

COVID-19 Cleanup Volunteer Guidance (in compliance with the Santa Clara County Public Health Order and for personal protection based on the expected hazards) *Updated Mar. 2022:*

Pre-Cleanup Event:

- If you are sick in any way, including signs or symptoms of illness DO NOT go out for a cleanup.
- At home, assemble your own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): face covering, additional gloves, and make sure to wear close-toed shoes to protect against sharp objects.
- If you need to travel to the clean-up site, take individual vehicles, if possible. If not possible, wear face coverings, at a minimum. If in a vehicle with family members, or others, that live within the same household, these vehicle protocols are not required.

Day of Cleanup Event:

- Only gather with those within your household and follow all public safety health orders. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/home.aspx>
- Maintain a social distance of at least six feet from everyone you encounter outside your household.
- Follow proper sneezing and coughing etiquette; sneeze or cough into a cloth or tissue, or, if not available, into one's elbow; and do not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
- ALWAYS wear gloves and wash them immediately after your cleanup.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Do not pick up sharp objects, especially syringes/sharps!
- You may find used gloves, masks, and other personal protective equipment (PPE) among litter.

After Cleanup:

- Dispose or wash gloves immediately after your cleanup. To properly remove disposable gloves, grab the glove opening near your wrist and pull towards your fingers, then turn the glove inside out before disposing.
- Ensure that all tools and equipment like grabbers are disinfected.
- [Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water as soon as possible](#). Hand sanitizer can be used, if soap and water are not available. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.