



## Partners in Parks program

Short-term stewardship activity: Litter clean-up in a city park

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

Lend a helping hand by removing litter from your neighbourhood park or public trail in Waterloo from May to November. If you are 18 years of age or older, register your group's litter clean-up activity by completing the online Community Action form to receive free supplies and support.

Consider getting involved in our annual [Earth Day Community Cleanup](#), generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April in celebration of Earth Day.



### Responsibilities

- Registration into the program where the City of Waterloo provides a mandatory orientation session (for new Group Leaders) and litter cleanup supplies (garbage bags and cloth gloves; regulation approved safety vests and garbage nippers, as required)
- Group leader engages community involvement and ensures participants are wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), have read and signed the Informed Consent Agreement and are directly supervised during the activity with suitable project tasks
- Within 24 hours after your community litter cleanup activity, return all reporting forms so that garbage can be removed promptly and any concerns can be responded to.
  - Submit the Results form [online](#) or via email: [littercleanup@waterloo.ca](mailto:littercleanup@waterloo.ca)
  - Deliver all forms (Results, Informed Consents, Incident reports) to Waterloo Service Centre, 265 Lexington Crt, Waterloo during business hours (Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

### Group participants

- Group leader must be 18 years of age or older to coordinate the activity
- moderate physical exertion is required such as bending, lifting up to 20 lbs and walking on uneven terrain and within natural areas
- a maximum of 10 adults (18 years of age and older) is permitted when working within the road right-of way (i.e. grassed section of street boulevard or cul-de-sac island)

The only cure for **LITTER** is you.



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The Group Leader directly supervises group participants during the activity. Parent or guardian of any under-age-18 participant must sign the Informed Consent Agreement for the minors' participation and supervise them with suitable project tasks.

### Orientation

New Group Leaders must attend a mandatory orientation session upon pick up of supplies to ensure an understanding of the City's safety guidelines and requirements for group participants working within municipal greenspaces. Please call in advance to arrange a 20-minute orientation during business hours (Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

### Time and place in Waterloo

- **public parks and trails** (view City's [online map](#))
- **street boulevards** includes the area situated between the vehicle travelled portion of the Highway (as defined by the *Highway Traffic Act*) and the adjoining property line (i.e. grassed portion adjacent to approved selected city streets within subdivisions, avoiding busy streets and four-lane roads)
- May to November (or consider an [Earth Day Community Cleanup](#) in April)
- no statutory holidays, daylight hours only (1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunrise)

### Personal Protective Equipment

All group participants shall wear at minimal:

- closed-toe footwear that is fully laced to provide full support and to prevent accidents and clothing appropriate for outdoor weather and natural area conditions such as 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
- regulation-approved safety vests when working within the street boulevard
- any additional Personal Protective Equipment which may be advisable or appropriate for the conditions

### Acceptable tools and supplies

- garbage bags, cloth gloves, plastic garbage nippers, regulation-approved safety vest