

Jefferson County Volunteer Litter Cleanup Information and Safety Guidelines

Roadside cleanup is for litter along roadways and ditches. It is not for yard debris, branches or household trash.

All volunteers will need to sign in at the registration table and pick up their supplies (shirts, gloves). If you have to leave the event early, please let other volunteers know.

Ensure each designated zone vehicles have volunteer supplies: water, bags, and gloves before heading out to your designated zone.

Take digital picture of volunteers during the cleanup.

There has been a designated location to take the bags of trash during the cleanup. County crews will pick up those bags left in the designated locations. Make sure that all trash bags have been picked up from your zone prior to leaving.

Return all unused materials.

Safety First – Be Alert:

- If a volunteer needs medical attention, dial 911 immediately. Fire stations will be open and ready to respond to any first aid needed.
- Should a volunteer need assistance, notify the zone leader immediately.
- Watch your footing. Stay off stone or rocks and steep slopes.
- Stay close to the street - don't wander into the hollows.
- Stay with your assigned group. Do not attempt to go off by yourself.
- Be alert for places where snakes maybe located, such as around logs and in tall grass, and avoid these areas. Be equally alert for stinging insects, especially fire ants.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water and eat snacks to keep up your energy. If you feel tired or light headed notify someone quickly.
- Watch out for broken glass and sharp metal items.
- Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles; report these items to the zone leader immediately.
- Wear safety shirts at all times.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- No headsets allowed, it could interfere with your hearing oncoming traffic or other potential hazards.
- Wear latex gloves at all times
- Stay to one side of the street unless traffic has been appropriately stopped from both sides. Look both ways before you cross.
- Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash. Fill bags no more than 2/3 full so they can be tied.
- Do not attempt to fill bags so full that they cannot be easily lifted into the back of a truck.
- If a hole develops in your bag, then double bag it.