

Tips for Neighborhood Cleanups

Organizing a neighborhood clean-up is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors and beautify your neighborhood at the same time.



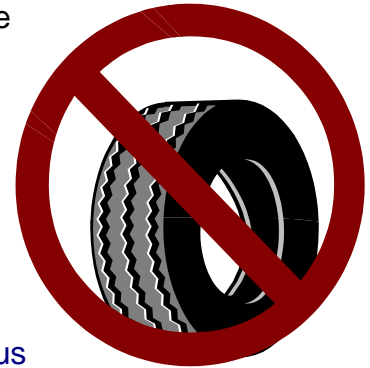
Neighborhood Services grants are available to help off-set the costs of doing a clean-up. Grant applications are due the 15th of month prior to your event. For more grant information go to www.fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices.

The following are Neighborhood Services suggestions when planning a neighborhood cleanup:

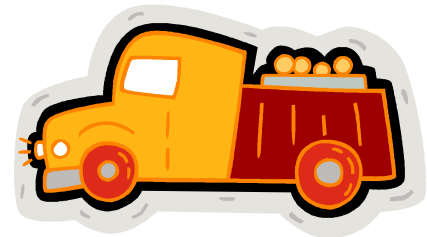
- ❑ Consider applying for a neighborhood mini-grant from the Neighborhood Services. Mini-grants are available from \$25-\$500. Contact our office for more information or visit our web site at www.fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices.
- ❑ Notify Neighborhood Services at least **two weeks in advance** of your scheduled clean-up so that the appropriate arrangements can be made with the Larimer County Landfill in order to waive half of the tipping fees for the roll-off containers. Neighborhood Services will need to know the **location, date and trash hauler and neighborhood contact person** to complete the arrangements with the Landfill. You must have a letter in hand that the trash hauler will carry when dumping the roll-off container.
- ❑ Contact multiple trash haulers to see who will give you the best price for your roll-off containers. Depending on the geographical area of your neighborhood cleanup, you may need between 2-4 roll-offs for an all-day event. **Get a contract from the hauler so everyone is clear on what the cost covers. Although the landfill picks up half the dump charge the remaining \$78.45 per roll-off must be covered.**
- ❑ Locate a site (school, church, or other large paved area) that is large enough to accommodate roll-off containers and traffic flowing in and out of the location and make sure you get permission to hold your event there.
- ❑ Arrange to complete the event in one day. Roll-offs left overnight become an attractive nuisance and people will dump early and during the night. This may

mean having to pay drivers overtime. It's important that roll-offs are dropped off and picked up on the same day.

- ❑ Have appropriate signage directing traffic in and out of the location.
- ❑ Have a first aid kit on hand at the event.
- ❑ Arrange to have **8-12 volunteers** to help on the day of the clean-up. Specific volunteers can be assigned different duties during the event, such as:



- Calling for additional roll-offs and supervising what is deposited in the roll-off containers – **no hazardous waste, paint, liquids, items over six feet in length, appliances that contain Freon, and tires**;
- Supervising the entrance and screening participants to prevent non-residents of your neighborhood taking advantage of your clean-up, i.e., asking participants for their address and/or coupon (if one was provided in a neighborhood newsletter), giving out a coupon for participants who plan to return with an additional load;
- Supervising traffic control during the event, especially when roll-off containers are delivered and removed;
- Assisting participants to unload their vehicles when necessary;
- Coordinating a “swap and drop” (should you choose to offer one), including monitoring items to ensure they are of suitable quality for exchange or reuse, and coordinating a charity organization to pick up the unwanted items at the end of the event; and
- Supervising clean-up of the location after the event. Remember to leave it cleaner than you found it.



- ❑ Consider organizing a social event for everyone at the end of the clean-up – pizza and ice cream always hit the spot after a hard day at the neighborhood clean-up!



- ❑ An additional idea – organize a leaf pick-up in the fall. Some trash haulers will offer services for a leaf clean-up. Check with them when you call to make your neighborhood clean-up arrangements.



Thanks for organizing a neighborhood clean-up!
Remember, you can copy fliers and newsletters advertising
your clean-up for free at the Neighborhood Services office!



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