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Adopt-A-Block

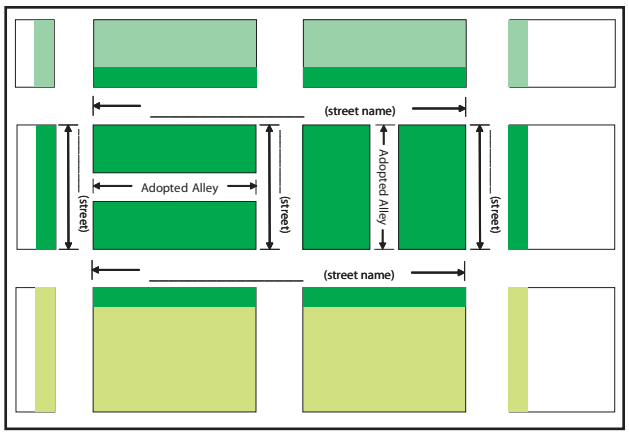
Is there an area in your neighborhood that you would like to help keep clean? Why not "Adopt-A-Block" that could use some tender loving care? Clean City's Adopt-A-Block Program helps beautify our neighborhoods and allows citizens like you and your families to take an active role in cleaning and greening the District. As a part of the Clean City Initiative, Adopt-A-Block offers a hands-on project for people and organizations, allowing those who take part to make a noticeable contribution to their communities.

At a recent Citizen Summit, over 3,000 District residents came together, and many focused on the importance of clean communities. Citizens said that the government must do its part to keep the city clean, but recognized that government can't do everything. Teamwork between government and citizens is key. Only by involving all residents and each community can we create a city as beautiful as we know the District can be. *Success begins with one citizen and one community deciding to make a difference.*

To be a part of the Adopt-A-Block Program, your group:

- Adopts a *minimum* of two square blocks of a residential area in the District of Columbia, including the alleys within the blocks and both sides of all streets in the adopted area.
- Agrees to "clean and green" the adopted area at least once every three months for a two-year period by conducting a cleanup day that gets the community involved. (Greening the area includes planting flowers, mulching tree box areas, watering trees, etc.)

When you, your family, or your group become involved and Adopt-A-Block, we all enjoy these benefits:



Here is an example of a two-block, adopted area (shown in the dark green).

- Adopting a block reminds everyone of the importance of litter control. This program targets litter and illegal dumping throughout all neighborhoods.
- Litter-free, more attractive communities are created, helping to discourage unwanted and illegal activity.
- The quality of life in your neighborhood is improved. The appearance of our community contributes to the quality of life we all share.
- Signs with your group's name let people know the area is being watched and cared for by concerned citizens. Your commitment shows the community that you care and will be an example to those who see it.

El programa, Clean City's Adopt-A-Block (Ciudad Limpia - Adopte una Cuadra), ayuda a embellecer nuestros vecindarios y permite que los ciudadanos como usted y su familia participen activamente en la limpieza y en el "enverdecimiento" del distrito. Para ser parte de este programa su grupo debe:

- Adoptar un mínimo de dos cuadras de área residencial, incluyendo las aceras dentro de las cuadras y ambos lados de la calle
- Estar de acuerdo en "limpiar y enverdecer" el área que adoptaron por lo menos una vez cada tres meses, durante un periodo de dos años. Esto se logra involucrando a otros en su comunidad para que participen cuando organice el día de limpieza.

Inscríbase con el nombre de su grupo y déjele saber a las personas que esa área está siendo vigilada y cuidada por ciudadanos que se preocupan.

Clean City needs you!

If you'd like to make a difference and help improve the cleanliness of our nation's capitol, come and volunteer with the Office of the Clean City (OCC)! Our volunteers work in the community to provide neighborhood cleanup and beautification support, as well as raise public awareness about Clean City initiatives. We can never have too many volunteers. No matter what your interests or experience, we have a spot for you.

The following are a variety of the volunteer opportunities available at OCC:

Citizen Services
- Adopt-A-Block Program
- Citywide Cleanliness Assessment

Special Events
- Anacostia River Cleanup
- Earth Day
- Great American Cleanup
- GreenDC Week
- Potomac River Cleanup
- Spring Cleanup

Administration
- Data Entry
- Office Support
- Volunteer Coordinators

Committees
- Education Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Resource and Development Committee

If you or someone in your family is interested in volunteering in any of our programs or services, call us at (202) 724-8967 or e-mail our office at CleanCity@dc.gov.

Remember—success begins with one citizen and one community deciding to make a difference.

Si quiere hacer la diferencia y ayudar a mejorar la limpieza de la capital de nuestra nación, acuda a ayudar a la Oficina de la Ciudad Limpia (OCC.) ¡No importa cuál sea su interés o su experiencia, tenemos lugar para usted!

Si usted o alguien en su familia está interesado en ser voluntario en cualquiera de nuestros programas o servicios, favor de llamarnos al (202) 724-8967 o envíe un correo electrónico a CleanCity@dc.gov.

