

LITTER CLEAN-UP HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

People taking part in litter clean-ups do so entirely at their own risk. They are not working for, or on behalf of, the City of Onkaparinga.

COVID-19: Please follow government coronavirus guidance and make sure your litter clean-ups are carried out in the safest way possible.

Anyone who has recently tested positive test for COVID-19, is displaying symptoms or has been advised to self-isolate should not participate.

Follow these general litter collection guidelines

- ✓ Avoid touching litter with your hands.
- ✓ Cover any cuts and injuries with a bandaid or dressing.
- ✓ Wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing.
- ✓ Always wear a hi-viz (high visibility) / safety vest or jacket.
- ✓ Clean your hands after your litter clean-up and before eating or drinking.
- ✓ Leave your bags in an accessible place by the road so our staff can safely collect them.

Be aware of your surroundings and do not put yourself at risk when picking up litter

- ✓ Tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact.
- ✓ Only collect in daylight hours and do not pick-up litter when visibility is poor.
- ✓ Be careful around bushes and creek lines. We do not provide safety glasses, but you may wish to wear your own.
- ✓ Do not wade into bodies of water to retrieve items.
- ✓ Be aware of traffic at all times. Stop picking to allow any vehicle to pass. Never turn your back towards oncoming traffic.
- ✓ If collecting near a pathway, be careful of cyclists, joggers and walkers.

- ✓ If collecting near rural roadsides face oncoming traffic and only collect one side of a road at a time. Stay at least 3m back from roadside guideposts or the verge white line.
- ✓ Be aware of the risk of insects and snakes in long grass or bushes.
- ✗ Do not confront anyone you see littering.

Stay safe and avoid hazardous litter

- ✗ Avoid picking up litter with your hands, even if you are wearing gloves.
- ✗ Do not attempt to lift heavy items.
Seek assistance or leave in place and report the issue to council.
- ✗ Do not pick up sharp items, items that cannot easily be identified or if they are clearly hazardous.
Contact the City of Onkaparinga or the Police (ph 131 444) to report their location.
- ✗ Do not overfill or compress bin bags and avoid lifting heavy objects or bags of rubbish alone.
Do not step on rubbish in collection buckets to compact content.
- ✗ Do not attempt to remove dead or live animals. You can report them to the City of Onkaparinga or the RSPCA (live, injured animals only).

To report illegal dumping, hazardous waste issues or dead animals to the City of Onkaparinga at <https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Contact-us> or call our Customer Service team on 8384 0666

Large, bulky items can also be reported as illegal dumping via the

- My Local Services app
- Snap Send Solve app.