

Volunteer Position Description

LITTER CLEANUP TEAM

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources
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Position Overview:

Help keep our parks and open spaces beautiful and more sustainable by picking up trash. Litter cleanup is a constant need at Larimer County Department of Natural Resources and a great way to give back to the natural spaces you already love. Create your own schedule, choose the location(s), get exercise, and be outdoors. Opportunities available for all ages and abilities.

Duties:

- At least once a month, schedule a time & location to pick up trash.
- Pick up trash including small or micro pieces. If comfortable, pick up dog poop bags left on the trail (use gloves). Focus on parking lots, trailheads, and day use areas as well as trails.
- Check-in with Volunteer Team staff for locations that have the biggest need.
- Volunteers provide their own trash bags & gloves. Some supplies available upon request.
- Utilize Offero to manage your own volunteer schedule and complete a Litter Cleanup Site Visit Report.
- Report any hazards such as sharp or unsafe items in a timely manner.
- Haul out trash, use appropriate dumpsters, or make arrangements with staff ahead of time.
- Dress appropriately and bring necessary supplies – typically this includes wearing sturdy closed-toed shoes and bringing sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), plenty of water, snacks/lunch, clothing layers for variable weather conditions, disposable gloves, and anything else you will need for the day outdoors.
- Display appropriate volunteer on-duty parking pass when at a fee site.

Schedule:

- Litter Cleanup opportunities are available year-round, on weekends and weekdays, at park and open space locations across Larimer County.
- Volunteers have the capability to schedule themselves for whichever Larimer County Natural Resource locations work best for their personal schedule, interests, and/or physical abilities
- Volunteers should avoid scheduling time during peak visitation: weekends May – September 9:00 am – 2:00 pm as parks and open spaces are usually crowded.

Qualifications:

- Friendly, courteous, and respectful of park visitors, staff, and fellow volunteers.
- Under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Self-motivated and ability to self-organize.
- Good physical condition: ability to hike, bend, stoop, and carry.
- Understanding that they may only pick up a few pieces each visit but every little bit helps.
- Ability to provide own transportation.
- Willingness to abide by park regulations and safety guidelines.
- Understanding and acceptance of the potential risks for this volunteer position such as inclement weather, potentially dangerous rattlesnake or other wildlife encounters, and injuries resulting from the physical duties associated with working outdoors.

The Larimer County Natural Resources Volunteer Program is not obligated to provide a placement, nor are you obligated to accept the position offered. Opportunities for volunteers are provided without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age. Larimer County is committed to equality of opportunity.