



Neighborhood Cleanups

Neighborhood cleanups are a great way to bring people in a community together. They also help keep the area clean which in turn makes residents feel proud of where they live.

#1 Identify location in need

- Get input from the people living in your neighborhood
- Examples of locations include parks, the hike/bike trail, vacant lots, a neighbor's home in need, along a street, etc.

#2 Set a date and time

- Find a time to do the cleanup that may be optimal for the majority of people, such as evenings or weekend mornings

#3 Recruit volunteers

- In addition to neighborhood association members, contact local schools, businesses and churches

#4 Obtain supplies

- Supplies include things such as trash bags, gloves, trash cans/dumpsters, etc.
- If you are planning on a larger neighborhood cleanup, you can rent dumpsters from the City that can be dropped off and picked up (Note: Call one month ahead of time to reserve a dumpster)

#5 Have a safe cleanup

- If you're walking along areas with a lot of car or bike traffic, be sure to wear a safety vest
- Don't volunteer past daylight hours
- Send an adult with each group of minors
- Do not handle hazardous materials such as gasoline, syringes, and batteries
- Report the location of any illegal drugs or narcotics to the Kearney Police Department

#6 Dispose of your litter

- Dispose of your litter in a nearby park's garbage can
- Ask area schools or businesses if you can dispose of it in their dumpsters
- If you sort your litter into recyclables, you can take it to a city recycling drop-off site
- No appliances, tires, yard debris, or household hazardous waste can be disposed of at the clean up
- All large items and household hazardous waste must be brought directly to one of the City's drop-off sites

Tips:

- Coordinate your cleanup event with the Sanitation Department. To do this, contact the Sanitation Supervisor, Steve Hart via email at shart@kearneygov.org or call him at (308)233-3206.
- Coordinate your cleanup with a social opportunity, such as a picnic potluck and games at the park after the service event
- Take your commitment a step further and agree to conduct monthly cleanups
- Be mindful of storm drains as you're doing your cleanup, and be sure to remove litter and debris in and around them

