

# Community Cleanup Trailer

## How to Get Started

*If you love the idea of borrowing the Community Cleanup Trailer for a neighborhood cleanup or beautification effort and don't know where to start, here's a guide to planning your cleanup.*

### Planning Your Cleanup Event

- Talk to your neighbors by going door to door or calling a neighborhood meeting. Does the neighborhood landscaping need a little pick-me-up? Is there a vacant lot that needs to be cleaned up? Could the alley use a good cleaning? Is there an area approved for a community garden? What about helping the neighbors who could use a helping hand?
- Pick a date and time for the event that fits in with the schedule of as many neighbors as possible. Remember there must be a minimum of five households involved in the project or at least five volunteers.
- Be sure to designate a coordinator. See the General Guidelines for the coordinator's responsibilities.
- Involve local churches or businesses, if you have any in your neighborhood.
- Make sure you plan to have water available for the participants. Some groups follow up the cleanup event with a carry-in, along with a neighborhood celebration.
- Make sure you recommend your participants dress for the weather. Wear boots or sturdy shoes, not sandals. Use sunscreen and if needed, insect repellent. Gloves and safety vests are available in the Community Cleanup Trailer.
- Have a work plan and a safety plan ready before you begin. What needs to be done? How many people are needed for each task? What tools will they need? Where is the nearest medical facility, if needed? Have emergency telephone numbers available with a cell phone.
- Have a plan to dispose of your waste. Some local jurisdictions will remove the trash, as long as they are provided with enough notice prior to the event.
- Have a parking area where participants who are driving in for the event can park.
- Take before and after pictures and send them to [bmartens@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:bmartens@clarkcountyohio.gov).

### Tips:

- Always use good judgment and be safe. Watch out for all of the participants. Keep them in sight.
- If something looks suspicious or dangerous, call local law enforcement. Do not pick up or touch any suspicious or dangerous item.
- Be sure to let us know the success of your event. We provide a Cleanup Report Form.
- Take a look at your work at the end of the event and note how much of a difference your efforts made. Take pride in what you've accomplished!

**For more information call (937) 521-2025.**