

## Volunteer Safety Tips



- Think safety and wear gloves; thick-soled, closed shoes; long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Wear safety vests or bright colors if parts of waterway cleanup are located along a roadway
- Wear sunscreen and bug repellent.
- Drink plenty of fluids and keep "quick energy foods" on hand.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the potential hazards associated with them, such as traffic, hazardous tree branches, poison ivy, wasps/bees, and snakes.
- Use the "buddy system" by working in teams of two or three to maximize safety.
- Keep pre-moistened towelettes on hand and wash hands with antibacterial soap after the cleanup.
- Take an occasional break.
  
- Don't pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, condoms, animal carcasses or other unidentified, questionable objects.
- Don't overstuff bags.
- Don't attempt to move large objects such as rusted car shells, old household appliances or swing-sets; report these to your public works contact for removal - call your local fire or police department to report illegal dumping and for instructions on how to proceed.
- *Don't forget to have fun and take pictures to show off your work!*



### What is Litter?

Litter is trash in the wrong place.

Litter is choosing to do the wrong thing.

Litter costs the state millions of dollars in cleanup.

Litter is against the law.

Litter may harm plants and animals.

Litter hurts everyone. It's ugly, unhealthy, and unsafe.

### The Mission of Angelina Beautiful Clean:

To educate and empower East Texans to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment