

## KEEP JACKSON BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP TIPS



A cleanup takes planning to be effective. The following suggestions can help you organize for success. While some of the recommended steps may not be necessary in your neighborhood, it never hurts to be as prepared as possible. Feel free to call Keep Jackson Beautiful at 601-366-4842, if you have any questions or need assistance.

1. Complete a Keep Jackson Beautiful Neighborhood Survey. This will help you “get the facts” so you can plan a successful cleanup.
2. There are three types of neighborhood cleanups. The Neighborhood Survey is an important tool to determine which of these you need to do.

PUBLIC SPACE CLEANUP – residents pick up litter and debris along streets and in alleys. Cutting grass and removing weeds will also make a big difference in your neighborhood’s appearance. **EVERYONE SHOULD SECURELY TIE OR COVER GARBAGE.**

HOMEOWNERS CLEANUP – Individual residents clean their own property and remove old debris, old household items, appliances, etc. A dumpster can be provided by Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc. for the cleanup. A dumpster request form from Keep Jackson Beautiful is available.

CITY ASSISTED CLEANUP – You may learn from the survey that there are some problems you cannot tackle alone. Privately owned vacant lots, for example, must be reported to the City. You may also want to report junk cars. A report form is available from keep Jackson Beautiful.

Be sure to identify with special needs. Older residents and handicapped people may be eager to participate but may need a helping hand from their neighbors.

3. Coordinate the volunteers.
  - a. Divide the neighborhood into sections.
  - b. Determine size of crew needed to clean each area.
  - c. Determine transportation needs, if any, to get crews to and from their areas.
  - d. Be sure crews know when and where to assemble.
  - e. Appoint a captain for each crew.
  - f. See that volunteers wear heavy gloves and have rakes and shovels for compacted trash.
4. Publicize the cleanup.
  - a. Give a telephone number in your neighborhood where people can call for information, to volunteer, or to report heavily littered areas.
  - b. Distribute flyers to inform everyone about the cleanup.
  - c. Have announcements made at neighborhood churches and club meetings.
5. Keep careful records of the number of people involved and such things as how many hours they worked, how many bags or dumpsters they filled, how many miles they cleaned. These figures help us all appreciate what you’ve done! A report form is available from Keep Jackson Beautiful. It’s important to know as much about your efforts as possible because one of the most important steps is . . . .
6. **THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED WITH THE CLEANUP.** Celebrate! Have a neighborhood party! Take pride in your neighborhood! Pat yourselves on the back! Let Keep Jackson Beautiful know who helped so we can thank them, too.
7. After a well-deserved rest, contact Keep Jackson Beautiful to begin ongoing programs in your neighborhood to keep it clean and make it more beautiful.