

# STREAM CLEANUP SAFETY

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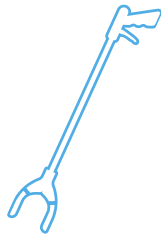
## What is a Stream Cleanup?

Stream cleanups are when a group of people come together to pick up litter in or near bodies of water. This is beneficial to the environment because it decreases litter washing into the Chesapeake Bay.

### Supplies

The following supplies are recommended to safely conduct a cleanup.

- Sturdy Gloves
- Trash Picker
- Trash Bags
- First Aid Kit
- Drinking Water
- Sharps Container
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray



### Attire

Be sure to dress safely when participating in a cleanup.

You should wear...

- High Visibility Clothing, (i.e. Safety Vests)
- Sturdy Boots. Tall waterproof boots if you're going to be in the water.
- Long pants to protect from ticks.
- Weather Appropriate Clothing



### Proper Disposal

Be informed of how to dispose certain items. For example...

- Large items like tires, pieces of metal or discarded furniture have to be taken to a County Recycling Center or Landfill.
- Sharps, (i.e. needles) that are found should be put in a sharps container. These can be safely deposited at any Anne Arundel County Police Station.

### Buddy System

- Never conduct a cleanup alone!
- Have someone help you when lifting heavy items

### Be Aware of Surroundings

Be cautious of traffic, broken glass, slippery terrain, wildlife, deep pools, and poisonous plants.



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