



Green Up Day: Burlington

Saturday May 4th, 2013, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Green Up Day is a statewide event that brings community volunteers of all ages together to clean up Burlington's parks, streets and public lands. Held on the first Saturday of May, this event is family friendly, and a great way to get involved in our community. With a combined effort, residents of a neighborhood can make drastic improvements to their surroundings in just one day. Large-scale cleanups make work fun and provide the opportunity for you and your neighbors to get to know each other. Developing pride and investing in cleanup work will inspire everyone to help keep Burlington beautiful.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at any of the five hubs between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon where you can pick up trash bags, gloves and maps (as needed). Everyone can head out and pick up trash, cigarette butts, and any other unsightly garbage you come across. Pre-registration is not required, so please feel free to come on May 4th to whichever hub is most convenient for you. Hub locations:

- Memorial Auditorium → 250 Main St.
- Salmon Hole Park → Parking Area, Riverside Avenue before the Winooski Bridge
- Sustainability Academy at Barnes School → 123 North St.
- Department of Public Works/Parks & Rec Bldg → 645 Pine St.
- Miller Community Center → 130 Gosse Ct. New North End

Representatives from Burlington Subaru will be driving around on Saturday providing snacks, water, bags, supplies, and t-shirts to all those participating in Green Up Day. They'll also be hosting a celebration BBQ at their showroom at 351 Shelburne Road, so please join them and celebrate your good work!

The Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation will have trucks circling the city's GUD routes, picking up the collected trash throughout the day. Full bags of trash should be tied up and placed in one of the designated drop-off points. A list of these drop-off locations will be available at your hub.

All trash collected should go into the provided Green-Up Day bags. Only these can be dumped free of charge on Green Up Day.

Any scrap metal or tires should be kept separate, not in bags, and placed in a pile on the same GUD drop-off, and they will then be collected and recycled. City trucks will come by and pick everything up on Saturday and/or Monday.

Recycling: Unfortunately, most of the recyclable items (bottles and cans) on the ground are covered in dirt and salt and are therefore not recyclable without a good rinse. If you are interested in recycling these items, this can only happen through your own initiative by taking these items to a water source to be rinsed and placed in CLEAR garbage bags (that can be picked up at the hubs). These clear bags can be placed along the truck route at a designated “GUD” sign.

Hazardous Waste: We recommend strongly that volunteers not collect any hazardous waste on Green Up Day. It is risky to handle hazardous waste without information about the contents and/or condition of container. Hazardous waste is: auto stuff such as antifreeze, oil, paint, ammonia, bleach, pesticides, batteries, and propane cylinders.

Tips for a fun and successful morning:

- ✓ Dress appropriately – event will happen rain or shine
- ✓ Apply sunscreen and wear a hat and sunglasses if the sun is shining
- ✓ Carry with you plenty to drink
- ✓ If you have heavy garden gloves, wear them. The hubs will supply lighter rubber gloves that will not be strong enough for any heavy-duty projects
- ✓ Pending what/where you plan to clean, plan to bring rakes and/or brooms. These items will not be available at the hubs.

If you have any other questions or want more information, please contact Taryn Maitland, CEDO Communications Intern, at tmaitland@burlingtonvt.gov or at (917) 922-2297 or Nicole Losch DPW at nlosch@burlingtonvt.gov or at (802) 865-5833.