GreenDC Week 2006

In celebration of Earth Day 2006, numerous DC Government Agencies, non-profit organizations, and private companies will participate in GreenDC Week, which will be held April 17 – 23, 2006. The events planned for GreenDC Week will educate the citizens of the District about the local environment and show them how to get involved in caring for and improving our environment. These community events will include opportunities for community service, easy actions that can help the environment, and ways to change harmful behaviors. Look for our events in your community and learn how your actions impact energy use, the economy, health, and quality of life in your community—Washington, DC.

Para celebrar el Día de la Tierra 2006, numerosas agencias gubernamentales de DC, organizaciones sin lucro de fondos, y compañías privadas, participarán en el evento GreenDC, durante la semana del 17 al 23 de abril del 2006. Esté pendiente de nuestros eventos en su comunidad y aprenda cómo sus acciones impactan el uso de energía, la salud, la economía y la calidad de vida de su comunidad–Washington, DC.

Meet the Clean City Staff

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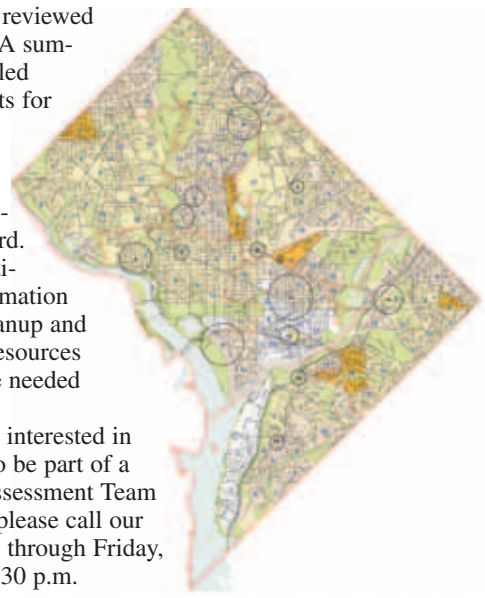
Surveys assess cleanliness of city

Every quarter, the "cleanliness" level of areas throughout the city's eight wards are surveyed and rated by volunteer cleanliness assessment teams. Randomly selected corridors, interstate highways, high-visibility communities, residential streets and alleys, and industrial areas are all included in the rating process.

The surveys rate the cleanliness of the area where 1 is Clean, 2 is Moderate, 3 is Dirty, and 4 is Hazardous. Once all of the data is collected, the information is reviewed and analyzed. A summary is compiled including charts for mapping. A series of maps depicts the cleanliness levels of each ward. The District utilizes this information to allocate cleanup and enforcement resources where they are needed most.



If you are interested in volunteering to be part of a Cleanliness Assessment Team in your ward, please call our office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cada trimestre, el nivel de "limpieza" a través de los ocho distritos de la ciudad, es evaluado y calificado por un equipo de voluntarios. Si usted está interesado en ser parte de uno de estos equipos para su distrito, favor de llamar a nuestra oficina de lunes a viernes entre 8:30 a.m. y 4:30 p.m.

10 Tips *for a* "New and Improved" Year

It's the time of year when we're thinking about making things better—ourselves, our families, our homes, our work. As you're making your resolutions, consider these 10 tips:

1. Before you buy, ask yourself: Do I need this? Do I already have something like this? What will I do with this when I no longer need it?
2. Spend more time with family and friends and less time shopping. And, yes, that means putting down the catalog and surfing past Internet stores, too!
3. Start your exercise or other self-improvement program on borrowed or shared equipment. If you stick with the program or hobby, you can purchase your own supplies and equipment, if you need them, later.
4. Shop used first. Whether you're buying books, DVDs, videos, CDs, toys, games, jewelry, exercise equipment, furniture, or cars, make "used" your first choice. In most cases, you'll find items that are serviceable and less expensive. In some cases, you'll find items that may have been pre-owned but are actually brand-new.
5. Take toxics off your shopping list. Start by choosing biodegradable and non-toxic cleaning products and selecting only latex paints for home improvement projects.
6. Know what can be recycled locally. If you don't know what you can recycle, contact us to find out!
7. Once you know what is recyclable, shop with recycling in mind. For instance, if grape jelly is available in both a recyclable and non-recyclable container, choose the recyclable container.
8. Commit to recycled-content products. Successful recycling programs depend on having manufacturers use your recyclables. Manufacturers won't use recyclables to make what people won't buy. Look for polar fleece made from recycled soft drink bottles. Select recycled-content carpet. Buy the paper with a phrase such as "post-consumer recycled-content" printed on the wrapper.
9. Share more of yourself with others this year. Volunteer more time. Give away more old, but still usable, stuff.
10. Relax and enjoy your life. Find a book you own but haven't read; curl up on a Saturday and read it! Watch a movie in your collection that you have never had time to watch.

