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## Join Pick Up Pennsylvania and the Greatest American Cleanup in Honor of Earth Day and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Juniata College students participated in a campus-wide cleanup as part of Pick Up Pennsylvania, the state's largest community improvement initiative.

(April 22, 2026) In celebration of Earth Day and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, whose vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania, encourages residents to join the 2026 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 600 Pick Up Pennsylvania events scheduled through May. If you would like to join an event below or one listed on the [Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Calendar of Events](https://cleanup.keppabeautiful.org//Calendar.html) (<https://cleanup.keppabeautiful.org//Calendar.html>), **please contact the coordinator to confirm participation.**

- **Ravensburg State Park Cleanup**, Sat, Apr 25 10:00AM - 12:00PM at the Raymond B. Winter State Park Complex. Volunteers and park staff will be picking up litter in the park. Gloves, trash bags, vests, and litter grabbers will be provided. Preregister by contacting Rebecca Harner at [rebharner@pa.gov](mailto:rebharner@pa.gov) or (570) 966-1455.
- **Borough of Leetsdale Cleanup Day**, Sat, Apr 25 12:00AM - 5:00AM. Preregister by contacting Borough of Leetsdale, Sandra Ford at [mayorsford@gmail.com](mailto:mayorsford@gmail.com) or (412) 865-5747.
- **Allegheny CleanWays** has multiple events scheduled that include illegal dump cleanups and litter walks. For more information, visit [Get Involved - ALLEGHENY CLEANWAYS](#).
- **Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce**, April 22 through April 25, community-wide cleanup that encompasses Luzerne and Schuylkill counties. For more information visit: <https://hazletonchamber.org/> or contact Mary Malone at 570-4551509.
- **70th Annual Presque Isle Spring Clean-up**, Sat, Apr 25 8:00AM - 12:00PM at Rotary Pavilion Located on Presque Isle State Park in Erie PA. Register to help clean the beaches and trails at <https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/user/dashboard/> (create an account, fill out form, and select cleanup) or contact Brian Gula at [bgula@pa.gov](mailto:bgula@pa.gov) or (814) 833-7424.
- **Forest Pools Area Trail Clean-Up**, Sat, Apr 25 9:00AM - 12:00PM at Kings Gap Environmental Education Center. Volunteers will help remove debris from the Tadpole Trail and the banks of the surrounding waterway. Contact James Weigle at [jaweigle@pa.gov](mailto:jaweigle@pa.gov) or (717) 486-5031.

To host an event, join an event near you, or to inquire about free supplies and trash disposal, visit [keppabeautiful.org](http://keppabeautiful.org) or contact Michelle Dunn, Pick Up Pennsylvania Program Coordinator, at 724-836-4121 ext. 113 or [mdunn@keppabeautiful.org](mailto:mdunn@keppabeautiful.org).

“Pick Up Pennsylvania reflects the pride Pennsylvanians have in their communities and their commitment to protecting the places where they live, work, and play. As we celebrate Earth Day and America’s 250th Anniversary, this initiative offers a meaningful way for residents to come together, take action, and help keep Pennsylvania clean and beautiful, today and for generations to come. We hope you will join us in honoring these special events by participating in local cleanup efforts. Together, we can make a lasting difference. Let’s pick it up, PA!,” said Michelle Dunn, Pick Up Pennsylvania Program Coordinator.

For current sponsors and partners visit [Sponsors and Partners - Keep PA Beautiful](#). If you are interested in becoming a supporter contact Deb Woolley at [dwoolley@keppabeautiful.org](mailto:dwoolley@keppabeautiful.org).

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## **About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has supported hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state in their community improvement efforts. 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 about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit [www.keppabeautiful.org](http://www.keppabeautiful.org).