

## TIPS FOR A SAFE CLEANUP

Please make sure all of the participants in your group read the following safety precautions before taking part in your clean up. While cleaning up litter is really important for the health and appearance of our environment, your safety has to come first.

### COVID 19 NEW SAFETY INFO

- Only clean up with members of your household
- Practice physical distancing (2 metre distancing from others)
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment including gloves (provided) and masks
- Avoid touching your face and wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently



Protect your hands from sharp objects by wearing good quality work gloves, with either a rubberized or leather palm. Wear sturdy, closed-toe footwear, and long pants.



If you are cleaning up near a roadway, wear a safety vest to make sure drivers can see you.



Avoid reaching into areas (bushes, dark water, etc.) where visibility is difficult. Use a stick or tool to avoid the possibility of injury from hidden sharp objects. If you can't get an item safely, please leave it alone.



Keep solid containers on hand for sharp objects (glass, metal, etc.)  
Pick up only with proper protection and tools.



### **If you find a needle/syringe:**

- **Do not touch it** - leave the needle where it is.
- Mark the spot so it will be easy for others to see.
- Make a detailed description of where the needle is located.
- Call Superior Points at 625-8831 or 625-7996 for pick-up.



Report large items (tires, car batteries, appliances, etc.) to EcoSuperior so we can arrange to have them picked up (please email [melissa@ecosuperior.org](mailto:melissa@ecosuperior.org) with specific details about items and location). Large and odd-shaped items must be left in a location that is visible and accessible by vehicle (ie. Roadside, boulevard, adjacent to a parking area).



Keep a first aid kit on hand.



If you find an abandoned shopping cart, please report it directly to the identified retailer. Their contractors will retrieve them.



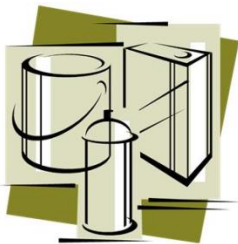
It is important to sort the recyclable materials you find properly in the blue bags provided.

If you plan to put the recyclables out for curbside pickup, please place your recycling in blue bags using the following guidelines:

1. **Paper Products** - Newspapers, Flyers, Junk Mail, Magazines, Soft Cover Books, Fine Paper, Paper Egg Cartons, Boxboard (ex. Cereal boxes) etc.
2. **Containers** - Pop Cans, Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes, Metal Cans, Glass Bottles & Jars, ALL #1 & #2 plastic containers
3. **Cardboard** - no bag required; please flatten and bundle

If you plan to use the depots (Mountdale Avenue at Walsh St., Front St., or Solid Waste & Recycling Facility), you will be required to sort your recyclables upon arrival according to the following bins:

- Paper
- Glass
- Cardboard/Boxboard
- Tetra-paks & milk cartons
- Metal cans
- Aluminum cans
- ALL #1 and #2 plastic containers



It is important to separate hazardous waste (ex. Household cleaners, aerosols, automobile fluids, pharmaceuticals, etc.) from the other litter you collect. These materials can be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Solid Waste & Recycling Facility at 5405 Mapleward Road, which is free to use and is open year round.

Household batteries may be brought to the following locations:

- Hazardous Waste Depot at the Solid Waste & Recycling Facility
- EcoSuperior

**Please Note:** Each person cleaning up is responsible for organizing their own clean up, including ensuring the safety of their participants. EcoSuperior and the City of Thunder Bay provide support for community-wide litter clean up efforts during *Spring Up to Clean Up*, in the form of bags, prizes and public recognition.