

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAYS

Caring Together/Service Projects

FOCUS	☐ Internal ☒ External
VOLUNTEER BASE	☒ General corps membership ☒ External volunteers ☒ Youth ☐ Music sections ☐ Women's ministries ☐ Seniors' ministries ☒ Social mission
TARGET POPULATION	☒ Seniors ☒ Youth ☒ People with disabilities ☐ Caregivers ☐ New Canadians ☐ Social mission ☐ Parents of babies and toddlers

Program description:

This project organizes volunteers to clean and beautify public areas, enhancing the community's appearance and fostering local pride. Activities may include litter pickup, basic landscaping, graffiti removal, and minor beautification efforts. Through visible acts of care, volunteers demonstrate practical love for their neighborhood while building stronger community ties.

What are the intended program outcomes?

- Cleaner, safer and more welcoming public spaces.
- Strengthened community relationships and church visibility.
- Increased volunteer engagement and outreach impact.
- Promotion of civic pride, care for creation and neighbourhood stewardship.

How will these outcomes be evaluated?

- Visible improvements to targeted areas (before/after photos, public feedback).
- Participation levels and repeat volunteer engagement.
- Positive community interactions and expressions of appreciation.
- Partnerships built with local organizations or municipal services.

What procedures are required to set up this program?

- Identify a location in need of clean-up (consult city or local agencies).
- Obtain any necessary permissions from local authorities or property owners.
- Promote the project to corps members and the broader community.
- Gather supplies (e.g., garbage bags, gloves, safety vests, tools).
- Assign volunteers to appropriate roles and ensure basic safety measures are in place.



Step-by-step operation plan:

1. Hold a volunteer kickoff (welcome, safety briefing, prayer).
2. Distribute supplies and assign cleanup zones.
3. Conduct cleanup (litter pickup, minor repairs, graffiti removal).
4. Dispose of waste responsibly (trash, recyclables, hazardous items).
5. Engage with local residents during the event when appropriate.
6. Conclude with a time of reflection, gratitude, and light refreshments.
7. Document outcomes with photos, stories and follow-up feedback.

Risk management and safety considerations:

- ☒ First aid kit on site.
- ☒ Emergency contact list and communication plan.
- ☒ Safety briefing at start of event.
- ☒ Liability waivers (if required by local authorities).
- ☒ Vulnerable sector protocols if youth/minors are involved.
- ☒ Volunteers should wear safety vests when working near roads.

Are there financial costs attached to providing this program?

Estimated expenses may include:

- Trash bags, gloves and safety gear.
- Cleanup tools (brooms, rakes, paint supplies).
- Snacks and water for volunteers.
- Printed promotional materials.

What physical resources will I require?

- Trash bags and recycling containers.
- Gloves and safety vests.
- Rakes, shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows.
- Paint or graffiti removal kits (if needed).
- First aid kit.
- Water station and snacks.

Would any additional training be necessary for volunteers?

- First aid/CPR (recommended for team leads).
- Basic safety guidelines (lifting, road safety, tool use).
- Vulnerable sector screening (if minors involved).
- Environmental awareness and proper disposal protocols.

For more information:

For additional guidance, resources or support in planning your program, please contact the community mission department at territorial headquarters for sample materials, best practices and consultation on outreach strategy.