



Virtual Cleanup Checklist / Tips / Rules & Regulations

Remember, safety always comes first when participating in your own cleanup whether it be at a beach, a park or your own neighborhood. Be advised – DO NOT pick up needles or any other items that make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Typically the City you are in will handle that, so you can leave it in place or you can call them and let them know of the location of the unsafe item.

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Nauticus is announcing guidelines for individuals to participate in their own cleanup as long as local governing bodies allow for cleanup access in the area you wish to do your cleanup. A virtual cleanup is defined as an individual cleanup by one person or household unit, not necessarily organized by Nauticus, but promoted as an activity for the public.

Requirements to assist you in your ability to participate in your own Virtual Cleanup:

Check that your City/State allows access to the park, neighborhood and/or beach. Make sure that active use of the park, neighborhood and/or beach is allowed under applicable laws (e.g. walking included). Make sure additional restrictions in the cleanup location are followed, e.g., open and closing times. Make sure locations are not too crowded so that you can practice social distancing (CDC 6ft requirement).

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The following rules should be followed to ensure individuals are equipped to make an educated, safe and mindful decision to conduct a virtual cleanup while following CDC public health guidance, local beach access restrictions, and EPA recommendations for properly discarding used PPE items. Visit: www.epa.gov/laws-regulations

- **Be responsible!** If you are feeling sick or generally unwell, please do not participate in a virtual cleanup.
- **What to bring:** Mask/cloth face covering, gloves, hand sanitizer, grabbers (if you have them), 2 separate collection receptacles (trash bags/buckets).
- **Remember** to stay hydrated, wear a hat, shoes and dont forget sunblock.
- **Wear a mask** or cloth face covering when in public per **CDC** recommendations.
- **Wear gloves.** This is very important for your safety and the safety of others.



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- **Grabbers** are a good way to minimize contact between your gloves and trash items. Sanitize these after use. If you don't have a grabber check your local .99 cent store and pickup a BBQ tong. These work great too.
- Refrain from touching your face or public surfaces during the cleanup.
- Properly discard of your litter items.
- Remember to use hand sanitizer after the cleanup is over, then wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- Remember to properly disinfect all reusable equipment before and after the cleanup using an EPA-approved product for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

We encourage you to continue being environmental stewards by joining our Virtual Cleanup through your personal Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please follow the guidelines above to ensure your safety. Remember: Be advised – DO NOT pick up needles or any other items that make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Once the cleanup is done, take a picture of your cleanup, upload it to your public Instagram account or Facebook page, tag Nauticus, use the hashtag, #nauticuscleanup and @nauticusnorfolk to qualify for discount admission on 4/3 & 4/4.

For more info on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Quick Links:

Nauticus Clean Up Pledge/Waiver: <https://nauticus.org/community-clean-up-day/>

Volunteer: <https://nauticus.org/volunteer-at-nauticus/>

Become a Member: <https://nauticus.org/membership/>

Make a Donation: <https://nauticus.org/support/>

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