

Group Leader Guide



Getting Ready

1. Register your group for a cleanup area by visiting www.RNeighbors.org/litterbitbetter.
2. Instruct your group members to wear clothing appropriate for the weather and field conditions.
3. Bring your own safety gear. Masks, gloves and vests are not provided.
4. Be Prepared! Each group should have a cell phone, a first aid kit, plenty of drinking water, and enough trash and recycling bags to accommodate the size of the group and the collection area.
5. Have all group members sign the **Registration Waiver** before you begin collecting litter.
6. The online maps only indicate general locations for litter pick-up; they do not define specific property boundaries. Ask permission before going on private property!
7. If groups are planning to collect outside of event dates please contact 507-328-2440 to coordinate a location and garbage pick-up.

Litter Collection Day

- Wear protective masks, gloves and clothing.
- Work as a team or with a partner, particularly when moving heavy objects.
- Use extra caution by water and on slopes.
- Seek shelter if a storm warning is issued.

What to Collect & Where to Put It

Garbage goes in the green bags, including

- Excessively Dirty Cans or Bottles
- Cardboard or paper
- Plastic or glass items other than bottles
- Metal other than tin or aluminum cans

Recyclables go in the light blue bags *

- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans
- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles

***CLEAN ITEMS ONLY**

Leave these potential dangerous waste items alone and report their location accordingly:

Litter Bit Better #: 507-254-8169

- Medical waste or bandages
- Syringes or hypodermic needles
- Gas cans, oil cans, or antifreeze
- Car batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Heavy or inaccessible bulky waste
- Homeless Sites

Police Non-Emergency #: 507-285-8580

- Guns or knives
- Explosive devices
- Methamphetamine waste (see below)

A quick word about **Methamphetamine waste**, which is **extremely dangerous**. If you see abandoned containers or other questionable materials, approach them from up hill and up wind and **DO NOT TOUCH** them. The following items can be associated with methamphetamine waste: propane cylinders from gas grills with blue or green brass fittings (these may have been used to transport anhydrous ammonia and could explode causing burns or serious injury); pinkish, putty-like pill residue; face masks, rubber gloves, rubber hoses, clamps, sheets or pillow cases stained pink or red; glass baking dishes with rubber hoses attached; and solvents of any kind. **Immediately call the police non-emergency #: 507-285-8580.**

After Litter Collection

For registered public areas, call 507-254-8169 to report where you left your filled bags and any bulky items.

Litter collected on private property should be placed with the property owner's dumpsters with their permission.