



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP TIPS AND INFORMATION

Being a KLB Area Leader is a great way to get involved in your community and keeping your neighborhood streets and common areas free of litter. An Area Leader's role is to assist Keep Loudoun Beautiful in coordinating cleanup activities and events in the locations for which they have responsibility. We ask that each Area Leader conduct at least one clean up per year, and that it be during the month of April. Other clean ups may also be conducted at any time and are encouraged.

Tips for Your Clean Up

1. The large orange trash bags are available at many Loudoun County community centers. Check www.KeepLoudounBeautiful.org to find the Community Center nearest to you to get the supplies. Please avoid using household trash bags as they are not strong enough and the orange color helps VDOT locate clean-up trash. The bright orange bags add a little extra measure of safety during your event as they are more visible to passing motorists. Leave the filled orange bag tied tightly spread out along a VDOT maintained roadside in small scattered piles. Place the bags well back from the pavement or road surface. Don't leave bags in driveways or on private property. VDOT does not pickup on Monday. If bags have not been picked up by 6 PM Thursday, please email or call Judy Klinedinst (540-668-6730 & HillsboroJudy@hotmail.com). VDOT has agreed to pick up individual heavy items such as bed springs and mattresses, appliances, tires with rims, etc., if they are located near the road and are not part of a dump site. Please do not attempt to move heavy items yourself. Please identify item in your Sunday email. (See Number 6) Leave a full orange bag next to the item.
2. WHY DO WE HAVE TO USE MULTIPLE COLORED BAGS? Because we cleanup our planet in a responsible way, so please recycle as much as you can. Most litter these days can be recycled, which is incredibly valuable to us humans, so it is important that we recycle these items instead of just tossing them into the landfill. Better yet, some items recovered can be reused or repurposed, like bicycles, building materials, buckets, and, ironically, trash cans. Use the BLUE bags for all co-mingled recycling (plastic containers, glass, metal cans, cardboard/paper). Use the CLEAR bags for plastic bags and wraps and recycle them at the store since these items will clog the machinery used to process recycling separately. Use the ORANGE bags for all other trash that cannot be reused or recycled, including Styrofoam. Electronics and large, unwieldy items must be recycled separately. DO NOT BAG THEM. Typically, for every orange bag, you will fill TWO blue bags, so make sure you take more blue than orange. Since plastic bags are very compact, one clear bag per group should suffice. Recycling bags are to be taken to your nearest recycling centers or recycled curbside at your residence. Note that VDOT doesn't care about the bag color and will toss everything they pick up into the landfill.
3. To obtain volunteer help, contact local Boy or Girl scouts, and civic or church groups in your area. Regional leaders for the Scouts are listed on the Area Leader page of our website. Request permission to and post flyers in public places, such as grocery stores, post offices, or community centers. Call the current adopt-a-highway volunteers in your area (listed on the Adopt a Highway road signs). Encourage them to participate in April and include their numbers in your report. Encourage volunteers in your area to adopt-a-highway, this will help to ensure timely cleanup four times a year.
4. Sunday evening after your event, email your roadside pickup report to Judy Klinedinst via email (preferred) or phone (a.) Give your name and area. (b) Give the collected road name and where the bags have been left in small piles. (c.) Give the road names of the nearest intersecting roads (or the name of a town) on either side of the "collected" road section (d.) Give the total number & color of bags, number of tires and list any other unusual or large items you may have collected and the location.
5. Drive your area and take pictures before, during and after your planned events. Please include a photo or two with your Area Leader Report. Please summarize all your pickups plus all your helpers' reports. Your reports can be mailed or e-mailed or if you have additional questions please contact Judy Klinedinst. **The statistics provided in the reports are important to KLB when we apply for grants and they are also used for publicity.**

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP! We can't keep Loudoun beautiful without you!