

Community Clean-Up

Learn the importance of keeping your play space clean by helping to clean-up nearby parks and playgrounds.

Age Appropriateness:

- 9 and up

Key Topics:

- Littering
- Maintenance
- Recycling
- Community Knowledge

Skills:

- Community Value
- Responsibility

Materials:

Trash bags, gloves

Action Time:

2 hours

Resources:

<http://www.cpia.ca/anti-litter/>

OBJECTIVES

- Explore places to play within walking distance of your own playground.
- Pick up trash and recyclables in an outdoor community space.



Discussion

Start by locating outdoor community gathering spaces: playgrounds, parks, trails, picnic areas. Select at least one area that has debris and litter. Make necessary calls to local officials to get permission to help clean-up the area. Discuss with the youth a plan for trash disposal and recyclables found during clean-up effort. Arrange proper transportation to and from the site. Is it in walking/biking distance? Research litter and how it effects people and the community.

Action

- Youth, parents, staff members, community members all embark on a clean-up effort for the community.
- Recycle appropriate items and dispose of the rest.
- Take before and after photos to document the site transformation.

Reflection

To reflection on this activity, make a list of observations made during the outing. The students should also create an anti-litter club/group. They should get started on ideas of how to keep the play space cared for and free of litter and discuss what they learned from this activity.