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Communities Celebrate Earth Day by Joining Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Pick Up Pennsylvania



Cobbs Creek Ambassadors clean up Cobbs Creek.

(April 15, 2025) In celebration of Earth Day, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, whose vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania, encourages residents to join the 2025 Pick Up Pennsylvania initiative. Pick Up Pennsylvania engages tens of thousands of volunteers annually through litter cleanups, illegal dump cleanups, beautification projects, special collections, and educational events. Events registered through May 31 receive free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests provided by support from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennDOT, as supplies last. To help with the cost of trash disposal, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring low or no cost disposal through April 30. During this time, trash collected at registered events can be taken to participating landfills, with prior approval.

Pick Up Pennsylvania Earth Day Events

Highlighted below are just a few of over 300 Pick Up Pennsylvania events scheduled for the week of Earth Day. If you would like to join an event below or one listed on the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful [Calendar of Events](https://cleanup.keeppabeautiful.org/Calendar.html) (<https://cleanup.keeppabeautiful.org/Calendar.html>), please contact the coordinator to confirm participation.

- **Annual Earth Day Cleanup with Beaver Falls Business District Authority**, April 22 from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Volunteers are needed to help cleanup 7th Street by clearing empty lots, pulling weeds, washing windows, etc. Contact Nicole Sariochek at bfbda.nsariochek@gmail.com or (724) 622-6729.
- **Clarion Conservation District Cleanup**, April 22 from 5:00PM-6:30PM. Volunteers are to meet at the State Game Lands Number 72 parking lot (41.236671, - 79.368238), Shippenville. Register by April 17 by contacting Hannah Bequeath at hbequeathccd@gmail.com or (814) 393-6147.
- **Bloomsburg Community Creek Cleanup**, April 22 at 10:00AM. Meet at the Fernville Family Park/ Bloom St, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 to clean along Rupert Covered Bridge and the confluence of Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River. Contact Tanya Nebroski at tnebroski@hotmail.com or (570) 764-0720.
- **Hallstead-Great Bend Branch Library**, April 22 from 4:30PM to 5:30PM. Earth Day storytime for children. Meet at the public park outside of the Hallstead-Great Bend Branch Library, on Franklin St., Hallstead, PA 18822. Contact Lauren Canfield at lauren.canfield@susqcolibrary.org or (570) 879-2227.
- **East Falls Town Watch** in conjunction with students from Jefferson University's East Falls Campus, April 22 from 10AM to 12PM. Meet at the intersection of Roberts Avenue and Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19129. Contact Mary Jean Cunningham at mary.jean.cunningham@gmail.com or (215) 438-8963.
- **Municipality of Norristown Employees Celebrate Earth Day**, April 22 from 10:30AM to 4:30PM. Clean-up, greening and beautification projects throughout Norristown's 12 parks for a community wide Earth Day celebration, to include 100% participation of all Municipal employees. Contact Lisa Bobyock at lbobyock@norristown.org or (484) 680-7447.
- **Keep PA Beautiful Cleanup in Greater Hazleton**, April 25, 26, 27 at 8:00AM. To join the community-wide cleanup, contact Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, Leann Fallabel at lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org or (570) 455-1509.
- **3rd Annual Go Green Cleanup**, April 25 from 2PM to 4PM. All are welcome. Meet at 350 E Philadelphia St, York, PA 17403. Contact Bri Lindstrom at brimstrom@outlook.com or (717) 644-3368.

To host an event, join an event near you, or to inquire about free supplies and trash disposal, visit keeppabeautiful.org or contact Michelle Dunn, Pick Up Pennsylvania Program Coordinator, at 724-836-4121 ext. 113 or mdunn@keeppabeautiful.org.

“This year, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful celebrates 35 years of fostering cleaner, greener communities. It's a milestone that highlights the power of collective action and the difference each of us can make. Imagine the impact of picking up litter, planting trees, painting park benches, and educating others about the importance of a clean environment. These small actions ripple out, creating a healthier, more beautiful world for everyone. Join us in honoring our 35th anniversary by participating in local clean-up efforts. Together, we can make a lasting

difference. Let's pick it up, PA!," said Michelle Dunn, Pick Up Pennsylvania Program Coordinator.

Current 2025 Pick Up Pennsylvania supporters include: The GIANT Company, Columbia Gas - NiSource Charitable Foundation, Marathon, Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Dow, and Essential. If you are interested in becoming a supporter contact Deb Woolley at dwoolley@keepppabeautiful.org.

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About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has worked with hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state to pick up nearly 162 million pounds of trash from Pennsylvania's roadways, waterways, greenways, vacant lots, forestlands and other community spaces. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's core programming focuses on litter and illegal dump prevention, cleanup, community greening, and proper waste handling and sustainable practices. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works with many partnering organizations on the state and grassroots level to accomplish our goal of a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. To learn more, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.