

# CHECKLIST FOR EARTH DAY LITTER CLEANUPS

Take Care of the Planet

#EarthDaysEveryDay

Celebrate Earth Day by safely cleaning up your yard, street, local park, or nearby natural area. Go for a walk outdoors and pick up litter in your neighbourhood.

## GENERAL SAFETY

- Wear closed-toed shoes or boots
- Use a litter grabber, if you can
- Wear rubber or garden gloves
- Stay away from any waterways
- Dress for the weather
- Do not attempt to remove or discard of any personal belongings or tents
- Do not go out alone

## COVID-19 SAFETY (IF REQUIRED / IF DESIRED)

- Stay 2 metres apart from those outside your household
- Stick with members of your household
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Wash your hands afterwards



## SHARPS/NEEDLE SAFETY

- Children should not attempt to pick up needles
- Adults, wear gloves and use tongs/pliers/tweezers to pick up needles
  - o [More information](#), [Found Needle Poster](#), & [Disposing of Found Needles Video](#)
- Place needles in a sharps container or puncture-proof bottle with a screw cap (pop bottle)
- Do not throw needles/sharps containers in the garbage. Drop off needles at:
  - o Household Hazardous Waste Depot (400 Pido– Road)
  - o PARN (60 Hunter Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Peterborough)
  - o Public needle drop boxes – [check current locations, here...](#)