

Cleanup Safety Guidelines

A CLEAN CITY IS IMPORTANT

YOUR SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ARE SHARED TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER PROJECT SAFE AND ENJOYABLE

REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES WITH ALL VOLUNTEERS PRIOR TO EVERY CLEANUP

DO make sure that all volunteers are familiar with these safety precautions.

DO dress appropriately for the weather. Closed in, hard-soled shoes, long pants and sturdy gloves are recommended. Safety glasses (or plastic lens sunglasses) are recommended for eye protection. Light-colored clothing is best in summer heat.

DO carpool to pickup sites to keep the number of vehicles on the roadside at a minimum.

DO work only in daylight and in fair weather.

DO work in groups and designate one volunteer to watch the activities of all other volunteers to ensure that proper safety practices are being followed. Carefully supervise children in the group.

DO take breaks and drink liquids.

DO be aware of personal surroundings at all times (loose dogs, etc). Stay alert for snakes and noxious weeds. Avoid them!

DO stay alert. Watch out for traffic. Face traffic. Cross with signals.

DON'T pick up litter on the roadway surface or close to the edge of the road or on any medians at any time.

DON'T horseplay or do anything that will distract passing drivers or other volunteers.

DON'T work during peak travel times in heavy traffic. Never do cleanups at night.

DON'T leave children or pets in vehicles at cleanup sites. Don't bring small children or pets along to cleanup sites.

DON'T pick up materials which might be hazardous (firearms, hypodermic needles, chemicals, etc). Contact the City designee or fire or police department.

DON'T over exert yourself. Get assistance when lifting heavy items. Don't climb to remove graffiti in high areas. Report these sites to your project coordinator.