



Teachers Guide: Host a clean-up as a class

Student Participation Day: April 26th

****Clean-ups DO NOT are not limited to April 26th, register your clean up any time throughout April and supplies will be delivered to you.**

Before Event:

1. Register your school at www.gocleangetgreen.ca
2. Bags and gloves can be picked up at Pictou County Solid Waste or dropped off at your school
3. Ensure that janitorial staff are aware that there will be a school clean-up happening
4. Have students research the impacts of litter on the environment or book a classroom presentation at (902) 396-1495

Day of Event:

1. Site Visit: Check for possible hazards and consider what can be done to minimize any dangers. Young children should not clean along roads or around parked cars.
2. Volunteers: Determine how many teachers will be supervising their students during the clean up event. You may want to ask parents or community members for additional supervision
3. Supervision: Set clear boundaries before starting the clean up. A helpful tip is to print a map of the area and assign groups to specific locations. During clean up, make sure students remain in the pre-set boundaries.
4. Safety First: Before starting, inform students of items they should not pick up (e.g., broken glass, discarded needles, etc.). Inform students they should call an adult to deal with dangerous items. Caution students to be careful around parking lots and along roadways
5. Waste Disposal: Ensure students know where the waste disposal bins are.
6. Wash Up: After the clean up, ensure that all students wash their hands thoroughly.
7. Keep a record: Have students fill out a data card which identifies how many bags were collected, what the most common items found were and what the most unique or odd item found was.

Host A Kickoff: There are tons of ways to have fun with this clean-up here are a few ideas:

1. Hold a student rally
2. Have students make a creative video and challenge another school to do their part on April 26th
3. Create clean-up teams, have teams dress in team colours, award prizes for pre-determined categories (e.g., most litter, best team spirit, most interesting item found, etc.)
4. Eco-themed spirit day
5. Sign a Waste Reduction Pledge
6. Hold a 'Litterless Lunch' day
7. Clean-up buddies – create a leadership opportunity by pairing younger students with older students to do a litter clean-up
8. Have students make posters about waste reduction, protecting our earth and not littering!
9. Teach students about Earth Day (April 22nd) and why we celebrate it.