

Social Distancing and Community Clean-up A Perfect Combo!

This time of year, communities normally organize their annual community cleanups. It's a great opportunity to get fresh air and exercise with your family. Even with social distancing restrictions it is easy to participate. Here are some tips:

- Wear gloves. Give everyone a small plastic bag.
- Start with your own property. Walk around and collect the litter that has blown into your yard. Litter loves hedges so it's a great safe spot to have young children help.
- If you are a regular walker, take a small grocery bag on your walks and dispose of the garbage in your own bin.
- If your children love the spray pad area in the summer, head over there and do a big pick up. If it's the playground or skate park that they would normally be frequenting, take this time to do a cleanup.
- If your family is involved in soccer or ball, head to those venues and spend some time sprucing up the fields. Start small, and do a great job of one area at a time. Remember the hedges and fence lines.
- Own a business? Take 5 minutes, 5 days a week to walk around your property. Customers come in your front door, so it deserves attention.
- Love to wander the Tourist Information area with your dog? It always needs TLC. Just remember to do a small area well, before you move further afield.
- Looking for more of a challenge? Pick a major entrance to your town – the gateways we call them - take several garbage bags; park midway and head off in one direction, then cross the road and walk back on the other side. Leave full big bags at the town shop.
- Pick an area, around your town office/library; along the creek; the community orchard – there is litter everywhere this time of year. PITCH-IN and take pride in your community.

Community Cleanup doesn't have to be a specific day, and it can be done any time and could be done over and over again. THANKS for your efforts.

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