

Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Conduct a safety meeting for all participants prior to each cleanup

-  Always wear gloves and protective clothing.
-  Be careful when handling broken glass, sharp objects, aerosol cans, etc.
-  Be mindful of sharp objects in trash bags.
-  Do not disturb any drum containers – report their location to the coordinators.
-  Watch for snakes, wasps, hornets and poison ivy in debris piles or vegetated areas.
-  Use common sense about lifting or tugging heavy objects.
-  Never work alone.
-  Report any accidents or injuries to the coordinators immediately.
-  Ask permission if entering private property identifying yourself as a volunteer.
-  Never drink from the stream.
-  Watch your step! Be aware of wet rocks, hills, and slopes and never put your hands or feet in places where you cannot see.
-  Do not touch anything that looks toxic - report the item to 615-862-8418.
-  Leave downed trees alone, unless they are causing flooding or erosion.
-  Children may participate with proper supervision by an adult and parental/guardian signature.
-  Stay clear of homeless camps, construction areas, etc.
-  Do not enter confined spaces such as tunnels or culverts.
-  Do not attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash.