

Litter Cleanup Preparation

1. For litter removal, register your cleanup with DPW's Helping Hands program.
2. Share the date, location and time with participants.
3. Secure any needed supplies; you only need gloves and a bag for a successful cleanup!

Day-of Instructions

1. **Become a community scientist! Track your impact with this data card.** Divide into teams of 2 or more. One person can pick up litter while another person counts the items as you go. Mark each item as a tally as you clean up.
2. **Ensure participants follow safety instructions.**
 - a. Make sure minors are supervised by adults at all times.
 - b. If a litter item is stuck, do not attempt to free it with force.
 - c. Never reach into any area that you cannot see into clearly (ivy, brush, bushes).
 - d. Watch for vehicles, bicycles and scooters; obey traffic signs and regulations.
3. After your cleanup, responsibly dispose of the litter collected.

Event Information

Group Name:	
Group Type:	
Cleanup Date:	
Number of Volunteers:	

AN ESTIMATED 1.2 MILLION LBS OF TRASH ENTERS THE ANACOSTIA RIVER ANNUALLY.

Litter Data Collection

Every piece of data you log is as powerful as every piece of litter you collect. The data tells the story and your cleanup shows the impact.

NECESSARY DATA

Weight of Trash:	
Number of Trash Bags:	
Number of Recycling Bags:	
Most Common Type of Trash:	LITTER TYPE AND QUANTITY
2nd Most Common Type of Trash:	LITTER TYPE AND QUANTITY
3rd Most Common Type of Trash:	LITTER TYPE AND QUANTITY
Number of Tires:	

ADDITIONAL DATA

Number of Plastic Bottles:	
Number of Retail Plastic Bags:	
Number of Other Plastics Bags:	
Number of Foam Food and Drink Items:	
Number of Other EPS Foam (white or back coarse foams):	
Number of Other non-EPS foam (any other foams)	
Number of Food and Drink Packaging:	
Number of Straws:	
Number of Cutlery:	
Number of Other Hard Plastic items:	
Number of Balls:	
Number of PPE:	
Number of Personal Hygiene Items:	

After your cleanup, take a photo of this data card and send it to trash@dc.gov or upload your data at bit.ly/3EnUMeG.



8 MILLION METRIC TONS OF PLASTIC ENTERS THE OCEAN ANNUALLY.