

Clean Communities



The Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 with funding from taxes levied on the sale of litter generating products. On December 2, 2002, The Clean Communities Fund was reauthorized. Twenty-one counties and five hundred fifty-eight municipalities are eligible to receive funding.

Program Requirements

Acceptance of the grant is recognized and included in the Municipal Annual Budget. Acceptance requires recipients to maintain program efforts and to utilize funds for the following purposes:

- Litter cleanup and removal
- Enforcement of local anti-littering laws
- Purchase of trash and recycling receptacles for placement in public areas
- Sponsorship of “Adopt-A-Highway, Park or School” program
- Education programs to promote Clean Communities

Finally, municipalities are encouraged to enlist the services of volunteer groups, community service and court run alternate sentencing programs to assist in locally sponsored cleanup programs. It's also an opportunity to proudly proclaim your community pride and spirit.

Eligibility

- Any and all volunteer groups within North Hanover Township are welcome.
- Volunteer groups are defined as: Cub Scouts, Boy and/or Girl Scouts, church groups, senior citizen club, and other similar organized groups.

Requirements

- You are to contact the Township Clerk's Office for a report form, to book a date and time for your cleanup.
- You are required to perform one or up to two cleanups per year. The year begins in January 1st and ends November 15th.
- You must have twelve or more participants and spend a minimum of two hours per cleanup.
- You must return your summary reports within three days after the cleanup, failure to do so will result lack donation from the Clean Community Program, ***if funding is available.***

- Any organization that wishes to sponsor an “Adopt a Highway” program involving a **local** roadway must alert the North Hanover Township Police Department.
- Any organization that wishes to sponsor an “Adopt a Highway” program involving a State Highway must first contact the “Adopt a Highway” coordinator within the New Jersey Department of Transportation at 7-800-2-adopt1 prior to any highway cleanup activities.

Things residents can do to keep North Hanover Township Clean:

- Don't litter
- Never throw anything down storm drains
- Clean up after your pets
- Recycle and reuse
- If you see litter in front of your residence, please pick it up
- If you spot illegal dumping, call the North Hanover Police (609)758-2522 ext. 216

Changing a common behavior, like littering, starts with you. Each person must accept responsibility for their actions and influence the actions of others around them at home, at school, in your place of business, and in the community at large.

Now you know how to keep North Hanover Township clean!! We hope you will join the team. Thanks for taking the time to read about our local Clean Communities Program and how to become a member of the team that is part of the solution of unsightly litter.

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