

SAFETY TIPS

*Let’s be safe while making a difference in our community!*



* Wear gloves and thick-soled, closed shoes
* Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts
* Wear safety vests or bright colors for roadside cleanups
* Wear sunscreen and bug repellent
* Drink plenty of fluids and keep “quick energy foods” on hand
* Be aware of your surroundings and the potential hazards associated with them (e.g. passing cars, hazardous tree branches, poison ivy, etc.)
* Use the “buddy system” and work in teams of two or three to maximize safety
* Wash hands with soap after the cleanup
* Bag litter according to directions and place in designed locations
* Don’t pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, animal carcasses or other unidentified, questionable objects
* Don’t overstuff bags
* Don’t bring pets to events, as they may distract participants or even detract from the cleanup
* Don’t attempt to move large, heavy objects. Report illegal dumping, graffiti, tires and bulky items to the event coordinators
* Remember to take breaks when needed.