

## SAFETY TIPS!



Safety first! Review the safety tips below and take the necessary precautions during your community cleanup.

- Use personal protective equipment (gloves) or a litter grabber when picking up litter and properly dispose of your own personal protective equipment safely in a sealed garbage bin after your cleanup.
- Cleanups should take place during daylight hours and should not take place after sunset or before sunrise.
- Be mindful of unstable or slippery ground (e.g. ravines, river banks), in tunnels or near stormwater management ponds.
- Consider wearing a safety vest or brightly coloured clothing if collecting litter along a roadway.
- Do not pick up dangerous materials such as glass, barbed wire, syringes/needles, medical waste, pipes, chemicals and debris with sharp or rusted edges. Instead note down the item and the location, and after your cleanup contact your local municipality's waste management department to make them aware.
- Avoid water-filled areas such as ditches, streams or ponds. Be extra cautious in areas where there could be water or ice.
- Be careful of wild animals, insects, hives and nests, and noxious weeds such as poison ivy and giant hogweed.
- Report suspicious items to the local police department via their non-emergency telephone number or to the Ontario Provincial Police non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122.