

Schoolyard clean-up

🎯 Objective

Waste can take centuries to break down! Cleaning the schoolyard is a great way to educate students about the negative effects of litter on the environment and the ways to get things moving.

👜 Materials in the kit

- Model letter for the parents (flash drive)
- Poster on clean-up safety (on the back)
- 20 Gloves (in the black bag)

🏠 Materials to procure

- More Gloves if needed
- Bags
- Vests

☰ Procedure

Step 1: Prepare

- Announce the date of the event, its purpose and its benefits.
- Obtain parental consent using the model letter for the parents.
- Entrust the green brigade with the mandate to raise awareness about the environmental effects of litter using the “Did you know?” booklet.
- Inspect the premises: Check for possible hazards and think about the measures that can be taken to reduce the risks.
- Procure gloves, bags and vests.
- Determine how many and which teachers will supervise the students during the clean-up activity.
- Place recycling bins, garbage cans and compost bins (where applicable) in the main areas of the schoolyard.

Step 2: Realization

- Think of safety first! Talk to the students about items they should **NOT** pick up (glass shards, syringes, etc.) and insist on safety around the parking areas and along the roads (see the poster on the back).
- Form waste collection teams in various areas of the schoolyard.
- Set clear limits before starting the clean-up.
- Clean while having fun: Organize a treasure hunt during the clean-up, assign a clothing colour to each team, award prizes in specific categories (the most waste collected, the best team spirit, the most original piece of waste, etc.).
- After the clean-up, make sure all the students wash their hands well.

Step 3: After the clean-up

- To track the results of the big clean-up, count the number of bags of waste and weigh each bag. Communicate the results to the participants.
- Contact the public works department of the community to ensure that all bags of waste are properly collected.

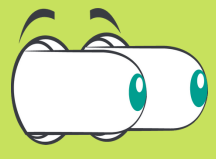


SCHOOLYARD CLEAN-UP: SAFETY MEASURES

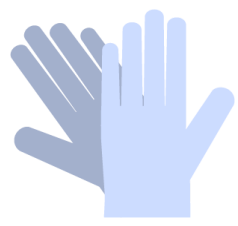


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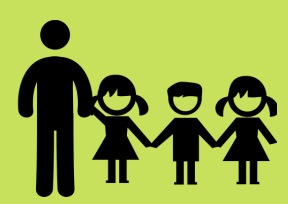
Inspect the premises and pay attention to any possible danger.



Bring the appropriate safety equipment.



Make sure you have enough supervisors in the group.



Contact public works to organize the collection of your garbage.

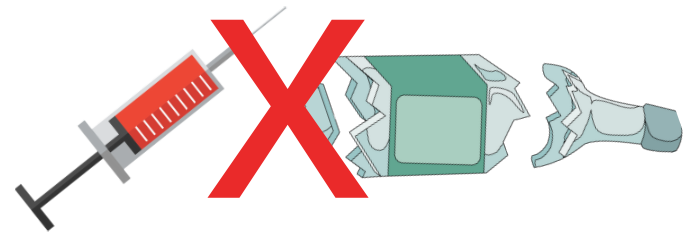


DURING

Monitor the participants carefully and do not leave children on their own.



Do not pick up hazardous waste.



Be careful near the traffic lanes.



Wash your hands.

