

Keep Akron Beautiful – Akron Safety Briefing

- Use Light colored clothing and safety vests at all times when working on the right-of-way
- Heavy work gloves or plastic gloves
- Work type shoes or boots with ankle support. Tennis shoes and sandals are not recommended
- Always face oncoming traffic while you work
- DO NOT cross sections of traveled roadway
- Work together as a group. Do not separate. Each group should have a captain. Captain carries extra bags and responsible for group acting safely and communication.
- Everyone should have a “trash” bag. One person per group should have a “recycle” bag and collect empty bottles and cans only.
- DO NOT pick up items on the traveled roadway.
- Stay at least 5 feet back from the traveled portion of the roadway to pick up trash
- Don’t attempt to handle large or heavy objects, or pick up dead animals
- Be realistic in what is picked up. Nothing smaller than a bottle cap is a good guideline
- Don’t attempt to remove any known or suspected toxic materials, hazardous substances, firearms, or other weapons. Notify KAB staff of the location of such items immediately. Bottles filled with unknown liquids should be left on side of road for later disposal.
- Stay away from suspected meth lab dump sites (examples include: red stained coffee filters, pipe cutter, pliers, tubing, Lithium batteries, drain cleaner, camp fuel, empty nasal decongestant packages) sometimes in plastic garbage bags or backpacks. Mark the area and notify local police of the location immediately.
- Don’t pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles
- Be alert for places where snakes may be located, around old logs and in tall grass. Avoid these areas! Also stinging insects.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy, poison oak, and other noxious weeds
- DO NOT wander onto private property