



Neighborhood Cleanups

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What is a neighborhood cleanup?

A neighborhood cleanup is just what it sounds like: residents' that band together to clean up all or part of their or another neighborhood.

This effort may be led by the community, by an organized neighborhood association or council, by a grass roots neighborhood group, or by one or more people.

Public Space Cleanup

A public space cleanup is a cleanup with neighborhood volunteers, usually with simple equipment – brooms, shovels, gloves, trash bags. Folks spend time on a specific day cleaning up part or all the neighborhood. This generally includes municipally resources such as staff, equipment and logistics.

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Public Space Cleanup – Areas of Concern

A trash-covered vacant lot, abandoned houses or building may be not only an eyesore, but also a health hazard, a barrier to business, and a magnet for crime. In Dayton, alleys make up approximately 199.5 lane miles. Alleys also present their own areas of concern in public spaces. Like residential streets, alleys must also be addressed.

Types of Public Space Cleanups - Neighborhood and Civic

A Neighborhood Cleanup is described as a large scale/area that would be cleaned up with the assistance of a Waste Collection. Waste Collection staff are deployed in rear load packer trucks, lighting loader trucks, in addition to a tire truck are utilized for this type of event to assist volunteers.



A Civic Collaboration Cleanup is when waste, brush, or other discarded or dumped items are collected by volunteers on residential streets, alleys, vacant property or lots, and is placed in a specific location for pick up by Waste Collection.

Why Conduct a Cleanup?

- A neighborhood cleanup program can instill neighborhood pride.
- It gives everyone a chance to contribute.
- A cleanup program enhances neighborhood quality of life.
- It can improve the self-image of residents and the neighborhood as a whole.
- A neighborhood cleanup program can improve neighborhood health.
- A neighborhood cleanup can help to "green" the neighborhood.



Tips for Planning Your Cleanup

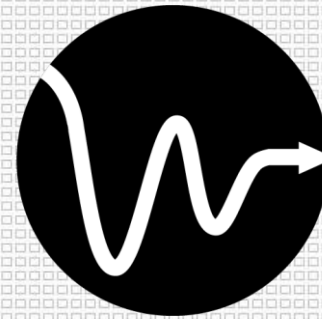
- Talk to your neighbors by going door-to-door or attending a neighborhood meeting.
- Pick a date and time for the event that fits in with the schedule of as many neighbors as possible.
- Choose a backup date for inclement weather.
- Make sure you plan to have at least water available for the participants.
- Make sure you recommend your participants dress for the event. Wear boots or sturdy shoes, no sandals. Wear sunscreen and, if needed, insect repellent. Gloves and safety vests are always a good idea.
- Have a parking area where participants who are driving in for the event can park.



- Have a work plan and a safety plan ready before you begin. What needs to be done, who or how many people are assigned to the task? What tools will they need? Where is the nearest medical facility, if needed?
- Have emergency telephone numbers available with a cell phone. Always use good judgment and be safe. Watch out for all the participants.
- If something looks suspicious or dangerous, call local law enforcement. Do not pick up or touch any suspicious or dangerous item.
- Take before and after pictures to share on social media.
- Take advantage of the MCSWD's Neighborhood Pride Cleanup Supply Trailers.
- Have fun and reflect on the work at the end of the event and notice the positive difference your efforts have made.
- Celebrate Your Efforts!



Neighborhood Cleanup(s)



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- Earth Day – April 22, 2023



Living City Project



- Earth Day – April 22, 2023



Get your cleanup on the schedule beginning January 2023

All clean-ups (neighborhood or civic) require a completed Neighborhood Cleanup Application, submitted at least three weeks prior to the cleanup date.

Once the application is approved, the applicant will be notified.

Your application must be submitted online – You can find the application at www.daytonohio.gov/NeighborhoodCleanup

Additional Resources

The Montgomery County Trailer can be reserved by contacting Chris Hoffman at [\(937\) 781-3064](tel:9377813064) or by email at HoffmanC@mcoho.org



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