

VOLUNTEER CLEANUP SAFETY CHECKLIST

Adopt-A-Block & Neighbourhood Cleanup Party

Review these safety items with volunteers prior to the start of your cleanup.

COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- If you are sick or caring for someone who is sick, please stay home.
- Maintain a 2-metre (6 feet) physical distance from others at all times.
- If it is not possible to maintain a 2-metre physical distance from others, wear a non-medical mask or face covering (recommended).
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after your cleanup.
- Bring hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into the crease of your elbow.

GENERAL SAFETY

- Watch for vehicles and bicycles.
- Obey traffic regulations. Cross streets at intersections or marked crosswalks.
- Ensure minors are supervised by an adult at all times.
- Work in pairs if possible.
- No alcohol and/or drugs.
- Keep an adequate supply of water.
- Bring sunscreen.
- Report injuries to your coordinator immediately.
- Never reach into any area that you cannot see into clearly, like bushes, ivy or ground cover.

VOLUNTEER CLOTHING

- Wear high-visibility vest or other bright clothing at all times (mandatory).
- Wear appropriate footwear (work boots preferred). NO sandals or open-toed shoes.
- Wear protective gloves (mandatory) and face masks (recommended).
- Dress appropriately for the weather. Avoid restrictive clothing.
- Avoid use of headphones or earbuds.

CONTACT NUMBERS	
In the event of an accident or emergency	9-1-1
Needle Pickup Hotline	604-657-6561
Adopt-a-Block & Neighbourhood Cleanup Party Information	604-871-6443
Large Items or Hazardous Waste	3-1-1 or use VanConnect app

PROPER HANDLING OF MATERIALS	
ITEM	HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE THE ITEM VOLUNTEERS MUST WEAR GLOVES AT ALL TIMES.
NEEDLES/SYRINGES	Do not pick up under any circumstances. Leave the needle where it is and call the Needle Hotline (604-657-6561).
BROKEN GLASS OR OTHER SHARP OBJECTS	Use a litter picker (tongs) or sweep the glass into a dustpan, then wrap in newspaper before placing in garbage bag.
USED CONDOMS	Use a litter picker (tongs) and place in garbage bag.
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (e.g. medical waste, flammables, chemicals, demolition materials, dead animals, excrement, asbestos, oil stoves)	Do not handle hazardous materials. Report hazardous materials by calling 3-1-1 or use the VanConnect app.
USED GLOVES, FACE MASKS, TISSUES AND WIPES	Use a litter picker (tongs) and place in garbage bag.
LARGE OR HEAVY ITEMS	Do not attempt to lift large or heavy items. Report abandoned large items by calling 3-1-1 or use the VanConnect app.