on broken glass or metal.
- Avoid unsafe behavior, such as standing or jumping on guardrails, drainage pipes, bridges or concrete walls, and horseplay.