

Litter Pick-up Safety Tips

Follow these safety tips for a successful cleanup:



1. **DRESS** for the weather conditions.



2. **WEAR** proper personnel protective equipment, including high visibility clothing, safety vests, gloves, and hard-soled shoes.



3. **WORK** in nice weather during daylight hours.



4. **WALK** facing traffic and be aware of hazards and slippery surfaces.



5. **COLLECT** basic trash/litter with grabbers. Do NOT pick up litter with bare hands!



6. ***REPORT** large items that do not fit in a bag, hazardous waste, and sharps/needles to **TacomaFIRST311** by calling 311 within Tacoma city limits or (253) 591-5000 from anywhere else.



7. **ENSURE** adult supervision is available for young group members.



8. **TAKE** frequent **BREAKS**, stay hydrated.



9. **AVOID DISTRACTIONS** and keep a look out for safety concerns – look up, look down, look all around.

Contact TacomaFIRST311

*Report the exact location of the item and the description to **311**:

- Hazardous Waste items (i.e. hypodermic needles/syringes, drug foil, batteries, containers of hazardous materials (i.e. chemicals, oil, gas, pressurized tanks), etc.) should never be placed in a trash bag. Please keep these items separate from the litter picked up on the road and report them to 311.
- Illegal Dumping: Large items found on public property/rights-of-way (like bags of trash, furniture, appliances, construction debris, etc.) should be reported as illegal dumping to 311.