

# **THE BIG CLEAN UP CLEARWATER**

## **VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP RULES**

The following City of Clearwater safety requirements shall be adhered by all volunteers participating in any volunteer event or clean up. Group leader must send or read the following safety requirements to all participants before each clean up.

1. If assigned to Clearwater Beach, do not clean the Roundabout.
2. Never work alone.
3. All participants must wear the bright volunteer t-shirt and/or safety vests at all times during the litter removal activity.
4. Medians are not to be cleaned due to safety concerns.
5. Gloves appropriate for the volunteer task should be worn at all times.
6. Closed toe shoes are required.
7. Avoid suspected toxic/hazardous substances:
  - a. Poison ivy
  - b. Poison oak
  - c. Noxious weeds
  - d. Areas where herbicides/pesticides were recently applied - signs may be posted, wet for no reason, strange smell
  - e. Places where snakes, fire ants, wasps, or other dangerous species may be located
8. Removal of litter/debris should always be done in daylight and in good conditions. Be seen by cars, fellow volunteers, bicyclists.
9. Event shall be cancelled in the event of lightning or extreme weather conditions.
10. No horseplay, avoid distractions, and stay on task.
11. No intoxicating liquid, beverage or illegal drugs will be allowed.
12. If safety vests are required for your assign area they must be worn at all times. Wear light or bright colored protective clothing underneath safety vest.
13. Leaders must provide adequate drinking water for each volunteer, or instruct volunteers to bring their own. Always have emergency back up water on hand.
14. Wear project and weather appropriate clothing (long pants and long sleeves) to protect against environmental hazards and sun.
15. Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray should be considered for additional sun & bug protection.
16. Consider carpooling to keep the number of cars on the roadside to a minimum. Park off the roadway as far away from the pavement edge as possible.
17. Don't touch/remove dead animals.

18. Do not pick up glass with bare hands, always use litter pickers.
19. Do not touch or remove any thing dangerous or hazardous. Immediately report toxic/hazardous items (syringes, weapons, medical waste or other harmful items) to the group leader who will notify appropriate authorities.
20. Don't block trails, parking spaces, use business parking without permission, etc.
21. Participants should work facing oncoming traffic, walk against traffic, and maintain a safe distance from the street.
22. Work on one side of the street at a time. Do not enter the roadway, medians, or shoulder areas at any time.
23. When entering water, always wear boots/waders to protect your feet and legs from sharp objects and animals.
24. Do not remove litter from construction sites.
25. Always use designated crosswalks.
26. Obey posted park/trail, public space rules.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

1. Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit and have accessible in case of emergency.
2. Know the route from the work site to the nearest emergency center or hospital in case of serious injury.
3. Have transportation immediately available.
4. Every crew should possess a cell phone for emergency notification.