

Community Clean-up Guidelines

Your guide to organising a community clean-up

Plan ahead

- Take action to clean up an area of your community where litter gathers. Decide where you would like to do your litter pick or clean-up. Make sure you have legal access to the area.
- Draw a rough map identifying the extent of the clean-up area and possible locations for groups to assemble.
- Agree a date for the clean-up

Involve the local community

If you want to involve volunteers from the community – put up posters in local shops, community centres, libraries and schools. Use social media, websites and local media – papers and radio to encourage participation and publicise the event.



Coordinator – arrange that there is one main contact person to co-ordinate and manage the clean-up. Make sure everyone knows who this is and has their contact details.

Inform volunteers in advance of:

- Where to meet
- Starting and finishing time
- To dress appropriately for occasion – warm, waterproof clothes and head-gear.
- Risks and hazards and what to do when they arise.



Health and Safety

Safety Check

A safety check is a careful examination of the possible risks to you or volunteers. Visit the site and carry out a full examination to establish possible risks – look out for;

- Unidentified containers or cans, chemical containers, clinical waste, syringes, Broken glass
- Water hazards, slippery banks, derelict buildings, busy roads, electric fences.

If an area carries too many risks – Please contact the Council 01-4149000 or info@sdblincoco.ie and choose another location for a clean-up.



Protective Measures

- Ensure that all those taking part in the clean-up wear heavy duty protective gloves and robust footwear at all times
- Cover cuts with waterproof plasters
- Avoid touching mouth and eyes whilst working
- Wash hands before eating or smoking
- Make sure everyone is aware of dangers of hazardous material
- Use the “buddy system” and work in teams of two or three to maximize safety
- Wear sunscreen during summer months
- Do not over fill bags and carry bags from the top when full



Support from South Dublin County Council

Contact the Litter Warden on the online form available on www.sdcc.ie at least 2 weeks prior to the clean-up date.

The Litter Warden will support you by offering advice and locating equipment

- Litter pickers
- Bags
- Brushes
- Gloves

Advice will be given on how to dispose of material in the most effective way. Communities should segregate waste in order to recycle material collected – this is good practice.

Waste categories include –

- Cans,
- Paper/cardboard,
- Green waste – stored separately and should only include material from community open spaces.
- Residual waste
- Glass should not be placed in bags. Please store separately and bring to the nearest Bottle Bank



Hazardous waste – syringes etc should be reported to the Council immediately. Telephone 01-4149000 or email info@sdblincoco.ie.

Please ensure that the material collected is handled as follows

- Placed in clear Council bags
- Segregated for recycling
- Deposited at agreed location
- Does not contain domestic or garden waste

The litter warden will inspect area prior to clean –up and post clean-up in order to ensure that there has been no disposal of waste other than that collected in clean-up.

Littering can result in the issuing of fines of €150 under the Litter Act.

The result

Record the event – the quantity of material collected – who got involved and celebrate your achievement. Record the progress of the cleanup by taking photographs - before and after photos tell their own tale. This material can be used in local magazines and papers and will help spread the anti litter message.

Recycling Centres

For recycling and general waste disposal

Ballymount Civic Amenity
South Dublin County Council
Ballymount Ave.
Tel: 01 4621251

www.sdcc.ie – charges for disposal of non recyclable waste

For recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment

Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative
Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace
Clondalkin Industrial Estate
Clondalkin Dublin 22
Telephone: 01 4578321

www.ccri.ie

FreeTrade Ireland

www.freetradeireland.ie

FreeTrade Ireland is a unique public service allowing you to pass on and pick-up items free of charge. Get involved today and start saving money and protecting your environment



JumbleTown is a virtual Market Place for anyone looking to give away and/or acquire literally thousands of useful items.

www.jumbletown.ie

To get more information on recycling check

www.recylemore.ie