



# Community Pride Cleanup Supply Trailer



## How to get Started

If you love the idea of borrowing the Community Pride Cleanup Supply Trailer (CPCST) for a neighborhood cleanup or beautification effort and don't know where to start, this is the place.

### Planning Your Cleanup Event:

- Talk to your neighbors by going door to door or attend a neighborhood meeting. Does the neighborhood landscaping need a little pick-me-up? Could the alley use a good cleaning? Is there an area approved for a community garden? What about assisting the neighbors who could use a helping hand?
- Pick a date and time for the event that fits in with the schedule of as many neighbors as possible. Choose a backup date for inclement weather. Remember there must be a minimum of five households involved in the project or a group of five volunteers.
- Involve local churches in your neighborhoods. Call your local college to see if they could provide volunteers.
- Make sure you plan to have at least water available for the participants. Some groups follow up the cleanup event with a carry-in along with a neighborhood celebration.
- Make sure you recommend your participants dress for the event. Wear boots or sturdy shoes, no sandals. Wear sunscreen and if needed, insect repellent. Gloves and safety vests are available in the CPCST.
- Have a work plan and a safety plan ready before you begin. What needs to be done, who or how many people are assigned to the task? What tools will they need? Where is the nearest medical facility if needed? Have emergency telephone numbers available with a cell phone.
- Take before and after pictures and send them to [tomcisinj@mcohio.org](mailto:tomcisinj@mcohio.org)
- Have a plan to dispose of your waste. Several local jurisdictions will remove the trash as long as they are provided with enough notice prior to the event.
- Have a parking area where participants who are driving in for the event can park.

### Tips:

- Always use good judgment and be safe. Watch out for all of the participants. Keep them in sight.
- If something looks suspicious or dangerous, call local law enforcement. Do not pick up or touch any suspicious or dangerous item.
- Promote recycling during the cleanup event. Use local curbside bins or drop off recycling at a Montgomery County Solid Waste facility ([www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org)).
- Be sure to let us know the success of your event. We provide a Cleanup Summary Form and pre-paid return envelope with the CPCST. You can also complete the Cleanup Summary Form online at [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) under the Litter Program tab.
- Take a look at your work at the end of the event and note how much of a difference your efforts made.
- Have fun!