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Guidance for Neighborhood Cleanups

Beach cleanups start at your own front door.

Trash travels through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become beach pollution. So even if you don’t live near the coast, you can help clean the beach by cleaning up in your own neighborhoods and local natural areas.

To protect your health and slow the spread of the coronavirus, please follow the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, available here:

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Your Safety Comes First

Follow the guidelines below to ensure you and your neighbors’ safety during a cleanup.

Maintain Social Distance
Stay at least 6 feet from everyone you encounter, even if you are wearing a mask.

Always Wear Gloves
Use disposable or reusable gloves during your cleanup. Throw them away or thoroughly wash them after use.

No Sharp Objects
Don’t pick up sharp objects, especially syringes.

Beware Water Conditions
If you’re cleaning up a beach or waterway, be mindful of conditions like high tide and currents.

Things To Avoid
- Touching any surface like railings, benches, etc.
- Touching your face.
- Keep a safe distance from all wildlife.

Be Careful with PPE
Do not pick up PPE unless you have a trash grabber. Put all PPE in a separate disposable bag.
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After The Cleanup

Follow the guidelines below to ensure safety and celebrate your home cleanup.

Stay Safe

Dispose of gloves immediately and wash your hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if available.

Share Your Cleanup

Post your pictures and tag @FootprintUS.Foundation on Instagram and Facebook so we can see your results!