



FAQs - Litter picking for individual volunteers

Where can I litter pick?

You can litter pick where the public have a right of entry and where it is safe, you cannot litter pick on any private property unless you have the land owner's permission.

Am I insured by the council?

No. The voluntary work you do is not covered by the council's insurance policy but you may be able to arrange your own individual cover.

How many hours do I have to litter pick?

You can choose to do an hour a week or an hour a month, whatever time you can spare will make a difference. You may be able to do some litter picking whilst out for a walk?

Can others join me litter picking?

Yes, if you wanted to arrange a larger group then ring us on 01284 763233 to check the availability of borrowing additional equipment.

Do you have any guidance on litter picking?

Full guidance on litter picking is available on our website where you can read or download a copy.

What do I do with the litter I collect?

If you have capacity then litter can be disposed of with the rest of your household waste, recycling anything that is clean and acceptable.

If you do not have space then you can use the council approved sacks supplied to you after you have registered, place these beside the appropriate wheelie bin to be collected with the rest of your household waste on your collection day.

Where do I get more bags from?

Ring us on 01284 763233 and we will arrange delivery

Can I recycle the litter I collect?

Yes, if the litter that you have collected is clean (bottles and cans have to be empty) and the items are recyclable through our recycling scheme you can separate them from the other litter for recycling. Either put the recyclable litter loose within your blue wheelie bins with your other recyclable materials or if you do not have space use a blue sack and when it's full place it beside your blue wheelie bin.

Can anyone take part in litter picking?

We can only issue equipment to residents over 18 years old. Younger participants may get involved if they are supervised and have their parents/guardians permission to take part.

What do I do if I find syringes?

Do not attempt to remove any syringes, make a note of the location and ring us on 01284 763233.

What do I do if I find broken glass?

Do not attempt to remove any broken glass, make a note of the location and ring us on 01284 763233.

What if I find fly tipping of larger items I cannot move?

Do not attempt to remove any fly tipping or larger items, make a note of the location and what items are there and ring us on 01284 763233.

If I no longer can use the equipment what do I do?

If you are no longer able to do any litter picking and still have equipment please ring us on 01284 763233 and we will arrange for it to be collected.

Can I get new equipment if mine gets broken?

We have limited amounts of equipment so we cannot guarantee any replacement equipment.