

GUIDELINES FOR LITTER PICKING

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

Step 1: Select the location

- a) Recce the neighbourhood e.g. housing estate, market/hawker centres, parks/waterways
- b) Organise clean-up as a stand-alone activity or hold it in conjunction with an event
- c) Take note of suitable meeting points and locations of general waste bins and recycling bins

Step 2: Invite participants

- a) Start with family, friends and colleagues
- b) Involve local community or interest groups, schools and businesses

Step 3: Notify respective landowners to suspend cleaning prior to activity if possible

DURING THE ACTIVITY

*Note: Cancel the activity in the case of bad weather conditions.
(PSI values above 100 or rain/thunder/lightning)*

Step 4: Brief participants on the objectives of the activity, route and safety measures

I. Objectives:

- a) Turn participants into strong advocates for public cleanliness
- b) Experience the impact of inconsiderate littering behaviour and the difficulties faced by cleaners in clearing up the mess
- c) Inculcate the importance of being considerate, and encourage others to do the same so that all can enjoy a clean environment

II. Safety Measures

- a) Ensure that there would be adults accompanying children for the activity
- b) Watch out for oncoming cars when crossing the road or when picking litter at the roadside and in the carpark
- c) Do not pick up sharp objects
- d) Do not enter residents' homes or private premises
- e) Stay in the group

Step 5: Assign participants to either pick litter or speak to residents and encourage them to keep the neighbourhood clean

When speaking to residents/passers-by:

- Greet them politely and introduce yourselves. Remember to smile! ☺
- Tell them what you are doing and why. Thank them for their time

Step 6: Distribute litter picking materials to participants and commence litter picking

a) Remind participants to segregate litter from recyclables. Use the Black plastic bags for litter and Blue plastic bags for recyclables.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

Step 7: Weight the amount of litter and recyclables collected, separately.

Step 8: Dispose of black plastic bags into general waste bins and blue plastic bags into recycling bins

Step 9: Remind participants to clean their hands with wet wipes provided/ wash their hands with soap

Step 10:

Conduct a debrief and thank participants

- a) Discuss experiences from litter picking/speaking to residents and the cleanliness situation observed
- b) Encourage participants to spread the Keep Singapore Clean message to their peers and family
- c) Take a group photo and hashtag with #keepsgclean
- d) Record your clean-up and findings at www.rise-network.sg

Thank you for supporting the Keep Singapore Clean Movement