



# ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

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**KEY BENEFITS**

**Conservation Skills**

Improves local spaces while teaching practical conservation.

**Teamwork**

Builds teamwork and pride through visible community impact.

**Environmental Awareness**

Increases awareness of pollution and sustainable habits.

**Civic Responsibility**

Encourages civic responsibility and active citizenship.

**KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES****Sharps & Biohazards**

- ✓ Briefing on sharps protocol before activity
- ✓ Sharps container carried by supervisor
- ✓ Never touch needles - report to adult
- ✓ Gloves and litter pickers used at all times

**Traffic & Roads**

- ✓ High-visibility vests worn near traffic
- ✓ Adult supervision at road boundaries
- ✓ Work away from live traffic where possible
- ✓ Clear boundaries communicated to group

**Water & Terrain**

- ✓ Exclusion zones near water edges
- ✓ Site recce identifies unstable areas
- ✓ Sturdy footwear required
- ✓ Throw line available near water

**Weather Exposure**

- ✓ Weather checked before activity
- ✓ Water breaks scheduled
- ✓ Sun protection required in summer
- ✓ Activity duration limited

**PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST****Risk Assessment**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and review risk assessment for this activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures |   |

**Pre-Activity**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site recce completed | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather checked      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permissions obtained | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharps briefing done |

**Equipment**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves provided      | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter pickers issued  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hi-vis if near roads | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharps container ready |

**Supervision**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ratios appropriate | <input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries set      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication plan | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid available |

**After Activity**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands washed          | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment collected |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste disposed safely | <input type="checkbox"/> Incidents recorded  |



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