

STREAM CLEANUP SAFETY

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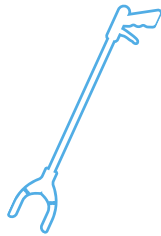
What is a Stream Cleanup?

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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