

Lead a Litter Cleanup

Litter doesn't just look bad, it pollutes the environment and can harm wildlife. By cleaning up your neighbourhood, you're helping to keep your community healthy and safe for everyone!

Planning

1. CHOOSE A LOCATION

Pick a place that needs cleaning – a local park, school yard, walking trail, beach or shoreline. Make sure it is a safe area for a litter clean up.



2. GET PERMISSION

Check that it's okay to do a cleanup in that area (for example, contact your town's parks department, ask your school's principal).

3. PICK A DATE AND TIME

A good rule of thumb is a weekend morning or afternoon for about two hours. Consider planning a rain date just in case.

4. INVITE VOLUNTEERS

Ask friends, family, neighbours, and classmates to help out. You can also post flyers around the neighbourhood, and post about it on social media.

Key info to share:

- Date & location
- Meet up spot, start and end time
- Your contact information
- Deadline to sign up
- What to bring and what will be provided



If you need help planning, just reach out to erteens@earthrangers.com!

5. GATHER SUPPLIES

You'll need:

- Garbage and recycling bags
- Gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Optional: garbage grabbers, first aid kit, water and snacks



TIP: Check on your town/city's website– they may be able to provide free supplies if you register your community cleanup in advance. You can also try asking for donations from local businesses.



6. TRASH DISPOSAL

Find out where to dispose the trash after the cleanup. If you anticipate a lot of garbage, contact your town/city. They may be able to collect it at a designated spot after the cleanup.

7. SEND A REMINDER

Send out a reminder of the date and time, where to meet up, and what to bring.

Cleanup Day

8. ON THE DAY OF YOUR LITTER CLEANUP, BE SURE TO:

- Arrive early to greet your volunteers and do a headcount.
- Remind volunteers to watch out for sharp or dangerous items and not to pick them up. Instead, make note and you can let your town/city know where the item is.
- Hand out supplies and designate people to different areas (if needed).
- Share emergency contact information.
- Once you have finished, collect garbage bags in one spot and see how much litter was collected.
- Wash/sanitize your hands.

Reflect and Celebrate



Make it fun! Take lots of photos together, and before and after shots of the areas you've cleaned up.

9. THANK EVERYONE

Give a big thank you to everyone that came out. Share photos and a recap of the day including how much litter you picked up together.

10. SHARE WITH US

We want to celebrate with you! Send the results of your cleanup along with photos to erteens@earthrangers.com.



If you need volunteer hours for school, send us the total number of hours you spent on this initiative along with photos and your school volunteer form.

THANKS FOR KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY CLEAN!