

Community litter picker NFDC Safety checklist

Thank you for volunteering as a community litter picker. Your safety is very important to us and we have compiled this checklist to help you keep safe whilst keeping the New Forest litter free.

We will provide volunteers with a hi-vis jacket, rubbish sacks and a litter grabber. Please contact us to arrange for the litter to be collected from a specified location.

Volunteers are not working for or on behalf of the council and are **not** covered by its insurance policies. You are advised to assess the area before, and during, the litter picking session and only continue if it is safe to do so. The following rules have been set out for you to follow to help ensure your own safety.

Do	
Before	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Let someone know where you are going and what time you are expected back ✓ Charge your mobile phone in case of an emergency ✓ Check the area you are planning to litter pick – are there any specific hazards you should be aware of?
During	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Always use the litter grabber to pick things up ✓ Wear appropriate clothing to keep you warm/cool and that is visible to others ✓ Wear sunscreen ✓ Wear strong boots or shoes ✓ Be aware of other people and wildlife ✓ Cover cuts and grazes with a waterproof plaster
After	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wash your hands ✓ Tell the council if you have spotted any problems

Do not

- × Work along roads with a speed limit of more than 30mph and/or where there is no pavement or footpath
- × Work on steep slopes, cliff edges or in water courses
- × Pick litter off the highway or highway verges
- × Pick up needles or sharp objects – call the council and report it
- × Lift anything that is too heavy
- × Work after dark
- × Approach strangers or unknown dogs
- × Enter private land without express permission from the landowner

Useful contacts

New Forest District Council

Report dangerous or heavy items, ask for advice or request replacement equipment

Telephone: 023 8028 5000
Web: newforest.gov.uk

Love Where You Live

General advice on litter picking in your community, success stories and special events

Web: lovewhereyoulive.org

Emergency services

Emergency situations or reporting a crime

Telephone: Emergency 999
 Non-emergency 101

