

2024 EARTH DAY CLEANUP INFORMATION

Spring has sprung! With that, our thoughts turn to outdoor activities, the environment, and how we can help. Thanks to Governor Dan McKee's Litter-Free RI program for Earth Day cleanups, the City of Newport Clean City Program has been awarded a microgrant to provide supplies to support Earth Day cleanups and beautification projects. The Clean City Program will have a limited supply of cleanup materials (trash bags, gloves, trash pickers & buckets) for use by volunteer groups as they help to make our City a better place to live, work and visit. The Clean City Program will again provide assistance with the coordination of trash pickup for volunteer groups who register their cleanup efforts with us.

How to sign up? It's easy! Just contact the Clean City program at CleanCity@CityofNewport.com or 401-845-5617.

What we will need to know:

- **DATE/TIME** of the cleanup (and a rain date if applicable)
- **LOCATION** – please let us know your area of interest or we can provide you with a suggestion of one of City's many beautiful parks and community spaces. We may need to prioritize based on number of responses and areas of need.
- **CONTACT PERSON** for your group and how they may be reached via cell phone on the day of the scheduled event.

What you need to know:

- Materials can be picked up (by appointment only) between Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 26th at the Clean City Office, located at 80 Halsey St during our office hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm (unless otherwise arranged).
- Your group will be provided a designated location to leave your trash/debris for collection based on which park/public space your group will be working at. It will be expected that your group tie bags closed (as best as you are able) in order to prevent all your hard work from blowing back on the ground.
- **PICTURES!** Please share a photo of your group and the results of your hard work... are we the only ones who find pictures of bags of trash exciting???
- Please submit a **post cleanup update** via email to cleancity@cityofnewport.com). It can contain information about the number of volunteers who participated, the weather, or perhaps the most interesting item found! It *needs to contain* the estimated amount of trash/debris collected (number of bags is fine) and confirmation of location trash was left (so we can ensure it was all picked up).
- Materials can be returned to the Clean City Office after your event during our office hours.

The City of Newport is a beautiful place to live and work and we appreciate our community partners' efforts in helping to keep it that way! For more information on Governor Dan McKee's Litter-Free RI Program and to sign the litter-free pledge, please visit; <https://litterfree.ri.gov/take-pledge> .