

DELAWARE RIVER CLEANUP VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

THANK YOU for generosity of your time in helping to clean up our beautiful Delaware River. Please review to safety and cleanup guidelines prior to arriving and let us know if you have any questions. We will be providing cleanup supplies, light refreshments and have a limited amount of canned water for volunteers to enjoy but we ask for you to bring your own reusable water bottle.

HOW TO DRESS?

Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, closed toe shoes with good ankle support that can get wet. We will be providing gloves but bring your own if you prefer. Wear layers to adapt to changing weather conditions.

WHAT TO BE AWARE OF:

Moving water and soft mud: We ask that volunteers do not go in deeper than their knees when collecting debris and be cautious of sinking into the mud on the riverbanks.

Nature: While we all love to be in nature, please be aware of poison ivy, stinging nettle, stinging insects and always check for ticks.

Hazardous Materials: make a note of the location, use GPS maps (instructions below) and tell the Site Leader.

Unsafe Behavior: Please use gloves or pickers when picking up debris and be aware of debris with sharp areas. No standing/jumping from guardrails, walls or drainage pipes. If picking up debris along the roadways volunteers must be 16 years old and wear an orange safety vest.

CLEAN UP PROCEDURE

Please bring the debris/recycling to the towpath or back to the parking areas

RECYCLING: *USE CLEAR BAGS*

Glass: whole, unbroken glass. Broken glass thrown in trash. Leave pieces of glass are smaller than your hand.

Aluminum, Tin and bi-metal cans

Scrap Metal: Leave large pieces in a separate pile or use black/orange bags to separate

Sorry but NO PLASTIC will be accepted as recyclable.

TRASH: *USE BLACK OR ORANGE BAGS*

Please use the check list that will be provided to keep track of what is collected. That information is used by NJ Clean Communities to help guide future efforts.

WHAT TO AVOID:

Any questionable/potentially hazardous items **DO NOT REMOVE**. This could include car batteries, closed buckets/pails and needles. If you do find any of these items, please notify the Site Leader who you registered with. If possible, note the location by:

Using Google maps stand at the location of the items; press gently on the map until a GPS location shows up in the top line; go to the bottom line and look for the < share symbol and share with- (Hunterdon County Hazardous Waste). If it allows a description, put one in.