



SAFETY GUIDELINES

Safety is the number one priority during any cleanup.

Guidelines outlined on this page should be reviewed before each group volunteers their time and services.

The OSS Solid Waste District provides all volunteers safety equipment including orange vests, gloves and heavy duty trash bags.

VOLUNTEERS...

- Pick up litter, plastics, bottles, cans and glass
- Stack bagged litter at designated location
- Face oncoming traffic
- Follow all safety procedures
- Avoid construction sites
- Be alert to ditches, holes and steep slopes

VOLUNTEERS DO NOT...

- Pick up unknown or hazardous materials such as animal carcasses, broken glass or syringes – report these to County Health Department
- Pick up heavy objects such as tires and appliances – report these to OSS Solid Waste District 1.888.850.7224
- Pick up litter on bridges, overpasses, medians or extremely narrow shoulders
- Cross travel lanes
- Compact, squeeze or overfill bags
- Wear headsets that could impair hearing
- Horse around or distract drivers
- Use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs

BE PREPARED...

Volunteers who have specific health or emergency needs such as allergic reactions to plants or insect bites should let their leader know what action to take.

PROTECT YOURSELF...

- Use common sense
- If in doubt, act safely
- Wear proper safety gear including orange vests and gloves
- Dress in light colored clothing including long pants and long sleeved shirt
- Wear boots or hard soled shoes
- Be alert of snakes and stinging insects
- Provide water for yourself
- Avoid overexertion
- Pickup litter only during daylight hours
- Discontinue work in inclement weather
- Give team leader emergency phone numbers
- Know location of first-aid kit

GROUP LEADER MUST...

- Review safety rules before each cleanup
- Check project site before cleanup begins
- Check safety kit for required materials
- Be knowledgeable of emergency procedures and first-aid kit locations
- Keep children in sight at all times
- Have at least one adult supervisor per four children