

Take Action – Host a Trash Bash!



Materials Needed: A safety vest and set of gloves for each person, bag or container for collecting litter, pencil or pen

Directions:

- A. Safety First: Ask one or more grown-ups to go with you for safety. Wear gloves to protect your hands and closed-toe shoes to protect your feet.
- B. Trash-Walk: Go for a walk in your neighborhood or a nearby park. Invite friends to go along. Let the cleanup fun begin!
- C. Collect Litter: As you walk, keep an eye out for litter. Pick up safe items and put them in your collection container. Ask the grown-up to inspect or handle any sharp, broken, or unsafe items.
- D. Categorize: Back home, spread out the litter, and decide if each item can be recycled or if it should go to the landfill. You can also conduct the Trash Tally at this time.
- E. Sort: Put recyclables in a recycling bin and landfill items in the trash.
- F. Clean Up: After sorting, wash your hands. If gloves are reusable, make sure they are washed. Be safe and clean!

1. What was the most surprising litter item you found? Draw a picture of the item in the space below.

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2. What might have made it easier for the person to put the trash item in the right place? Write your idea on the lines below.
