



Neighborhood Cleanup Checklist

A practical safety and planning checklist for public-area and neighborhood cleanup projects.

Before the Cleanup

- Choose a specific public or permitted area that needs attention.
- Confirm permission if the property is not clearly public.
- Pick a safe date and time with good visibility.
- Check weather conditions.
- Gather gloves, sturdy trash bags, closed-toe shoes, and drinking water.
- Arrange adult supervision when appropriate.
- Plan how collected trash will be disposed of.
- Tell participants to avoid hazardous or suspicious materials.

During the Cleanup

- Stay away from moving traffic and unsafe road shoulders.
- Use gloves and avoid direct contact with waste.
- Do not touch needles, chemicals, broken glass, sharp metal, animal waste, or unknown substances.
- Do not enter private property without permission.
- Work in visible areas and stay with the group when applicable.
- Separate recyclable material only when it can be done safely.
- Take before-and-after photos without photographing people unnecessarily.

After the Cleanup

- Secure and dispose of collected waste properly.
- Wash hands thoroughly.
- Check the area for forgotten supplies.
- Record what was accomplished.
- Report dangerous debris or maintenance issues to the appropriate authority instead of handling them yourself.

Cleanup Notes



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SEE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING

Location	
Date	
Approx. bags/items removed	
Participants	
