

Safety Reminders for Litter Cleanups

DOs



DO wear a safety vest or bright colored shirt at all times.



DO dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes.



DO have a first aid kit and cell phone.



DO look before you step, reach or grab. Watch out for sharp objects, broken glass and natural hazards (bees, fire ants, poisonous plants, etc.)



DO work together as a group and walk facing oncoming traffic. Work one side of the highway at a time.



DO stay at least 5 feet away from the edge of the road. Do NOT pick up trash from the roadway.



DO be alert and ready to react to traffic.



DO identify an item before you touch it. If you can't identify an item or don't feel comfortable handling it, don't touch it! If you find a weapon, don't touch it! Call 911.

DON'Ts



DON'T drink alcoholic beverages before or during a cleanup.



DON'T try to handle hazardous litter such as discarded syringes, needles, car batteries, etc.



DON'T handle broken glass. Be careful not to step or kneel in areas where there might be hidden broken glass.



DON'T bring knives, machetes or other such tools that could cause accidental injuries.



DON'T wear music headsets, which could interfere with hearing traffic.



DON'T wear large hats that could obscure your vision and keep you from seeing an approaching hazard.



DON'T engage in horseplay.



DON'T try to compress trash into the bags, as sharp objects could cause injury. 2/3 full is a good guideline for bags.