



LITTER CLEAN UPS IN CAMBRIDGE

Event Tips and Guidelines

Make it safe!

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMED CONSENT FORM ON THE REVERSE

Plan the clean up route and note any areas of potential danger such as traffic, steep embankments or water hazards. Always use extreme caution near roads. Volunteer litter clean ups should be confined to safe areas free from hazards.

Ensure there are enough adults present to supervise minors. Advise your participants in advance that open-toed footwear will not be permitted and ensure that everyone is dressed for safety the day of your event.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR VOLUNTEERS TO NOT PICK UP SHARPS (e.g. BROKEN GLASS, NEEDLES, ETC.) UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! IF A NEEDLE IS FOUND, STOP YOUR EVENT AND/OR MOVE VOLUNTEERS TO ANOTHER LOCATION, AND CONTACT THE POLICE FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, OR PAUL WILLMS AT THE CONTACT INFO BELOW TO REPORT NEEDLES AND HAVE THEM DISPOSED OF SAFELY AND PROPERLY THE NEXT DAY.

Litter Bag Disposal

If you can dispose of your bags in your own regular trash system please do so. Otherwise, please contact Paul Willms at 519.740.4650, ext. 4559 or willmsp@cambridge.ca with the location (major intersection, close to vehicle access, visible from the road) of your group's bags and City staff will provide pick up. If you decide to take your bags to the Savage Dr. transfer station, please note that you must contact them in advance to let them know you are bringing community clean-up litter bags or they will not waive the fees. They will not accept any other bags / garbage besides that which is contained in the "Only Cure for Litter is You" bags.

Make it fun!

Encourage your volunteers to enjoy the day, walk, trail, or scenery as well as pick up litter...Invent categories for "prizes"...such as "most interesting thing found," "most bags collected," "recyclables king and queen," etc. ...you don't need actual prizes, as the fun is in the categories and naming the "winner" of each.....Take a picture of your group in front of your litter bag pile(s) and during the clean-up. Take "before" and "after" pictures of your clean up area.

RECYCLABLES

In the past we've tried several approaches with "recyclables" including providing clear bags. However, we've found over the years that the collection of recyclables doesn't work very well. If you are still interested in collecting recyclables, the best idea we've heard from several of our regular clean up groups, is to use a home blue box. Two volunteers carry the box, and when "clean" recyclables are found (e.g. water bottles) they are collected and the blue box is taken home by someone to put out for the weekly residential collection.

Please

Re-Use Your Gloves!

Encourage your volunteers to not simply pitch their gloves into the bags at the end of the clean up. These gloves can be washed and used as early spring/late fall gloves (when regular mittens/gloves are perhaps too warm). They can be used for gardening, painting, etc.

More info, litter clean up supplies, and/or bag pickup contact Paul Willms 519.740.4650 x.4559 willmsp@cambridge.ca www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca

Remind your participants that they're making a difference!

It's easy to become discouraged by litter, especially in natural areas, in our downtown cores, and parks. Volunteers make the difference and instill community pride. Your volunteers should take a sense of accomplishment away from the event, and if they are interested in other volunteer opportunities, such as tree planting, they should contact Cambridge City Green.



Cambridge Litter Clean ups wouldn't be possible without:

TIM HORTONS, the Litter Reduction Task Force, City of Cambridge, the volunteers of Cambridge City Green...

and ...YOU!

THANK-YOU!

INFORMED CONSENT to Participate

Public events, such as **the litter clean ups**, involve certain elements of risk. Types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from one's own actions, or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both.

Volunteers, litter clean up organizers, and groups should fully understand and agree to the following:

1. **Assumption of Risk:** That participating / performing may involve personal risk of damage or injury and the participant agrees to assume all such risk and release the Corporation of the City of Cambridge and their employees and agents, and the volunteers of Cambridge City Green, and litter clean up sponsors Tim Hortons and the Region of Waterloo from all claims for damage or injury that may have resulted from participation in the activity except for those damages and injuries caused solely by the gross negligence of any of the aforesaid.
2. **Responsibility:** It should be acknowledged that no remuneration, salary, wage or payment or any employee benefits whatsoever will be received for participating in the litter clean up and the participant will therefore not be covered by Workplace and Safety Insurance Coverage and Benefits.
3. **Supervision:** Supervision of participants 18 years of age or under during this activity is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian or clean up event organizer.
4. **Elements of Risk and Safety:** All participants will wear Personal Protective Equipment (protective gloves and closed-toed footwear that is fully laced, and understand the elements of risk including:
 - The risks associated with natural areas including slippery conditions, exposure to plants such as poison ivy and stinging nettle, stinging insects, branch/tree failure, and uneven ground.
 - There are risks associated with clean ups along roadsides, trails, and other places where vehicles are present (e.g. parking lots, off- or on-ramp cloverleaf areas adjacent to highways, etc.). Volunteers should not be near busy roads or other areas where collisions between pedestrians and other modes of travel can take place without safety equipment including vests, cones, etc. These are not provided and clean ups are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** adjacent to roads unless volunteers confine their activities to relatively safe areas such as sidewalks and adjacent fence lines.
 - Inherent hazards which may exist on site including SHARPS which can cause a cut, puncture, or abrasion. **Participants are NOT to pick up any SHARPS including broken glass, wood, needles, metal, large/heavy items.**

ALL LITTER CLEAN UP ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK IN ITS ENTIRETY AND HEREBY CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE ACKNOWLEDGING ALL OF THE FOREGOING.