



Great American Clean-Up Activities Saturday, April 18, 2009

Let's spring into action, get outdoors and do our part to make Moline clean and beautiful. In honor of the upcoming Earth Day, the City of Moline is sponsoring a clean-up event on Saturday, April 18. Volunteer organizations, neighborhood associations and Moline residents are invited to participate.

The clean-up event will focus on common areas shared by residents throughout Moline. Specifically, the areas to be cleaned are the **rights-of-ways of city streets, drainage areas and neighborhood parks.**

How do I participate in Moline's Earth Day Activities?

Groups

Large groups and organizations are asked to pre-register by calling the Moline Municipal Services Department at 309-736-5717 by April 17. This ensures that City crews will know where to go on Saturday, April 18 to pick up the litter that is collected. The City of Moline will provide vests, trash bags and disposal of all items collected on April 18.

Individuals

Residents are also encouraged to pick up loose litter in their neighborhood and alley, but are not required to register. The City asks residents to add their litter bags to their regular garbage collection (remember, regular pick-up limits still apply and only garbage that fits inside the cart will be collected. ***No special pick-ups will apply.***

Why is registration important?

Registration is important because city crews need to know where to go on Saturday, April 18 to pick up the litter your group collects. If you don't register, then the bags filled with litter left behind won't be picked up and this can lead to problems. Other people might add garbage to the pile and it creates a mess in the neighborhood.

What information do I need to give when I call to register?

- > Contact name, mailing address and phone number
- > Name of group (you can use your own name if you wish)
- > Number of participants (to plan for number of bags and vests, and amount of potential litter collected)
- > Start time and finish time.

City staff will arrange the exact location for collection crew to pick up your bags.

Recognition by the Moline City Council will be given for participants from the largest civic group, organization or association, largest family, oldest and youngest volunteers and most refuse collected. Groups are asked to make the City aware if they feel someone in their group qualifies for this recognition by calling the Municipal Services Division at 309-736-5717.

What the city provides:

The City of Moline will provide vests and trash bags, and disposal of all items collected on April 18. The City does not provide gloves for this event.

How should I prepare for this event?

Don't forget to wear appropriate clothing for the day such as gloves, boots and perhaps a hat. Items such as bug repellent, bottled water sunscreen and a pail for sharp objects can be useful.

The City of Moline would like to stress that this event is being held in honor of Earth Day, and is for clean-up of city streets and parks only. No special pick-ups will be conducted beyond those volunteer groups that have pre-registered with the City.

In November 2008, Moline joined the U.S. Keep American Beautiful program by establishing the *Keep Moline Beautiful Commission*. Its mission is to initiate and support active partnerships and projects between Moline citizens, businesses and city government to promote a more beautiful, clean and healthy environment for both residents and visitors to enjoy. The City is asking for city-wide participation to help make the Great American Clean-up Event in Moline a success.