



NEW HANOVER COUNTY PARKS & GARDENS
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Safety Rules & Guidelines for Trash Clean-up

All Volunteers Must:

- Wear an orange safety vest
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs
- Wear closed-toed shoes or boots
- Wear clothing that will not divert attention of motorists during cleanup
- Wear clothing that will not impair vision or movement during cleanup
- Be at least 16 years of age to participate in a clean up
- Stay at least five feet from the edge of the road
- Obey all safety rules and guidelines
- Face oncoming traffic when picking up litter and look up often to ensure that no vehicle is encroaching your work area
- Stay well clear of any construction
- Stop work in inclement weather
- Drink plenty of fluids– take breaks– avoid overexertion
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects and poisonous plants
- Avoid contact with noxious weeds and areas where herbicides were applied
- Use proper lifting and bending techniques

Volunteers Must Not:

- Pick up trash on the road surface
- Pick up trash on bridges, overpasses or in tunnels
- Pick up what appears to be hazardous material or any type of container with unknown contents (See “Safety Alert- Hazardous Materials” insert for more information. Notify Parks & Gardens staff if you encounter hazardous objects, holes, guy wires or other hidden obstacles in the ground.)
- Attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash (injuries from broken or jagged objects can result)



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Volunteer Policies/Liability Waiver for New Hanover County Parks & Gardens

While performing their duties, volunteers should be aware that they are representing New Hanover County, and should conduct themselves appropriately. If ever a safety or 'damage to property' incident should occur during a volunteer shift, volunteers should complete an incident report provided by Parks & Gardens Staff. All volunteers must complete and sign this waiver below before beginning work.

I, _____ (print name) will participate in

Litter clean up _____ (describe volunteer activity(s)).

By my signature, I agree to abide by New Hanover County's safety policies as well as the policies put in place by Parks & Gardens. (A copy of the NHC policy can be downloaded; <http://www.nhcgov.com/Enterprise%20Policies/Safety%20Policies.pdf>; or you may **request** a copy from the Parks Department).

RELEASE

I hereby release and forever hold harmless New Hanover County, New Hanover County Parks & Gardens, and its officers, officials, employees and agents from any responsibility, cause of action, claims and/or demands for bodily or personal injuries to myself, damage to my personal property or injury/damage to property of others caused by, growing out of, or resulting from my participation in the above described volunteer activity.

Please read this entire document before signing. This document releases New Hanover County, its officers, employees, agents and assigns from any liability from your participation in the stated volunteer activity.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Address

Phone

Email