



Keep Bellevue Beautiful

## Volunteer Safety Guidelines



Thank you for volunteering with the city's Keep Bellevue Beautiful program. It is required that all volunteers, or their parent or legal guardian, complete a waiver of liability form and submit it to the Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator.

Please carefully review the safety rules and guidelines below to ensure a fun and safe cleanup event.

### Safety Gear

#### Provided to each individual:

**Safety vest**  
(Must be worn at all times)



**Litter grabber**

**Gloves**



#### Recommended personal items

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Long pants
- Hat
- Closed toed shoes

#### Additional gear provided to Team Leaders

- First aid kit
- Additional gloves
- Extra trash bags



## General Safety

Do not go into the street, median or roundabout to remove litter. Avoid areas that are under construction or that have steep or unstable surfaces. Never reach or crawl into crevices, brush, under rocks or structures to retrieve litter.

Always stay on public property.

Wear your gloves while picking up litter and utilize the litter grabber as much as possible.

Cross streets at crosswalks only, obey traffic signals, walk in the direction that faces on-coming traffic, do not cut through parking lots, and be aware of your surroundings.

Do not wear headphones, horseplay, play pranks, or climb on structures such as fences. Accompany and watch all minor children 13 and under carefully.

Please make sure your belongings and valuables are secure prior to beginning the cleanup.

If you're feeling sick, please head home and feel better soon! There will be more volunteer opportunities available in the future and your wellness and safety are the most important.

## Hazardous Items and Reporting

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY VOLUNTEER PICK UP HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

Some examples of hazardous materials:



The Team Leader will be responsible for flagging the location and reporting the hazardous items to the Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator.

**When cleaning up in public spaces, be respectful of any person experiencing homelessness and leave camps and personal property items in place. Be mindful of personal safety and do not clean near tents or encampments. Please report encampments on the MyBellevue app.**

## Emergencies

Report all injuries or incidents to the Team Leader and Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator.

Call 9-1-1 for any major incidents, injuries, or dangerous encounters.



## Youth Volunteers

**Under 14 years old:**

Must have a parent/guardian accompany them during the cleanup.

**Ages 14-17 years old:**

Must have a parent/guardian sign the liability waiver, but do not need a parent/guardian present at the cleanup.

## Social Media

**Share your experience on social media!**

Your posts can help inspire others to join us in keeping Bellevue's streets and streams clean.

We encourage you to use

**#KeepBellevueBeautiful**

on your posts to spread the word.

You can also tag the City of Bellevue on social media at...



@bellevuewashington



@cityofbellevuewa



@bellevuewa

# Litter doesn't have to be big to create a big impact!

Don't be discouraged if you are cleaning up a site that only has small pieces of litter or debris, such as candy wrappers or cigarette butts. These types of litter are still very damaging to the overall health of Bellevue's environment.

If the location does not look very littered, safely take a closer look along the edge of curbs or along the brush-line where litter tends to accumulate.

**Have fun, connect with other volunteers and work together as a community to Keep Bellevue Beautiful!**



# Thank you!

Questions?

Contact Sarina Miller - Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator  
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