

Make a Difference in Your Downtown

Participate in Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA, supporting the Great American Cleanup

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful invites local shop owners, their patrons and residents to participate in PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA from **March 1 through May 31**, to help revitalize downtown communities with litter pickups, community greening and beautification projects, such as tree and flower plantings, recycling collections and education programs. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful partners with PennDOT, the Department of Environmental Protection, and Keep America Beautiful to provide free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to registered participants, as supplies last. As part of this event, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring free or reduced cost trash disposal for registered program participants at participating landfills from **April 1 through April 30**, with prior approval.

Register at gacofpa.org. Michelle Dunn, PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Program Coordinator, can answer questions at 877-772-3673 ext. 113 or mdunn@keepbeautiful.org.

Your help is needed more than ever. The results of a recent statewide study on litter found that there are currently an estimated 500 million pieces of litter on Pennsylvania roadways; it is estimated to be comprised of over 37% cigarette butts and over 30% plastic items. Among other things, this litter affects our soil, water and the quality of life for people and animals.

The Pennsylvania Litter Research Study was conducted in 2018-2019 with funding from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, DEP, PennDOT and Keep America Beautiful and will be released in 2020. For more information about the litter study and other ways to help visit keepbeautiful.org.

Registered events can also win cash for a nonprofit or charity by entering the PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Video Contest. Visit gacofpa.org and choose Video Contest for more information.

Check out Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's newest initiative, Leaders for a Beautiful Pennsylvania – suggest it to a legislator or public official to “lead the way” in keeping our communities clean and beautiful. keepbeautiful.org/keep-it/leaders-for-a-beautiful-pa/

Join thousands of Pennsylvanians during this initiative to help keep Pennsylvania clean and beautiful.



