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## BEAUTIFY OUR 'BURGH

### Safety Guidelines

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The Beautify Our 'Burgh program encourages volunteers to always take safety precautions when collecting dangerous or unsafe litter. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

**1. Be aware of dangerous litter**

Safety is our number one concern! Dangerous or unsafe litter includes broken glass, razor blades, syringes, hazardous household products, dead animals, prophylactics, all unlabeled jugs, bottles and drums should not be handled by any volunteer. **DO NOT TOUCH ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.**

**2. Dress appropriately**

Dress for the season. Always make sure that you are wearing heavy gloves to avoid injury while cleaning. Always wear your safety vest so you are visible to drivers.

**3. Never pick up an item blindly**

If you cannot see what an item is, never reach blindly to pick-up an item. Use a tool such as a grabber or hand-rake to "identify" an item before grabbing or cleaning it.

**4. Know how to pick up dangerous or unsafe litter**

Use gloves at all times. Broken glass should be swept with a broom and picked up with a dustpan. **DO NOT TOUCH** any syringes.

**5. Do not clean litter that is in the street**

If you cannot reach it with a grabber from the curb, leave it. Eventually it will get to the curb. Never go into the street to pick up trash!

**6. Stop work after sundown or during inclement weather**

Do not continue to clean up after sunset or during inclement weather as the risk of injury is greatly increased.

**7. Avoid overexertion**

Take breaks and have plenty of water and other refreshments on site.

**8. Be prepared for emergencies**

Have a first-aid kit readily available. Be aware of your location and surroundings at all times. If you are encounter a dangerous situation, leave the area and dial 9-1-1 immediately.