

HOW TO HOST YOUR OWN CLEANUP

Steps:

Pick your space

This could be somewhere in the community where you have seen a lot of traffic or litter. The more popular the area, often the more polluted and the more attention you can attract. You can also pick an area and make the cleanup a regular event, results from this same location over time can be used to understand the effects of policy or time on pollution.

Pick a time

Set a date and time!

Advertise

Consider posting your event in community forums, in the newspaper, on social media, or around town to let the community know! Also, partnering with school clubs, athletes, or local businesses is great!



MATERIALS:

- 3-gallon buckets for debris collection (approx. 1 for every volunteer)
- Barbecue tongs for debris pick up (approx. 1 for every volunteer)
- Reusable gloves for volunteers (ex. use reusable dishwashing gloves and sanitize them after a cleanup event.)
- Pocket knife (to untangle nets or debris)
- Large garbage bags
- Snacks + water for volunteers!
- Hand sanitizer
- Tarp for setup
- Sharps / Biohazards container
- Scale

Clean up

- Set up all materials on a large tarp with hand sanitizer for volunteers to grab
- Designate a time of return for your group at the meeting place
- Designate your area: if you are in a huge park- maybe limit people to a mile transect.
- Volunteers use gloves, buckets, and tongs to pick up debris

Analyze your Data

- Spread findings on a tarp and sort via category listed on the Rozalia Project Marine Debris Data Card
- Use the RP Marine Debris Data card to analyze and categorize your results. Upload your results to the Rozalia Project Marine Debris App!
- After analysis, weigh your total debris in large garbage bags and appropriately dispose of or recycle it.
- Consider conducting a public sort as a way to gain attention while analyzing data