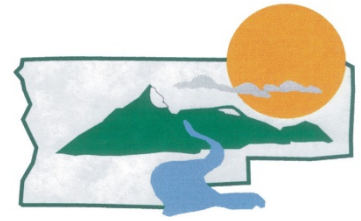


# JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Public Works Department

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## Litter Clean-up Safety Tips



### Your Safety Matters ...

### Here's what you will receive:

Please make sure you have what you need before you do your clean-up.

- Hi-Visibility Vests
- Trash bags

### Timing is everything ...

- Check the weather report before you head out the door. Bad weather can turn paper and other litter into a slippery mess.
- Park vehicles in a safe and legal parking area that does not obstruct traffic.
- Schedule your litter clean-up during daytime hours when the traffic is relatively light.

## Dress for the job ...

- Always wear sturdy work or garden gloves during a clean-up and wash your hands afterwards.
- Be prepared to encounter poisonous weeds like poison ivy *or* sumac – which can cause nasty skin irritations.
- Put Hi-Visibility vests on BEFORE you start collecting and always face traffic as you work so that drivers can see you - and you can see them.
- Wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt, socks and sturdy boots or shoes (NO SANDALS.)

## Work as a team ...

- Always designate a leader to keep track of volunteers and clean-up details.
- Avoid horse-play, during your clean-up, to ensure your safety and that of others.
- Provide at least one adult supervisor for every group of six young people under eighteen years of age.

## Cleaning Trails and Streams ...

- Always work in pairs.
- Apply insect repellent before entering wooded areas or working near water.
- Do not step into high vegetation and stay alert. These areas are home to poisonous plants as well as snakes and other wildlife.

## Avoid dangerous or unsafe litter ...

Dangerous or unsafe litter includes razor blades, syringes, hazardous household products, dead animals, condoms, all unlabeled jugs, bottles and drums. Make a note of the location and contact the Jefferson County Public Works (541) 475-4459.