

Great American Clean Up Safety Rules and Procedures

Volunteers must wear shoes that are fully enclosed such as a sneaker, boot, etc. No sandals, flip flops, nor clogs, etc. It is recommended that volunteers wear long pants.

Volunteers should wear sunblock to protect from the sun. Avoid over-exertion, sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration. When in doubt, return to the site check in, take a break and drink water.

Watch where you are stepping to avoid nails or broken glass.

Volunteers must wear gloves at all times when picking up litter. Large bulky items can be dragged to the curb and stacked neatly.

Appliances, TVs, furniture and other large items can be dragged to the curb and stacked neatly. Tires and electronics should be stacked neatly in separate piles.

DO NOT handle any hazardous waste or potentially hazardous material or items – including motor oil, gasoline, batteries, syringes, guns, or metal or plastic containers that smell or appear to contain noxious material, etc. If you do not know what something is, do not handle it. Note the location of the waste or material and report it to the program coordinator after the event.

DO NOT put hands or feet into bushes, under debris, into tires, or any other places that may harbor pests. Use grabbers or other tools to pull litter out of bushes.

Respect private property. Do not go onto any properties with “Private Property” or “No Trespassing” signs. Do not go onto property behind fences or gates unless you have permission from the property owner. If you are asked to leave an area by someone claiming to be a property owner, please leave the area immediately.

Volunteers should work in groups. Team with someone if you came alone. Look out for each other. Someone in the group should carry a cell phone in the event an emergency occurs.

Volunteers should wear safety vests at all time and watch out for vehicular traffic.

IF AN INJURY OCCURS:

If you have injuries that you feel are an emergency, or are life threatening, you should 911 immediately.

If you have an injury that is not life threatening, but which you believe requires follow-up care, you should proceed as you normally would to handle any other injury you might incur as a private citizen. You may need to go to urgent care or make an appointment to see your own doctor.

Arranging or paying for medical services or attention is not the responsibility of the City of Hartsville, its agents or employees, or any other person associated with the Great American Clean Up.

For more information about the Great American Clean Up, please call Brenda Kelley at 843-383-3009.