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Dear Friends,

In these uncertain times, we must rely on the power of community. Working together towards a common goal at the local level will not only help each other, but also neighborhoods as a whole. It might be a simple act, but picking up litter makes an immediate and noticeable difference. It connects us to each other and makes us feel part of something bigger. While we can't gather in large groups, individuals, families and small groups can safely support our communities by picking up litter. Join us for Pick Up Pennsylvania from September 1 through November 30. Our actions impact each other and the local and global community. Thank you for considering others and making a choice to keep your community clean and beautiful!


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Prevent It

KPB Continues Work with State Parks to Reduce Cigarette Litter

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) continues to partner with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to reduce cigarette litter in 16 state parks with a \$20,000 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program grant from Keep America Beautiful. The program, previously implemented at 28 state parks, documented reduction rates of up to 89 percent and includes installation of ash receptacles, education and distribution of portable ashtrays.

“With our smoke-free beach program now in place at most of our state park waterfront operations, we are seeing a more than 95 percent reduction in cigarette litter in these specific areas,” said DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn. *“However, this type of cleanup still diverts park personnel from much more meaningful tasks they could be addressing. We welcome Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s continuing support in combatting this problem.”*

Illegal Dumping on the Rise During Pandemic

KPB received 140 reports of dumping and or graffiti since stay at home orders were issued on April 1, accounting for 83 percent of the reports received so far this year. Exposing those who commit this crime and documenting existing illegal dumpsites are critical steps in deterring the behavior and educating the public about the harms of dumping and ultimately helping to restore the natural beauty of our state. To participate in the Surveillance Camera Loan program or to report a dumpsite, visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Keep It, then Illegal Dump Free PA.



Cigarette Litter Prevention Program | Lycoming County | Heart of Community Garden

Clean It

PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA, supporting the International Coastal Cleanup

Registration is open for PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA! From September 1 through November 30, registered events can receive free trash bags, gloves and safety vests provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, PennDOT, Keep America Beautiful, GLAD Products Company and the Ocean Conservancy, as supplies last. Water and land-based cleanups are eligible since a significant portion of waterway pollution originates on land. Individuals, families, neighbors, students, civic organizations and local governments are all invited to participate. Last year over 12,500 volunteers removed 488,135 pounds of trash and tires from Pennsylvania’s watersheds and waterways.

Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), spring cleanups were cancelled, which means even more will be needed this fall. Plan a cleanup in your neighborhood and help make a difference. Visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Pick Up Pennsylvania. Participants are encouraged to observe the most recent local, state and federal guidelines and/or restrictions to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Keep It

The GIANT Company Partners for Heart of Community Garden Beautification

Harrisburg’s Heart of the Community Garden received some TLC recently through a partnership of The GIANT Company, Greenprint, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and local affiliate, Keep Harrisburg-Dauphin County Beautiful and Tri County Community Action. Volunteers pulled weeds, laid mulch, repaired benches, picked up litter and planted flowers all while wearing masks and gloves and practicing social distancing to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

“We appreciate Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, GIANT and their families’ support for the beautification of the Heart of the Community Garden. Their volunteerism shows there is someone out there who cares about our community. This act of generosity ensured the garden was in shape for the Allison Hill Farmers Market held each Wednesday.”

– Danielle Krebs, Communications Manager for Tri County Community Action

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania provides Litter Grabbers for Adopters

Thanks to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, funded by the NiSource Charitable Foundation, individuals and groups who have adopted roads and areas through the KPB adoption program will have access to litter grabbers. Litter grabbers provide an extra layer of protection from potentially hazardous items for the 300 adopters who continue to give back to their communities, even during a pandemic. Thank you Columbia Gas!

Tire Collections Resume

Collections of scrap tires, a prime breeding place for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus, are being offered this fall. To find one near you visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Calendar of Events or contact your county recycling coordinator.

Last year, KPB affiliates collected over 21,000 tires from residents, emphasizing the continued need for convenient, affordable disposal options for hard to dispose items.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful thanks our supporters for making our programs possible



“Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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