



Litter Clean Up Volunteer Information for Group Leaders

Burleson's Great American Cleanup / Don't Mess with Texas Trash Bash / Keep Texas Beautiful Fall Sweep

Burleson's Signature Great American Cleanup / Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off / Fall Sweep events will take place in Fall and Spring. Cleanup activities will run from 9-11 a.m. During the event, participants will remove litter and debris from retail corridors, roadways, drainage ditches or other public areas within the Burleson city limits. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but youth participants are required to have adult supervision.

Program Mission

To provide opportunities for volunteers to help improve the appearance of the city of Burleson while building community pride. Volunteers participating in the cleanup can take pride in their contributions to the community and feel confident that their effort and involvement will help increase public awareness about litter control.

Advance Registration

Advanced registration is required. See website event information for deadlines.

Cleanup Location

Cleanup activities will occur along retail corridors, roadways, drainage ditches, or other public areas within the Burleson city limits. Groups may choose their own cleanup location or request assistance in choosing a location. Efforts will be made to accommodate requests (ex. Not near road, park, etc.) but we do not want too many people in one area so recommended areas may not be preferred areas.

Check-In (the day of the cleanup)

On the morning of the event, only group leaders, individuals and families (who are not part of a larger group) need to check-in. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Warren Park located at 248 SW Johnson. During check-in, group leaders will be provided with enough trash bags and gloves for their entire group. Safety vests may be provided for groups that plan to cleanup along roadways. Group leaders will also be given t-shirts for those in their group.

Cleanup Audit Roster and Inspection Report **IMPORTANT!!!**

Group leaders are responsible for completing an Audit Roster at the start of the cleanup and an Inspection Report at the end. Both forms will be submitted digitally via a QR code available at the check-in table and will also be emailed out prior to the event.

Prizes

Following the cleanup from 9-11 am, there will be free pizza and a prize raffle back at Warren Park from 11-11:45 am. Another group has the pavilion reserved for 12 pm.

Photos

If you are willing to share your photos from the cleanup, please send them to the Parks and Recreation department (see Contact Information below). If you would like to include the names of anyone pictured in the photographs, please do! Be aware, however, that any photographs you send may be used by Keep Burleson Beautiful or the City of Burleson in promotional material, including press releases, the City of Burleson website, City Focus newsletter, e-newsletter, Facebook, twitter, promotional videos, and any and all future promotional opportunities.

Contact Information

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Safety Recommendations

Before conducting a cleanup, group leaders should discuss safety recommendations with their group.

Safety recommendations include:

- If cleaning along a roadway, wear your safety vest. Work on only one side of the road at a time. Do not work in the road and never walk on the road.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat for protection from the sun. Wear leather work gloves and/or latex gloves at all times.
- Wear boots or closed-toe shoes.
- Keep participants together for better visibility to motorists. Designate one person to watch traffic.
- Do not pick up litter that is in the road. Drink plenty of water.
- Stay within designated cleanup boundaries. Do not trespass on private property.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Lift objects with your legs, not with your back. Tie trash bags tightly.
- Avoid construction areas. Leave pets at home.
- Obey all traffic rules and regulations. Always cross the street at corners. Ensure that motorists see you and are stopping before you enter the street.
- Beware of bees, snakes, poison ivy, poison oak and other environmental or wildlife hazards. Wear insect repellent.
- Wash your hands thoroughly when done with the cleanup.
- Carry a cellular telephone with emergency contact numbers.

Under no circumstances should you pick up any of the below items:

- Hypodermic needles, syringes, medical waste, diapers or sanitary items
- Chemical containers
- Dead animals
- Sharp items (broken glass, nails, etc.)

Trash Bags & Recycling

After conducting cleanup activities, please leave your trash bags in a location where workers can easily drive by and collect them for proper disposal. Although not required, volunteers may separate recyclable materials and keep any proceeds.

Validation of Community Service Hours

Please contact the Parks and Recreation department (see Contact information below) for validation of community service hours.