



Clean Communities Grant Program



Litter and illegal dumping continue to impact communities, creating not only visual blight but also potential public health and environmental concerns. Through funding provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Clean Communities Program offers a structured opportunity to address these issues while enhancing the quality of life in Montclair.

Volunteer groups that commit to cleaning a designated public area are eligible to receive a \$250 grant to support their organization. All materials necessary to conduct the cleanup—including bags, gloves, and coordination support—will be provided by the Township. Eligible groups include, but are not limited to, Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts, schools, faith-based organizations, civic associations, and youth sports leagues. Cleanup activities must focus on litter removal and may also include minor graffiti abatement. Groups of 12 or more may request additional funding support.

Up to 15 grants will be awarded annually on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must include “before” photographs of the proposed cleanup site. Following completion, participating groups are required to submit “after” photographs, along with a volunteer sign-in sheet. Collected materials must be staged at a pre-approved location for pickup by the Department of Community Services (DCS), with trash and recyclables separated and clearly identified.

Volunteer Organization Guidelines

1. Group agrees to provide a minimum of 6 workers.
2. Group agrees to provide one (1) adult supervisor for every ten (10) workers under the age of 17.
3. All volunteers are required to sign a Montclair Township [Volunteer waiver and application](#). Volunteers under 18 years old must have this waiver form signed by a parent/guardian.
4. Each group participant is expected to work a minimum of two (2) hours.
5. All recyclable materials (bottles, cans, newspapers, cardboard, glass, tires) must be separated from debris.
6. Recyclable materials and non-recyclable debris must be separated, weighed independently, and the weights recorded and submitted to the Township of Montclair.
7. All recyclable material becomes the property of Montclair Township.
8. Bags and gloves will be provided by Montclair Township. Gloves and unused bags are to be returned to Montclair Township upon completion of the clean-up.
9. Pick up of litter/recyclables collected will be at designated locations as determined by Montclair Township.



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Name of Group: _____

Group Contact Name, Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Alt. Phone (cell): _____

Contact Email: _____

Approximate participants over 17 _____ Approximate participants under 17 _____

Does your group host a social media presence? If so, provide details so we can connect:

Project Location*: _____

Please Describe Litter Problems at the Site*: _____

Additional Notes/Requests: _____

Cleanup Date: _____ Start time: _____

*Montclair Township reserves the right to determine final project location

I certify that I have read the Montclair Township Clean Communities Program Guidelines and that the above group will comply with these guidelines in the performance of the agreed upon project.

Name (print)

Title

Signature

Date



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Volunteer Sign-In Sheet

(This form must be completed and submitted with all necessary volunteer waivers BEFORE the clean-up date. This same form must be resubmitted with necessary signatures following the clean-up date)

Name of Participant	Address of Participant	Initials **Complete on Clean-Up Day**
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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the “Release”) executed by the “Volunteer” in favor of The Township of Montclair. The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for the Township and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer. The Volunteer understands that the activities may include may include the following: The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

RELEASE AND WAIVER: Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the TOWNSHIP and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer’s Activities with the township. Volunteer understands that this Release discharges Township from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against the Township with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer’s Activities with the Township, whether cause by the negligence of Township or its officers, directors, employees or agents or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that Township does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistant or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

MEDICAL TREATMENT: Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge Township from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer’s Activities with the Township.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK: The Volunteer understand that the Activities included work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer

Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and releases the Township from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

INSURANCE: The Volunteer understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by the Township in writing, the Township does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer. Each Volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE: Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto the Township all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the Township during the Volunteer’s Activities with the Township, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. Volunteer also hereby releases the Township to publish any and all images and recordings taken by the Township staff and volunteers in which the Volunteer appears, to be used by the Township for marketing and public relations purposes.

OTHER: Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of New Jersey and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release, know its contents and sign as my own free act.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD: _____