

# Get Down & CLEAN UP

2-STEP YOUR WAY TO KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL



A clean and beautiful place to live, play and work is important to us all. We can all help to do our part by picking up litter when we see it. Use your library card to check out litter bags, grabbers and safety vests. Grab a friend, your family or small group and Get Down & Clean Up your neighborhood. You decide when, where and who you pick up with. *Make it fun. Make it groovy. Make a difference.*

When you are finished, dispose of your bags, scan the QR code to let Keep Louisiana Beautiful know how many bags of litter you removed and then return the cleaned grabbers and safety vests in the tote bag back to the library so someone else do their part by cleaning up too.

Before you get your groove on, it is important to take a moment and review the tips below.

## HOW TO CONDUCT A GROOVY CLEANUP

- Pick a date, time and location that not at peak traffic times.
- Review and abide by the litter cleanup safety tips sheet.
- Use your grabber to pick up litter and place in a trash bag.
- Working as a team, one person can hold the bag and another can work the grabber.
- Use the tally sheet on the back of this paper to record the types of litter you pick up. Children especially like this step. (optional)
- Plan to recycle your plastic bottles and aluminum cans if local recycling is available. Use a separate trash bag for your recyclables.
- When you are finished dispose of your bags in your trashcans.
- Scan the QR code on the back of this paper and let KLB know who many bags of litter you picked up, how many people participated and for how many hours.
- Take pictures of your good deed and tag #KeepLouisianaBeautiful #LetLASHine
- When you are finished, wipe down the grabbers, clean the safety vest and return them in the tote bag to the library in which you checked them out from. Supplies should be returned within a week to allow for others to check them out and pick up litter.

## LITTER PICK UP SAFETY TIPS

- Wear gloves and closed-toe, thick-soled shoes.
- Wear safety vests or bright colors.
- Wear sunscreen and bug repellent.
- Minors should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated.
- Take breaks as needed and don't overdo it physically.
- Be aware of your surroundings and potential hazards (e.g., passing cars, poison ivy, overgrown vegetation).
- **Don't** enter private property.
- **Don't** pick up broken glass or sharp objects.
- **Don't** use headphones.
- **Don't** schedule cleanups during peak pedestrian or traffic hours.
- **Don't** enter a roadway or busy intersection.
- **Don't** conduct cleanups during extremely inclement weather.
- **Don't** pick up hazardous materials like hypodermic needles, sharp objects, condoms, animal carcasses, or other questionable items.
- **Don't** overstuff bags.

## TRACK YOUR ACTIONS

This part is especially fun to do with children. Bring this data sheet with you on your pick up (make copies if needed). Use this data sheet to track the type of litter you pick up. Tally all the marks at the end for your cleanup. What is the most littered item? Why do you think that is? Where do you think all the litter came from? What can be done to prevent the litter?

	Plastic Bottles	Aluminum Cans	Paper	Cardboard	Cigarette Products	Glass	Fast Food Cups and Wrappers	Snack Wrappers
Number of Objects Tally your objects here								
Totals								

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GRAND TOTAL

## GET IN THE GROOVE

Get your group together and have fun with it! Listen to this retro playlist (or make your own) to help your group get in the mood:

"Get Down on It" – Kool & the Gang; "Clean Up America" – Z.Z. Hill; "Get Down Tonight" – KC & the Sunshine Band; "Clean Up Woman" – Betty Wright; "Let's Groove" – Earth, Wind, & Fire; "We are Family" – Sister Sledge.

## REPORT YOUR GOOD WORK

Next, scan the QR code below and tell us what you picked up. Keep Louisiana Beautiful is tracking # of bags of litter removed, # of people volunteering, # of hours, if the materials were recycled and what the most littered item was. We're gathering data from across the entire state that will be used to better address the litter problem in Louisiana. Thank you for your help.



Take a photo of this QR Code to complete our Reporting Document

