



community Pride Trailer

How to get Started



If you love the idea of borrowing the Community Pride Trailer (CPT) for a neighborhood cleanup, beautification effort or community garden this is how you get started!

Planning Your Cleanup Event:

- Does the neighborhood landscaping need a little pick-me-up? Could the alley use a good cleaning? Is there an area for a community garden, playground or Adopt-A-Site?
- Pick a date and time for the event that fits in with the schedule of as many neighbors as possible. Choose a backup date for inclement weather. Remember there must be a minimum of **five** households involved in the project or a group of **five** volunteers.
- Involve local churches in your neighborhoods. Call your local college or school to see if they could provide volunteers.
- Make sure you plan to have at least water available for the participants. Some groups follow up the cleanup event with a neighborhood celebration.
- Make sure you recommend your participants dress for the event. Wear boots or sturdy shoes, no sandals. Wear sunscreen and if needed, insect repellent. Gloves and safety vests are available in the CPT.
- Have a work plan and a safety plan ready before you begin. What needs to be done, who or how many people are assigned to the task? What tools will they need? Where is the nearest medical facility if needed? Have emergency telephone numbers available with a cell phone.
- Take before and after pictures and send them to keepakronbeautiful@akronohio.gov
- Identify a parking area where participants who are driving in for the event can park.
- **Some extremely large clean ups may require the rental of a dumpster. KAB can refer you to several places that rent these out.**
- **Keep Akron Beautiful will pick up bagged trash from your clean up location– please call 330-375-2116 Monday morning after your cleanup with the pickup locations of the full trash bags.**
- **For all recyclable items collected, please take those to the closest Akron fire department to add to the city's recycling program.**
- **For large or immovable items, such as furniture or junk cars, please call 3-1-1 or 330-375-2311 and report that they need to be picked up prior to the cleanup day.**
- **Call Before You Dig-It's the law!**

By law, everyone must contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Services (OUPS) at least 48 hours, but not more than 10 working days, before beginning any digging or excavation work. This law includes smaller projects such as fence or sign post holes, **roto-tilling**, **tree planting** and tree root removal. Once you place the call, local utility companies will visit your site marking the location of underground lines. The service is free of charge. However, if you don't call before you dig and damage is caused, you are responsible for the full cost of repairs. Call 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1 or visit <http://www.oups.org/>

Tips:

- **Please be on time when meeting the Keep Akron Beautiful (KAB) staff for the trailer drop off and pickup. We will wait no longer than 30 minutes after your scheduled times.**
- Always use good judgment and be safe. Watch out for all of the participants. Keep them in sight.
- If something looks suspicious or dangerous, call local law enforcement. Do not pick up or touch any suspicious or dangerous item. Akron Police Department patrol cars will be told of the location of the trailer to monitor its safety overnight.
- Promote recycling during the cleanup event.
- Be sure to let us know the success of your event. We provide a Cleanup Summary Form and a return envelope with the CPT. You can also complete the Cleanup Summary Form online at www.keepakronbeautiful.org Take a look at your work at the end of the event and note how much of a difference your efforts made. Take pictures! Have fun!