



## SAFETY RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS

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ENGAGING AND INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

### Volunteers Must:

- park all vehicles clear of the roadway or walk to site
- be 12 years of age to participate in a cleanup without a parent/guardian
- conduct events only during daylight hours
- obey all safety rules and guidelines
- conduct a safety review of all rules for all participants prior to each cleanup

### Volunteers Must Not:

- use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol during a cleanup
- pick up or touch any object that could be considered hazardous (PLEASE call 911 immediately if you encounter anything that you feel constitutes a danger to public safety)

### Disposal of Litter bags

- Do not attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash (injuries can result from broken or jagged objects)
- Volunteers should attempt to dispose of litter bags in appropriate dumpsters if possible
- If appropriate disposal is not possible, prior arrangements must be made with your Keep Durham Beautiful
- If you are calling to have large numbers of litter bags picked up:
  - Do not put debris in the street or in front of another person's property without permission
  - Do not put debris within 5 feet of a trash bin, telephone pole, tree or other obstruction
  - Place debris in separate groups: litter in black bags, recyclables in clear or white bags
- Yard Waste should be placed either in City Containers for those who pay for the service and when those are full, paper yard waste bags or with prior permission of Keep Durham Beautiful, in appropriately placed piles

### For Your Safety We Suggest:

- wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs
- wear leather shoes or boots, no open toed shoes
- bring a hat
- wear clothing that will not impair vision or movement during event activities
- stay well clear of any construction
- stop work in inclement weather
- during warm weather months drink plenty of fluids – take breaks – avoid overexertion
- during cold weather months, dress warmly with layered clothing
- do not open closed coolers or suspicious 2 liter bottles – they could be associated with meth lab disposal
- be alert for snakes, stinging insects and avoid contact with noxious weeds or areas where herbicides were applied
- bring a first aid kit for your group, including bug repellent, sun screen, and poison ivy treatment
- do not remove hazardous substances or dead animals (PLEASE call 911 immediately if you encounter anything that you feel constitutes a danger to public safety)
- use proper lifting and bending techniques (knees, not back)

**Volunteers are encouraged to remember that when engaging in a litter cleanup they are highly visible ambassadors of their organization, the City of Durham, and Keep Durham Beautiful.**

**Please be careful of yourself and watch out for each other on the streets!**

**We appreciate and value your time and effort!!**



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