

## **Safety Tips for Volunteer Litter Clean-up**

Litter clean-up can potentially expose you to hazards along your route. Please review the safety tips below and always be aware of your surroundings to help keep yourself safe while you help keep our city clean.

### **Equipment**

The City of Mill Creek will provide equipment to help perform clean-up in the safest way possible.

#### **Items include:**

- Safety vests
- Sign - Litter Crew Ahead
- Nitrile gloves
- A-frames
- First Aid Kit
- Trash grabbers.
- Yellow pin flags to mark hazardous items.
- Case with documents

#### **It's essential to wear appropriate clothing!**

##### **In addition to a safety vest and gloves, we highly recommend:**

- Close-toed shoes
- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Bright/light colors for visibility

#### **Be safe and aware of your surroundings:**

- DO NOT go into the street or gutters to pick up trash; stay on the sidewalks or pathways.
- Do not go behind buildings, fences, or private property to pick up trash.
- Always wear a safety vest.
- Walk with at least one partner.
- Have a cell phone with you.
- If at any time you feel unsafe, please leave the area and report any suspicious activity by calling 911.

#### **Hazardous materials:** Please place a yellow pin flag near all hazardous items.

- Do NOT pick up needles, syringes, or broken glass.
- Do NOT pick up dead animals (please report them to the Mill Creek PD non-emergency message line at 425-407-3999).
- Do NOT pick up batteries or any dangerous materials.
- Avoid poisonous plants.

#### **Other tips:**

- Leave trash bags at the beginning or end of the clean-up area.
- Only go out in daylight and during safe weather conditions.
- Have water, use sunscreen, and take breaks when needed.
- Do NOT block sidewalks or driveways with bags or equipment.
- Notify our volunteer coordinator of any concerns or issues via email at [volunteer@millcreekwa.gov](mailto:volunteer@millcreekwa.gov).

**Thank you for helping to keep Mill Creek a clean and beautiful place!**