

Getting involved in something worthwhile is a prize in itself.

There are so many ways to improve your street, your neighborhood, your subdivision, or your community. Consider taking a leading role in an area you enjoy — such as gardening. Why not create demonstration garden programs or tree planting assistance . . . Maybe creating backyard habitat gardens.

If you are a young person looking for jobs in the neighborhood, think about setting up rain barrels, taking hazardous waste, such as oil, gas, and paint or tires to recycling stations, or building rain gardens for the neighbors.

If you are editor of your community newsletter, promote safe car washing practices or create homeowner best practices recognition. Let your readers know where they can get soils testing, or where recycling stations are, etc.

Let your children help pick up litter along the streets in your neighborhood or plant seedlings in a common area so they can see “little miracles” pop up out of the ground.

Every little bit helps . . . and there is something for everyone.

For Recycling Information



Kara Dunnam, Recycling Coordinator
Code Enforcement Division
Phone: 636-797-5043

For Rain Garden and Clean Stream Information



Stormwater Management Program
Phone: 636-797-6228
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For sources of native plants visit the grownative.org website.

For roll-off dumpsters look in the local yellow pages directory under Trash Containers and Dumpsters and Trash Hauling

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Volunteering

*How To Get Involved
And Make A Positive
Difference In Your
Community*

Get Active . . .
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Take responsibility for
preserving, protecting
and improving your
community's quality of life!

Volunteer to Improve Your Community



There's so much you can do to make a difference and improve your community's land and waterways.

For starters, take time to determine your interests and skills—so you will get the most out of your volunteering experience. Learn about the many ways others are getting involved in environmental and community stewardship.

If you're still interested in volunteering, then consider these tips.

Get Involved in Litter Cleanups—Clean-ups of public lands, waterways and neighborhoods help sustain our environment. They also focus attention on the quality of life so important to building stronger, healthier and more beautiful communities.

Help Promote Recycling—In communities where there are non-mandatory curbside recycling programs, multi-material drives can help to reduce, reuse and recycle salvageable materials. You can recycle items such as aluminum, newspaper, glass, metal and even electronics. Contact Kara Dunnam, the Jefferson County Recycling Coordinator at 636-797-5043 for information and a list of recycling stations.



Focus on Beautification—There's so much you can do to beautify your communities! Projects include planting flowers and tree seedlings in public spaces, creating flower beds in welcome medians. Encourage wildflower plantings along your streets. Giving a fresh coat of paint to buildings or playground structures supports your environment and your community development.

Consider Reuse—The collection of used clothing is helpful not only for helping those in need—it also educates on the benefits of reuse. Some local churches accept clothing for their clothes drives. Goodwill will accept good used clothing.

Waterway Cleanups—Removal of debris, brush and broken trees, and illegally dumped material from rivers, lakes and streams helps to renew these natural resources to their original clean and beautiful state. Get your "Clean Stream" volunteers organized and call the Stormwater Program at 636-797-6228 or a local Clean Stream sponsor to arrange for a dumpster and other resources.

There are so many benefits to Volunteering!

- A cleaner physical environment
- Changes in attitudes and behavior toward littering
- Increased education and awareness about individual responsibility regarding proper waste handling practices and the minimization of waste, recycling, reuse, and litter prevention, beautification and community improvement
- An enhanced quality of life for residents of your community
- Economic benefits such as increased property value.

Volunteering can become a way of life for you in your community. Whenever you have a community event or a business, neighborhood or school gathering, please remember:

- **Litter Free:** Make sure your gathering is promoted as a litter free event. Help neighbors take ownership for their property and public spaces. Dispose of trash properly. Ensure your event provides proper receptacles for all your litter (cigarette butts, too!) Bundle trash properly and remember to recycle all recyclable items.
- **Cleanup:** Consider planning an event in your community where neighbors volunteer to remove litter/debris from a preselected area.
- **Beautification:** An activity to enhance the visual appearance of a preselected site also is a great idea. Examples: tree or flower plantings, restoring a public space or a community garden. Consider building a rain garden with native plants to handle drainage issues.
- **Waste Reduction:** Ensure that all items in your homes, schools, and community centers are collected for some form of recycling, reuse or proper disposal.



For more information call:
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