How do I organize a neighborhood clean-up day?

Do you want to help clean up your community? A neighborhood clean-up day is a great way to build community interest. This guide will help you find resources for supplies, volunteers, and city services.

**GETTING STARTED**

1. **FIND VOLUNTEERS.** Make a flyer with the time, date and location of the clean-up activities to recruit volunteers. Connect with your neighbors and post flyers in the community. There are also a number of local volunteer organizations who may be able to help (see back). Talk to nearby churches and schools to see if they have volunteer programs.

2. **SCHEDULE A DUMPSTER.** To schedule a dumpster, contact Wayne County CLEAN (see back), which provides assistance to help clean up illegal dumping. You can request for CLEAN to haul and dump the trash you collect.

3. **COLLECT SUPPLIES.** Buy gloves, trash bags, and other supplies. You can ask a local business to sponsor your clean-up efforts. Sometimes the City or Home Depot will also provide supplies to community groups.

4. **PROVIDE FOOD.** Whenever possible provide food for volunteers to make their experience more fun.

5. **CLEAN!** Have fun cleaning up your community with your neighbors!
TO FIND VOLUNTEERS:
City Year Detroit Volunteers
http://www.cityyear.org/detroit.aspx
313.874.6825
Volunteer Match
www.impactonline.org/

TO FIND SUPPORT AND RULES:
City of Detroit Public Works
http://www.ci.detroit.mi.us/departmentsandagencies/departmentofpublicworks.aspx
(313) 224-3901
Wayne County CLEAN
http://www.co.wayne.mi.us/doe_lrm_prog_cidp.htm
(734) 326-4437

What does the City collect from the curb?

BULK PICK-UP
The City will collect up to one cubic yard of bulk from the curb in front of your home four times a year. One cubic yard of bulk is about the size of a couch, stove or refrigerator.

To find the bulk pick up days in your neighborhood, visit this website:

The following items are NOT allowed in bulk pick-up:
- Construction/building materials
- Car parts
- Wooden fences
- Trash bags with unknown and mixed content
- Dirt mixed with trash
- Leaves & brush inside yard bags
- Furniture
- More than 4 tires per household
- Mattresses
- Appliances

* Items should ONLY be placed in front of occupied homes.
**Do not throw away metal. It is worth money! Also do not dump garbage on your neighbor's property under any circumstances.

YARD WASTE
The Department of Public Works picks up yard waste (leaves, grass clippings and twigs) twice a month.* All yard waste must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags (which you can buy at a local hardware or grocery store) or a personal garbage can. DPW will not collect yard waste in plastic bags.

Remember to put your container at curbside by 7 a.m. on your pickup day, and remove it by 9 p.m. Do not put your container out before 6 p.m. the day before your pickup day.

* Please visit the website below to find out when yard waste will be picked up in your area. http://www.detroitmi.gov/DepartmentsandAgencies/DepartmentofPublicWorks/SolidWaste/YardWaste.aspx

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Who can I contact for assistance?