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for helping to keep our City clean

Safety First
Simple Steps for a Safe Litter Cleanup



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The safety of our volunteers is our first concern. Please read the recommendations before you start and take every precaution to avoid personal injury.

- Assign one volunteer to act as a safety coordinator who oversees other volunteers to ensure that work is carried out in a safe manner
- Assign a competent adult to supervise children and younger teenagers
- Visually scan the area to identify any hazards before starting
- Wear gloves when picking up litter
- Wear closed-toe, flat-heeled shoes
- Work during daylight hours
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Bring water, a hat, sunglasses, and wear sunscreen even in cloudy weather
- Wear light coloured clothing to repel mosquitoes and bees
- Be aware of your physical condition and avoid any activities beyond your capabilities



Watch, for and avoid, water-filled area such as ditches, streams or ponds, wild animals, insects, hives and nests, noxious weeds such as poison ivy & giant hogweed, glass, barbed wire, needles, pipes, debris with sharp or rusted edges, animal burrows, unexpected holes, ditches or culverts, broken, or uneven footing to the ground.

Please Remember Safety First

- Don't step onto a road for any reason
- Don't pick up litter or debris on a road or close to the edge of the road
- Don't park vehicles in "no parking" areas
- Don't play around or do anything to distract passing drivers
- Don't bring pets to the cleanup site
- Don't leave children unattended
- Don't forcefully push litter into the garbage bag
- Don't pick up any materials that may be especially hazardous such as chemicals, dead animals or birds. Instead, mark the location of these materials and report them immediately to our Customer Care Centre. **If you come across hazards such as firearms or explosive devices, call 911.**



Poison Ivy

As the seasons change, plants also change in colour from different shades of green in the spring/summer to yellows and reds in the fall.

Be aware that the edge of a poison ivy leaf can vary in appearance from jagged as shown here, to smooth.