



2022 "Don't Drop it on Alabama" PALS Spring Cleanup

This Spring Cleanup targets roadside litter that will easily fit into the bags provided. Target areas include common areas throughout neighborhoods and communities; roadways and creek banks; and roadside ditches and storm drains.

Alabama PALS (People Against a Littered State):

PALS is a statewide non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is working with Alabama communities to promote a cleaner and healthier Alabama. PALS assists cities, counties, schools and communities by providing programs that address litter prevention, cleanup and litter control.

Sponsors:

Coca Cola United is the title sponsor for the PALS Spring Cleanup. Other financial support comes from ALDOT, ALFA, Vulcan Materials, Alabama Farmers' Cooperative, and several others.

Event Information:

Since spring is such a busy season for many communities and households, your roadside cleanup can take place any time during the spring months (March through May). It is recommended that residents meet at a central location before heading to the project area so that they can: register, pick up materials, and learn the designated location(s) for placing the filled bags. **To ensure volunteer safety all local and state health and safety guidelines MUST be followed, including but not limited to, wearing masks.**

Materials:

Free trash bags and media kits can be provided to qualifying communities/organizations that are interested in participating in this Spring Cleanup event. Each community will select a coordinator who will be responsible for picking up materials, and reporting results. Jefferson County Stormwater Program (JCSWP) coordinates the PALS Spring Cleanup with local communities and organizations in Jefferson County. A few weeks prior to the cleanup, materials can be picked up from the JCSWP office located at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Room B-200 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd., N., 35203. Call Lyn or Hana at 205-325-8741 for more information.

Results Reporting:

On the completion of the event, the **Community Coordinators will need to submit** the following information to the Jefferson County Stormwater Program, Development Services Department:

- Volunteer sign in sheet
- Areas that were cleaned up (roadways and community areas)
- Digital photographs (registration table, volunteers, bags of litter)
- Number of bags collected / tonnage

To Register Your Community:

Submit a completed Registration Reporting Form to Hana Berres, hana.berres@jccal.org, or Lyn DiClemente, lyn.diclemente@jccal.org, by Friday, February 25, 2022. Community coordinators will be responsible for obtaining and distributing materials, as well as coordinating volunteers. At the conclusion of the Spring Cleanup, community coordinators will be responsible for providing the results as indicated in the Results Reporting section above.

