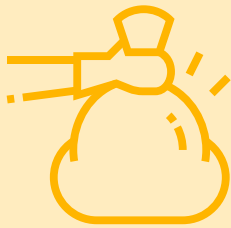




**Neighbour Week 2025**

# How do I organize a neighbourhood cleanup?



The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up is a campaign coordinated by the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway program and supported in part by the municipality. The program encourages Nova Scotians to get together to pick up litter in their community. Registered groups for the event will receive a free kit containing clear garbage bags, blue recycling bags, a limited number of nitrile gloves and a leaflet with disposal guidelines.

## How do I get my neighbourhood involved?

If you would like to help clean up litter in your neighbourhood, you can select an area you would like to clean with your neighbours and friends. If you would like to register through the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up you can register at [nsadoptahighway.ca/](https://nsadoptahighway.ca/)

## When can I do my Pick-Me-Up?

Pick-Me-Up's are usually done in the spring. This way, it's easy to see what's been hiding under the snow. However, any time of year is a good time. Litter is a year-long problem that needs your attention as much as possible.

## How to dispose of collected litter

Garbage and recyclables can be divided among participants and set out with household waste, following sorting rules. Each household can place up to six garbage bags, but there is no limit on recyclables.

Alternatively, collected garbage can be taken to the Otter Lake Waste Facility, with tipping fees waived for registered Pick-Me-Up events. To arrange a drop-off, email Solid Waste staff at [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca) at least two weeks before your event.

If neither option works for your neighbourhood, contact 311 at least two weeks in advance to request collection by municipal staff.



### Neighbourhood cleanup tips:

- protect yourselves from the environment, wear clothes toed shoes, sunscreen, bug spray and bring drinking water
- do not pick up needles or syringes with your hands
  - sharps should be disposed of in a Safe Sharps Container, available at your local pharmacy at no cost.
    - DO NOT place sharps in garbage or recycling, you can also leave sharps where you find them and report them to 311
- while taking the waste to be disposed in the back of a truck or trailer, cover the bags with a tarp and securely tie it down
- only clean recyclables can be recycled. If a recyclable is not relatively clean it should go in the garbage

For more information and inspiration on how boost connections in your neighbourhood visit: [halifax.ca/neighbourweek](http://halifax.ca/neighbourweek) or contact your area's Community Developer.

