



# Build Your Own Litter Clean Up Event!

*An earth-friendly community service project in 7 easy steps!*



- 1. Select a date.** Choose a date and time for your event.
- 2. Select a location.** Roadways and parking areas are magnets for litter, but they aren't necessarily safe for all age groups. We recommend that you choose a public property, ideally one that is located on a waterway.
- 3. Get permission.** Contact the property owner to confirm that your group has permission to access the property and pick up litter.
- 4. Make a plan for how you will dispose of trash.**
  - Will you dispose of it with your personal trash, at home?
  - Will the property owner let you dispose of the litter on site (in trash barrels or dumpsters)?
  - Will the town where your project is taking place waive the fee to accept the litter you collect at the transfer station? (Ask!)



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*To get started, contact NSRWA's Community Engagement Manager Kezia Bacon at [kezia@nsrwa.org](mailto:kezia@nsrwa.org) or 781-659-8168.*

- 5. Collect supplies and safety gear.** NSRWA can provide high-visibility vests, trash grabbers, and garbage bags. If you like, we can also help spread the word about your event.
- 6. Get to work and have fun!** Wear gloves. Remember to take some action shots, a group photo, and some pictures of the litter you collect!
- 7. Document what you find.**
  - Make a list of the Top Ten Items you collect.
  - Write a short news article or create a 1-minute video documenting your event.
  - Share your photos and findings with NSRWA. We'll post them on our social media channels.

## **EXTRA CREDIT**

NSRWA can provide lesson plans for simple and impactful activities to complete with your group before or after the event.