

# Group Leader Guide

## Getting Ready

1. Register your group for a collection area by visiting [www.RNeighbors.org/litterbitbetter](http://www.RNeighbors.org/litterbitbetter).
2. Instruct your group members to wear clothing appropriate for the weather and field conditions.
3. Bring your own safety gear. Gloves and vests are not provided.
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5. Be Prepared! Each group should have a cell phone, a first aid kit, plenty of drinking water, and enough trash and recycling bags to accommodate the size of the group and the collection area.
6. Have all group members sign the **Registration Waiver** before you begin collecting litter.
7. The online maps only indicate general locations for litter pick-up; they do not define specific property boundaries. Ask permission before going on private property!
8. If groups are planning to collect outside of event dates please contact 507-254-8169 to coordinate a location and garbage pick-up.



## Litter Collection Day

- Wear protective gloves and clothing.
- Work as a team or with a buddy, particularly when moving heavy objects.
- Use extra caution by water and on slopes.
- Seek shelter if a storm warning is issued.
- Leave these potential dangerous waste items alone and report their location accordingly:

### Police Non-Emergency #: 507-285-8580

- Guns or knives
- Explosive devices
- Methamphetamine waste\* (see below)

### Litter Bit Better! #: 507-254-8169

- Medical waste or bandages
- Syringes or hypodermic needles
- Gas cans, oil cans, or antifreeze
- Car batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Heavy or inaccessible bulky waste

## After Litter Collection

- Complete the online Participant Survey by Friday, May 10 and be entered to win a \$20 Kwik Trip gift card! The survey is located here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019ALBB>
- Return your Participant Waiver and any unused garbage and recycling bags to any Rochester Kwik Trip no later than Monday, May 6.
- Save the date for 2020: April 25-May 3

\*A quick word about **Methamphetamine waste**, which is **extremely dangerous**. If you see abandoned containers or other questionable materials, approach them from up hill and up wind and **DO NOT TOUCH** them. The following items can be associated with methamphetamine waste: propane cylinders from gas grills with blue or green brass fittings (these may have been used to transport anhydrous ammonia and could explode causing burns or serious injury); pinkish, putty-like pill residue; face masks, rubber gloves, rubber hoses, clamps, sheets or pillow cases stained pink or red; glass baking dishes with rubber hoses attached; and solvents of any kind. **Immediately call the police non-emergency #: 507-285-8580.**

## What to Collect & Where to Put It

- Garbage goes in the green bags
- Recyclables go in the light blue bags
  - Plastic Bottles
  - Glass Bottles
  - Aluminum Cans
  - Tin Cans
  - Clean Cardboard
- Recyclable "No" (put these in the garbage bag):
  - Excessively dirty or wet cardboard or paper
  - Plastic or glass items other than bottles
  - Metal other than tin or aluminum cans
- For registered public areas, call 507-254-8169 to report where you left your filled bags and any bulky items. **Do not take filled trash bags to Kwik Trip.**
- Litter collected on private property should be placed with the property owner's dumpsters.

## Share Your Stories

- Share pick-up photos and stories on social media using #litterbitbetter or email them to [rene@rneighbors.org](mailto:rene@rneighbors.org)



For photos and updates on litter pickup go to [www.RNeighbors.org/litterbitbetter](http://www.RNeighbors.org/litterbitbetter)