

Community Clean-up Guidelines

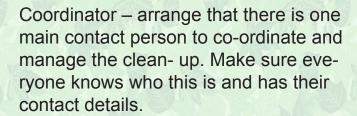
Your guide to organising a community clean-up

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.



Inform volunteers in advance of:

- Where to meet
- Starting and finishing time
- To dress appropriately for occasion

 warm, waterproof clothes and headgear.
- 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@ sdublincoco.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@sdublincoco.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 Terrrace
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