

# Litter Ends Here and Keep Greenville County Beautiful

# Volunteer Safety Protocol

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As much as we value our County's beauty, we value our citizens even more. All volunteers must follow these safety protocols.

Please review the following safety procedures with your group before the litter pickup.

## Personal Safety

- Volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended.
- Every group should have a first aid kit, water, sunscreen, bug spray and a cell phone onsite.
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited. Volunteers must be sober.
- Volunteers with prescribed medications that reduce reaction times are not allowed to participate.
- No weapons are allowed on a litter pickup.
- Do not engage in horseplay.

## Traffic Safety

- Be alert and ready to react to traffic.
- Work together as a group and walk facing oncoming traffic. Work on one side of the road at a time.
- Everyone participating in the litter pick up must wear a safety vest at all times.
- Don't wear headphones, as they interfere with hearing traffic.
- All volunteer cars must be parked off the road.
- Litter cleanups are not allowed to interrupt traffic.
- Litter pickups are prohibited in construction zones, on interstates, and roads with speed limits over 45mph

## Environmental Safety

- Watch out for potential natural hazards, such as bees, wasps, fire ants, snakes, poisonous plants.
- Litter pickups are not allowed during rain, fog, or any other weather that reduces visibility to drivers.
- Litter pickups are prohibited before sunrise and after sunset.
- Cleanup must be in the County of Greenville.

## Litter Pickup Safety

- Don't handle hazardous litter, such as car batteries, discarded syringes, etc.
- Don't compress trash into the bags because sharp objects could cause injuries.
- Be very careful handling sharp objects.
- No pets are allowed at cleanups.

## Minor Safety

- Children under the age of 12 years old must have their parent/guardian present during any cleanup alongside the roadway.
- There must be one adult present for every ten minors between the ages 12-18.
- No children under the age of 5 are allowed to volunteer / participate in the Program

## Plan Ahead

- Check to make sure everyone has waivers signed before the event.
- Never give volunteer supplies, or allow someone to volunteer who has not signed a waiver.
- Drive the route before cleanup to note any safety concerns or blind spots.
- Alter the cleanup plan and route if any safety concerns are noted.
- Never hold a cleanup during rush hour. If cleanup is near a school, don't hold a cleanup during student arrival or departure times.

**By my signature, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of this Volunteer Safety Protocol and I further agree to NOT hold Greenville County, Greenville County Municipalities, the Greenville County Litter Prevention Coordinator or his/her sponsor(s) responsible for any injuries or damages suffered, as a result of my participation in the Greenville County Litter Ends Here Program.**

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Signature Volunteer / Participant

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Date

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Printed Name Volunteer / Participant

