



CLEAN-UP CONNECTIONS PARTICIPANT GUIDE: Safety and Logistics Best Practices and Data Reporting *(and legal disclaimers...)*

SAFETY FIRST!

Each volunteer organization has their own safety policies and protocols. Please follow them.

If you choose to do a cleanup around your neighborhood, without an umbrella organization, that's great. Please do note that you are on your own. AOR is not organizing cleanups and you choose to participate at your own risk. Please follow COVID safety and Cleanup Safety best practices noted in the graphic below.

The City of Portland's Green Streets program has a great safety video. Check it out here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnkpXv4Wmyg&t=203s>



Cleanup safety best practices

- Be Visible
 - Bright colors, or safety vest
 - Work in a distanced group if you can
 - Stay off the street (except when you need to cross it)
- Don't pick up
 - What you can't identify
 - Sharps
 - Hazardous waste
- Respect
 - Houseless materials
 - Interacting with those you meet along the way



CLEANUP LOGISTICS

Tools – proper tools go a long way. Depending on the cleanup, a trash bag and gloves could work fine. For routine cleanups, a 5-gallon bucket, gloves and a vest for safety. A trash picker-upper seen being used above can be helpful. Pro-tip, it's worth spending a little bit more for durability.

Route – choosing one where there's public trash cans along the way, finding a business who's up for tossing some waste in their bin, or bringing back to your home. Routes that have slow traffic and sidewalks if possible.

Reward – cleanups can be a great way to meet other people. Make them fun and interactive. Walking cleanup party is not a bad mantra. Ice cream or favorite beverages can help motivate.

We encourage participation in cleanups with the organizations such as [SOLVE](#), [Surfrider](#), [AdoptOneBlock](#) featured in our webinar on June 15 and other orgs around the state. If participating physically isn't possible, supporting cleanup organizations financially through membership or donations helps support their efforts in cleaning up litter around the state.



Cleanup logistics best practices

- Tools
 - 5-gallon bucket
 - Vest / bright colors and gloves
 - Trash-picker upper
- Route
 - Where will you dump waste along the way?
- Reward
 - Make it fun! Popsicles, ice cream, beverage of choice?
 - The art of the walking cleanup party

WE WANNA KNOW WHAT YOU DID! (there's prizes...)

We REALLY want to know about your cleanup experience! Whether you participated in an organized cleanup, or worked to clean up your favorite trail all on your own, we want to hear – and SEE – all about it!

Using the hashtag #AORcleanupconnections , post pics of your efforts to Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or Twitter. Let us and everyone see what you were able to collect.

Please fill out an easy form on the AOR website where you can tell us a bit more about your clean up. There you can share specific details, like how much you collected and the oddest and most abundant item found.

This data will help us in the waste world know not only where we need to be a better job, but also which materials are littering our landscape most. More importantly (maybe), is that we'll use this information to award prizes at the end of the summer cleanup season!

We'll be awarding prizes for:

- The most materials collected overall;
- The oddest item found during a cleanup (as judged by the AOR Events Planning Committee); and
- Random drawing will be made from all participants.

Remember, pics or it didn't happen so be sure to click while you clean up and share!

Visit <https://oregonrecyclers.wufoo.com/forms/aorcleanupconnections-data-reporting/> to share your data and upload pics! We'll share on social media and our website and newsletters.

The Legalese...

Assumption of Risk/Release of Indemnification

You understand that any participation in litter cleanup activities (“cleanups”), either with an organization or on your own, is on a strictly volunteer basis. By participating in any cleanup event promoted by the Association of Oregon Recyclers (“AOR”), including any event promoted as part of the AOR Cleanup Connections event, you do hereby Release, Waive, and forever Discharge and Hold Harmless AOR and its assigns and successors, including any of its members, officers, directors, staff, employees, contractors and/or its agents, from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from participation in cleanup activities promoted by AOR.

Participation in cleanups carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but some of the inherent risks include, but are not limited to: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains; 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions; 3) insect bites, infection by parasite, and other insect-borne diseases; and 4) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. In-person activity during the COVID-19 pandemic carries enhanced risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid illness or injuries. Participant understands the inherently dangerous nature of the activities described herein and hereby expressly agrees to assume the risk of any injury or harm or loss, including monetary damages and/or attorney’s fees, that may arise from participation in such activities; and further agrees to Release AOR from liability for any and all injury/injuries, illness, death, or monetary or property damages resulting from participation in any cleanup activity.

AOR cannot guarantee safety or immunity from the coronavirus. In addition to the above enumerated risks, and given the extraordinary nature of the coronavirus pandemic, participation in cleanup activities may bear additional risk of: • Exposure resulting in infection from the coronavirus, other viruses or bacteria; and/or, • Quarantine or other inability to travel.

By participating in cleanup activities, the participant acknowledges all possible risks of harm and further agrees to observe any state or local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations and/or best practices promulgated either by the state or AOR to minimize the risk of injury. Participation in any cleanup means that you have read, understood and agree to the Terms of this Release.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this ____ day of ____, 202_ by the below-named Participant hereby releases the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a nonprofit entity organized under the laws of the state of Oregon, from any and all liability or damages arising from or related to participation in cleanup activities.

1. Participation in litter cleanup activities ("cleanups"), either with an organization or individually, is on a strictly volunteer basis. By participating in any cleanup event promoted by the Association of Oregon Recyclers ("AOR"), including any event promoted as part of the AOR Cleanup Connections event, the below-signed Participant agrees to Release, Waive, and forever Discharge and Hold Harmless AOR and its assigns and successors, including any of its members, officers, directors, staff, employees, contractors and/or its agents, from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from participation in cleanup activities promoted by AOR.
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5. Participant hereby agrees to Release and forever discharge AOF from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services or medical aid rendered in connection with an emergency during participation with a cleanup activity.
6. Participant expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Oregon and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of the State of Oregon. In the event any clause or provision herein is deemed invalid, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

By signing below and/or participating in a cleanup event, I (the named Participant) agree that I have read and understood and agree to enter into this Release and Waiver of Liability knowingly and voluntarily.

Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Participant