



Connecticut River  
Conservancy

# ORGANIZE YOUR OWN DIY TRASH CLEANUP

Make a positive impact for your local rivers by removing trash before it enters the water. Below are some basic steps to organize your own cleanup from Connecticut River Conservancy.

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## CHOOSE YOUR CLEANUP SITE & DATE

Scope out potential river cleanup sites in advance, and choose one that is safe, accessible, and could benefit from trash removal. [CRC's site map](#) is a good reference, or call your town administrator for local recommendations. Set a date once you've chosen the site.



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## RECRUIT GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Once your site and cleanup date are set, you can recruit others to help. Consider how many volunteer spots there should be, and use an online signup form to gather names and emails. Make sure everyone knows the details of who/what/when/where/why.



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## PREPARE SUPPLIES & TRASH DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS

Prior to the event, prepare gloves, compostable trash bags or buckets, and a plan for sorting recyclables and taking the trash to your local transfer station or DPW afterwards. Assign roles and responsibilities to others so not every task falls on you!



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## HOLD YOUR EVENT AND DOCUMENT IT!

Have the event and do your best while staying safe. Ensure all trash is eliminated properly. Use [#RiverWitness](#) and tag [@ctriverconservancy](#) on Instagram, we'll be on the lookout to share your photos. Don't use social media? Email your photos and a recap to [dchaplin@ctriver.org](mailto:dchaplin@ctriver.org). As a final step in documentation, [submit your trashy tally](#). Your data helps us continue to advocate for trash solutions!