



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

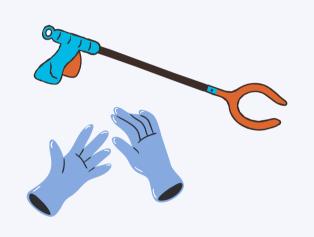
Gather friends, families, neighbors, or community members to clean up trash in your community

*Age level: 7 years and up *Estimated time to complete project: Time may vary

MATERIALS NEEDED

- ★ Trash Bags
- **★** Gloves
- ★ Trash Grabbing Tool

- * Paper and Pen for Planning
- * A Group of Volunteers



STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS - PART I

- I. <u>Pick a Location:</u> Look around your community. Is there a local beach, park, neighborhood street that is covered in trash? Select a spot that really needs some extra attention.
- 2. <u>Team Up:</u> Share your plan to clean up the community with friends, family, neighbors, or community members. You can share why it is important to clean up the environment and how they can help.
- 3. Save the Date: Plan a date and time to meet with your team. You'll want to give yourself at least a few weeks to prepare and give notice to your team. Don't forget to set a rain date in the event of bad weather.

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 - 4. <u>Get the info out:</u> Put out signs or hang flyers with the date, location, and time of your cleanup around your neighborhood. Ask a parent to share the info on your neighborhood newsletter or on their social media page. Be sure to have volunteers RSVP to you (or a parent) with their email address for a quick reminder later on.
 - 5. Send a reminder: Remind your volunteers of the date, time, and where to meet.
 - 6. Clean-Up! Cleaning up can be fun with great music and snacks!
 - 7. Share your Work: On cleanup day, be sure to take plenty of pictures (or have a friend snap some) to share with Team Kids or others who could not attend.
 - 8. Show Appreciation: When the last piece of trash is all picked up, give a giant thanks to your cleaning crew. Send out a recap email detailing things like how many bags of trash you hauled away and the number of volunteers you had. Then start planning your next cleanup event!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Why did you decide to clean-up your environment?
- · How do you feel passing by the location you organized to clean-up?
- What did it feel like being a leader?



