



Operation Clean Sweep Anti-Litter Campaign

Education, Advocacy for Enforcement & Organized Clean Ups
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Important Safety Information

SAFETY DURING THE CLEANUP:

- Always stay in teams of at least two or more people.
- Wear gloves at all times to protect from cuts and contaminated objects.
- Wear closed toe shoes to protect against broken glass, metal and rocks.
- Wear proper clothes for cleanups. Long sleeves, long pants and a hat are recommended. Remember to wear sun block!
- Watch out for Poison Ivy and Poison Oak.
- Avoid over-exertion, sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration. When in doubt, take a rest and drink fluid.
- Children should always be supervised by an adult.

NOTIFY AN OCS TEAM MEMBER IF:

- You find dead or injured animals.
- You find syringes, needles, or other sharp objects.
- You find metal drums. Keep your distance as they may contain hazardous waste.
- You find heavy objects. Avoid heavy lifting. When in doubt, don't try!
- You are allergic to bees. Be sure to bring your EpiPen if you have one!

WHAT TO PICK UP:

We pick up only human-created matter (plastics, metals, glass, styrofoam, etc.) Natural debris (leaves, branches, soil, etc.) is part of the natural ecosystem and should be left alone. Avoid disturbing any fragile environments, plants and animals.

PROCEDURE FOR FINDING NEEDLES/SYRINGES:

Safety is our biggest concern. The following rules have been established for volunteer safety:

- Wear gloves at all times.
- When a needle is found, do not touch it!
- Mark the area and notify a designated Team Leader immediately.

Thank you for Volunteering!

