

Volunteer

Litter Cleanup Team

Position Description



Litter Cleanup Team volunteers set an important example of responsible stewardship and help protect Larimer County Department of Natural Resources parks and open space by keeping them free of litter.

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Our mission is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resources values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Position Summary:

Litter Cleanup Team volunteers help keep Larimer County Department of Natural Resources' (LCDNR) parks and open spaces beautiful and sustainable by picking up trash. They support our mission by meeting a critical department need and set an example of responsible stewardship for their community. Litter cleanup is a great way to give back to the natural spaces you already love. Opportunities available for all ages.

Benefits:

- Be an integral part of promoting LCDNR's mission and fostering stewardship values
- Flexible schedule
- Get exercise and get outside!
- Know that you are making a difference and a visible impact
- Participate in fun appreciation and social events
- Complete 20+ volunteer hours in a calendar year & receive a LCDNR parking pass

Requirements:

- Friendly, courteous, and respectful
- Volunteers under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult
- Organized and takes initiative
- Good physical condition: able to bend, stoop, and carry
- Passionate about public lands and dedicated to public service
- Understand that they may only pick up a few pieces each visit but every little bit helps
- Willingness to interact with visitors is helpful but not required
- Understanding and acceptance of the potential risks for this volunteer role such as inclement weather, potentially dangerous rattlesnake or other wildlife encounters, and injuries resulting from the physical duties associated with working outdoors



Duties:

- At least once a month, schedule a time, date, & LCDNR 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
- Use caution and best practices if going off trail to retrieve litter
- Be prepared to answer visitor questions about your volunteer role and/or LCDNR
- Check-in with Volunteer Engagement staff for locations that have the biggest need
- Provide your own trash bags & gloves. Some supplies available upon request
- Use offerolarimer.org, LCDNR's volunteer software, to manage your volunteer schedule and complete Litter Cleanup Site Visit reports
- Report any hazards such as sharp or unsafe items
- Haul out full trash bags, 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 sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), plenty of water, snacks/lunch, clothing layers for variable weather conditions, disposable or work gloves and anything else you need for the day outdoors
- Display appropriate volunteer on-duty parking pass when at a fee site
- Abide by all rules, regulations, and safety guidelines while on Larimer County property

Training:

- New Volunteer Orientation (1 hour)
- Litter Cleanup Team Orientation (1 hour)

Schedule:

- Litter Cleanup Team volunteers create their own schedule (year-round, weekdays & weekends) at locations that 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



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Next Steps....

1. Submit a Volunteer application
2. Schedule an interview with Volunteer Engagement staff
3. Attend Training
 - a. New Volunteer Orientation
 - b. Litter Cleanup Team Orientation
4. Start volunteering!

Questions?

Contact Julie Enderby
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