

## PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA

Supporting International Coastal Cleanup  
September 1st – November 30th



## IT'S TIME TO PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA!

From September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, individuals and small groups are being asked to organize and conduct local cleanups -- recruit volunteers, promote your event, and report your results for inclusion in statewide, national and international cleanup totals.

READY TO GET STARTED? JUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS!

- 1. REGISTER YOUR EVENT** – Cleanups [registered with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful](#) can order free supplies, courtesy of PennDOT.
- 2. PROMOTE YOUR EVENT AND FIND VOLUNTEERS** - Contact family and friends to encourage them to participate in your event or organize their own event to keep Pennsylvania and our waterways clean and beautiful.
- 3. GET SUPPLIES** - PennDOT's county offices will provide free cleanup supplies, including gloves, safety vests and trash bags to registered cleanup groups, as supplies last. When requesting your cleanup supplies please follow the process outlined below.
  - Your event I.D. number must be given to the PennDOT Adopt A Highway Coordinator. There will be no exceptions.
  - PennDOT is presently working remotely, supplies will be ordered by contacting the appropriate [PennDOT Adopt A Highway county office](#) by **Thursday of each week, with pick up from that office on Friday.**
  - Supplies will be available 'curbside' at a pre-determined location at the PennDOT Adopt A Highway county office.
  - There will be no direct contact between groups and the PennDOT staff.

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- The AAH program will provide gloves, vests and bags. **Masks and hand cleaner will not be provided by PennDOT and are the responsibility of you and your volunteers.**
- Supplies will be placed in a bag or container tagged with the group's name for pick up.

## 4. COORDINATE TRASH DISPOSAL - Always coordinate trash pickup and disposal before starting your cleanup.

If you cannot dispose of the trash yourself:

- **State maintained roadways** (roads in which PennDOT plows and maintains) - we suggest contacting the local [PennDOT office](#) to coordinate pick up and disposal of collected trash from the cleanup. If PennDOT cannot assist with disposal, you and/or your group are responsible.
- **Locally maintained roadways** (roads in which the county, city, township or borough plows and maintains) - we suggest contacting the local governing body's public works or street department to coordinate the pick up and disposal of collected trash from the cleanup. If local government cannot assist with disposal, you and/or your group are responsible.
- **Trails and Parks** - we suggest contacting trail groups, park offices or local governments where the trail/park is located to coordinate the pick up and disposal of collected trash from the cleanup.



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### 5. MAKE SAFETY TOP PRIORITY

- Involve your local government and police in your cleanup, and make sure they are aware of your plans. Let them know where you will be, and when you plan to be there. They **may** be able to assist you with parking, traffic and other safety concerns. If you live in a community that does not have local police protection, contact your local [State Police barracks](#) for assistance.
- Be aware of private property, and get permission from landowners before going on their land.
- Become familiar with cleanup safety information.
- Roadside litter can be dangerous. Do not open coolers, jugs, bottles and other sealed containers.
- Make sure volunteers wear gloves, masks, appropriate clothing, and safety gear.
- Report any suspicious or dangerous items to police immediately.
- Make sure children are not left unattended near highways or water.
- For volunteer safety, please inform your volunteers prior to your cleanup what remnants of a meth lab or a “One Pot” meth lab might contain.

6. **HAVE A GREAT CLEANUP!** Please remember to send us pictures and keep track of what you collect.

7. **REPORT RESULTS** - Registered groups can also [report the results](#) of their cleanups to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s website to have their collection added to the statewide, nationwide and international totals. We need your results to be able to share Pennsylvania’s collective efforts. **Thank you for keeping Pennsylvania beautiful!**