



# COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP

## Help remove litter. See the difference your efforts can make!

Lend a helping hand by removing litter from your neighbourhood park in April! If you are 18 years of age or older, register your group's litter clean-up activity to receive free supplies.



## How to get started

Beginning in February of each year, register on-line, complete the Community Action form or call City of Waterloo at 519-886-2310 ext. 30296 with the following information:

- name of public park in Waterloo
- Group Leader contact information (must be 18 years of age or older)
- date of event during the month of April
- estimated number of participants (adults + youth under 18 years of age)
- select one of the dates to pick-up supplies and receive a ½ hour orientation session

## Group Leader responsibilities

Day of event:

- ensure all participants are wearing closed-toe footwear and provided cloth gloves
- ensure all participants have signed an Informed Consent Agreement prior to participating
- inform participants of safety guidelines (see reverse side)

Within 24 hours after your event, submit the following completed forms:

- **Litter cleanup results**
- **Informed Consent Agreement** (double-sided, each adult signs own form)
- **Ballots** (raffle is dependent on current year's program; see Official Rules)
- **Accident/Incident report** (if injury occurs)
- **Photo consent** (if you'd like to share a great photo with us)

## Picking up your litter clean-up kit

The Group Leader picks up the litter clean-up kit during one of the scheduled ½ hour orientation sessions beginning last week of March until end of April:

Location: Waterloo Service Centre, 265 Lexington Court, Waterloo ON N2L 4R4

Date/time: Thursday's 4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. / Friday's 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.



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## Elements of risk

- **avoid picking up the following:**
  - organic yard waste, farm or agricultural debris and large items that are heavy, bulky, difficult to grasp or unstable
  - **Sharps** defined as any device having rigid corners or edges or projections capable of causing a cut, puncture or abrasion. Sharps include but is not limited to hypodermic needles/syringes, blades, pointed edged tools, knives, scalpels, probes, sharp metal, broken glass or clinical glass (possibly contaminated with blood, bodily fluids or chemicals)
  - *Note: in areas where you find personal belongings such as clothing use garbage nippers in case Sharps are hidden from view*
  - *Avoid cleaning up hang-outs such as forts or gathering locations – mark on map*
- **severe weather:** suspend litter clean-up activities when weather conditions become inclement (such as heavy fog, smog, thunderstorms)
- **potential water-associated risks:** stay clear of waterways or steep banks (creeks, ponds, lakes)
- **potential risks in natural areas:** be aware of slippery conditions and uneven ground, exposure to plants such as poison ivy or stinging nettle or Giant Hogweed, stinging insects, branch or tree failure

## What to wear for safety (personal protective equipment)

All participants shall wear:

- closed-toe footwear which must be fully laced to provide full support and to prevent accidents
- clothing appropriate for outdoor weather and natural area conditions including long pants
- provided cloth gloves to avoid exposure to the hazard of injury from contact of skin with a sharp or jagged object which may puncture, cut or abrade the skin

## Acceptable tools and supplies

- garbage bags, cloth gloves, garbage nippers

## Garbage pick-up arrangements

- full garbage bags can be deposited **beside** existing garbage cans within the park (mark location on provided map or indicate on the Litter clean-up results form)
- **clean** recyclables can be included with your household curbside collection
- mark the location of Sharps, heavy and bulky items or hang-out locations on the provided map for City removal