



Craven County
North Carolina

Craven County Clean Sweep Volunteer **Safety** Guide to Picking up Litter

Volunteering to pick up litter can be a rewarding and fun experience for all involved. However, there are some safety rules and guidelines that everyone should follow to make these efforts enjoyable and safe.

This kit includes: **1 bucket, 2 grabbers, 2 safety vests, 4 large bags, 2 pairs of gloves, and this safety guide.**

DO your part to safely participate:

- Wear closed toe shoes
- Bring water for hydration
- Bring a phone or camera to document what you clean up
- Wear sunscreen and comfortable, loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pants
- Always face traffic so you and the drivers can see each other
- Be on the lookout for natural hazards

DO NOT pick up or do the following:

- Poison Ivy or thorny plants
- Enter high vegetation (the home of snakes and other wildlife)
- Enter streams, ponds, lakes, marshes, or other bodies of water
- Eat **any** berries or mushrooms you find
- Pick up trash in the street or walk through traffic
- Return the bucket dirty

DO NOT pick up or interact with the following hazards:

- Needles and/or syringes
- Guns or knives
- Razor blades or broken glass
- Closed or sealed buckets and plastic or metal drums
- Dead animals

Kids: If you find dangerous or hazardous items, please stay away and tell an adult with your group!

Adults:

If you're in the City of New Bern

If you find weapons or drugs/paraphernalia, take note of the location and report it immediately to the **New Bern Police Department** by calling **252-633-2020**.

If you're outside the City of New Bern

Please call or text Pam Hawkins with Craven County Clean Sweep at **252-658-7620** or email **phawkins@cravencountync.gov**.

KEEP CRAVEN COUNTY CLEAN.
DON'T LITTER!

HAZARD IDENTIFIER

This is a non-exclusive list of hazards you might encounter. If you find one, please follow the instructions below, based on your location.

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syringes



firearms



razor blades



Poison Oak



Poison Sumac



sealed drum



paint bucket



dead animals



Poison Ivy

AFTER YOUR CLEANUP

- Clean and dry the bucket before you return it
- Return the remaining contents to the bucket and secure the lid
- You are responsible for disposing of any trash bags you use
- If you're part of a large group, coordinate with Craven County Clean Sweep for trash bag pick up: **252-658-7620** or email **phawkins@cravencountync.gov**
- Complete the survey and upload your before and after pictures, so Craven County Clean Sweep can keep track of which areas have been tidied!