



Olney Days Community Clean Up

Olney is a wonderful place to live in part to the civic minded people who live here. This year on Sunday, April 28th from 8:00 - 10:00 am, groups will clean up areas in Olney. Student Service Learning hours can be given. We will meet at Olney Manor Park (16601 Georgia Ave) near ballfield #1 (just north of the skate park).

Olney Civic Fund will provide bags for trash and recyclable material as well as arrange with the county for trash pick-up. The county will not pick up recycling. If a group separates trash and recycling, then someone will need to each take a bag home and put out with their regular curb side pick-up (blue bin). Each person needs to bring their own gloves. Some will stay in the park and others will go to different areas of Olney to clean up. Every area will have adult supervision (so we need adults to participate too). There are many parks, open spaces, and creek areas in Olney that need to be cleaned up after the winter.

All participants under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult. Do not touch or try to remove materials that you suspect may be toxic or hazardous, such as batteries, powders, chemicals, smelly substances, suspicious packages, chemical drums or containers, weapons, syringes or needles, and dead animal carcasses. If you find hazardous materials, large items like appliances or tires, or you find animal carcasses along a county road, then contact the county by calling 311, or 240-777-0311 from outside the County. For carcasses within 15 feet of a State road, call 301-948-2477 or 301-572-5166.

Safety and other tips when picking up litter...

- a. When picking up litter, try to wear light-colored clothing and long sleeves, heavy gloves and sturdy soled footwear. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and trash pickup sticks are available upon request.
- b. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool to their area to keep the number of vehicles parked along the roadway to a minimum.
- c. Be sure to park completely off the roadway.
- d. Do not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs before or during your cleaning session and make sure to watch out for ticks, bees and snakes.
- e. Volunteers should face oncoming traffic and stay clear of the roadway at all times.
- f. **Do not** try to remove litter or debris from the roadway – only from the side of the road.
- g. Avoid overexertion and drink plenty of water.
- h. Be sure to have a first aid kit available during cleanups

Acceptable items to bring home and place in your blue bins for curbside pick-up:

CANS. All metal food, beverage, and pet food cans, tins from cookies, popcorn, aerosol cans from non-hazardous products like whipped topping, spray oil, hair spray, shaving cream, deodorant). Foil wrap, pie plates, and other aluminum food trays unless they have significant food residue on them.

GLASS BOTTLES/JARS. They do not accept window glass, mirrors, or ceramic products

PLASTIC. Bottles, containers, tubs, and lids, plastic food bottles, medicine/vitamin bottles, mayonnaise, peanut butter, yogurt, butter/cheese, deli and ice cream tubs, yogurt cups, detergent, pet food, kitty litter containers, clamshell containers, bakery trays, Tupperware or Rubbermaid durable plastic containers and lids, single plastic flower pots (all colors), fast food fountain drink cups.

They do not take #6 polystyrene and styrofoam products such as lids from soft drink cups, plastic knives, forks, spoons, plastic or foam egg crates, jewel cases from CDs or DVDs, flexible plastic trays for plants (the 4 and 6 pack plant containers), shower curtains, plastic straws, tennis ball containers.

They do not take biodegradable or compostable plastic items, plastic bags, film, or wrap.

They do not accept cans that have or have held automotive or hazardous products.