



Barnegat Bay Partnership Barnegat Bay Blitz

Tips for **Participating as a Volunteer** in a Local Blitz Cleanup.

Your interest in participating in a local Blitz cleanup is greatly appreciated! Please review the tips below in advance so that the cleanup is a safe and positive experience for you.

- **Wear gloves** when picking up litter -- bring work gloves or obtain gloves from the clean-up coordinator.
- **Wear closed-toe, flat-heeled shoes or boots** -- not sandals, flip-flops or clogs.
- **Dress appropriately** and be prepared for the weather.
- **Long-sleeved shirts and pants are preferred**, to prevent scratches, insect bites, etc.
- **Bring water and food** if you plan to be outdoors for a while.
- **Bring a digital camera** to help document us the clean-up (site, what is collected, people in action, etc.)
- **Bring appropriate medicine** if you are allergic to bee stings, spider bites, etc.
- **Do not risk injury** -- avoid slippery, unstable, rocky and steep areas.
- **Be alert** for poison ivy, brambles, snakes, spiders and insects.
- **Back away from animals**, hives and holes and avoid poking or aggravating them.
- **Avoid picking up large, bulky or heavy items**, such as tires, appliances or furniture.
- **Avoid stepping on**, or picking up, nails or broken glass.
- **Avoid picking up hazardous materials**, such as syringes and unmarked containers.
- **Separate recyclable items from trash** by carrying at least two trash bags with you.
- **Avoid wearing headsets**, work in pairs or groups, and look up often to see where others are.
- **Tell the cleanup coordinator** if heavy items or potentially hazardous materials are found.
- **Tie filled trash bags securely** and do not overfill them, to avoid rips.
- **Park your vehicle off-road** and at least 6 feet from traffic areas.
- **Use crosswalks and traffic signals** where available.
- **Face oncoming traffic** and clean one side of a road at a time.
- **Respect private property** -- do not go onto property that is marked, fenced in or gated.