10 Consejos para un Mejor Año Nuevo

Cuando haga sus promesas de Año Nuevo, considere lo siguiente: Antes de comprar cualquier cosa, asegúrese de que verdaderamente la necesita. Si va a explorar con un nuevo pasatiempo o ejercicio, procure pedir el material o el equipo prestado hasta que sepa que en realidad lo utilizará. Compre artículos usados, tales como libros, DVDs, CDs, juguetes, juegos, joyería, equipo de ejercicio, muebles y autos. Prefiera artículos de limpieza que sean biodegradables y no tóxicos, y seleccione pinturas látex para los proyectos de su hogar. Aprenda cuáles son las cosas que puede reciclar localmente, y téngalas en mente cuando haga sus compras. Por ejemplo, si la mermelada está disponible en dos presentaciones, no reciclable y reciclable, escoja la del envase reciclable. Compre productos que hayan sido fabricados con materiales reciclados, tales como el material "polar fleece" el cual es fabricado con botellas de refrescos recicladas. Hay otros productos como el papel de impresora que también es hecho con materiales reciclados. Considere hacerse voluntario y dar de su tiempo. Regale las cosas que ya no usa y que están en buenas condiciones para volver a usarse.

FORD FIELD
LIONS

Ford Field photos courtesy of Dean Smith

"ROAD TO FORTY" IS ALSO ROAD TO RECYCLING

On February 5th, football fans and curious commercial watchers will be experiencing the first Super Bowl to take place on a recycled field. Ford Field in Detroit will host the first-ever Super Bowl played on FieldTurf, a multilayered system that uses shredded rubber from used tires and old athletic shoes along with sand to create a cushiony playing field. The field, which was installed when the stadium was built in 2002, is made from 25,000 used tires. (When you see that black "spray" coming out of the field after hard contact, you're seeing the crumb rubber and sand.)

If you're enjoying Super Bowl XL at home or with friends, be sure to include recycling in your party plans. Have a recycling bin for beverage containers. Reduce waste by purchasing snack food in bulk packages. And opt for reusable and washable napkins, plates, and silverware.

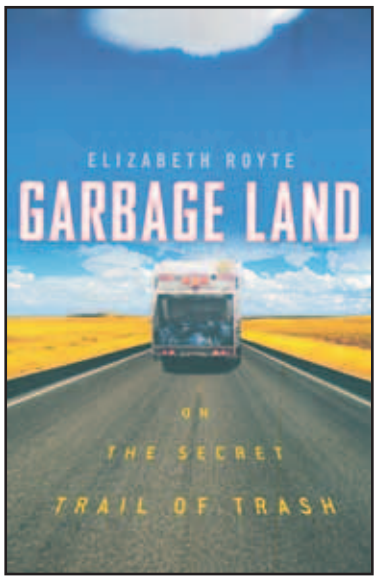
El 5 de febrero, los aficionados al fútbol americano estarán presenciando el juego del Super Bowl XL en una cancha especial pués será el primer juego que se lleve a cabo en un ¡campo reciclado! Ese campo está fabricado con material FieldTurf, que consta de un sistema de capas hechas con plástico de llantas y con zapatos tenis viejos, hechos tiras y mezclados con arena para crear un campo acolchonado para el juego.

Si usted va a dar una fiesta de Super Bowl, o es invitado a alguna, asegúrese de que se reciclen los envases de las bebidas, compre la botana al mayoreo, y utilice servilletas, cubiertos y una vajilla que puedan lavarse y volver a usarse.

On the trail of trash

Did you ever think about following your trash? Probably not, and neither did journalist Elizabeth Royte—that is, until Earth Day 2002 when she joined volunteers who were picking up floating garbage in her hometown, Brooklyn, NY.

That boat ride with all of its visible trash led her to think about all of the "invisible" trash that we dispose each day. She writes: "You can't live in New York or any big city and not be aware that vast tonnages of waste are generated daily.... But most of the time that reality is virtual, because somehow our unwanted stuff keeps disappearing. It moves away from us in pieces—truck by truck, barge by barge—in a process that is as constant as it is invisible."


ELIZABETH ROYTE
GARBAGE LAND
ON
THE SECRET
TRAIL OF TRASH

After this, Royte became increasingly curious about what happened to the 1.31 tons of waste that she created each year. (*BioCycle* magazine and Columbia University's Earth Engineering Center estimate that on average each American generated 1.31 tons of waste in 2003.) Rather than simply wonder, she began to research.

First, she began separating and weighing her own household trash. On her first day, her three-person household tossed 7 pounds, 9 ounces of mixed waste. From there, her research took her out of her home, around the city, and across the country where she met trash collectors, rode trash trucks, visited landfills, explored recycling centers, and more. The result of her efforts is the book, *Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash*, which was published by Little, Brown and Company in 2005.

In *Garbage Land*, Royte makes visible the invisible—the trash we throw away, the packaging we recycle, and even what we flush. Her conclusion? In her last chapter, "The Ecological Citizen," she writes: "Our trash cans, I believe, ought to make us think...about the enormous amount of material and energy that goes into the stuff we use for an instant and then discard. Garbage should worry us. It should prod us. We don't need better ways to get rid of things. We need to *not* get rid of things, either by keeping them cycling through the system or not designing and desiring them in the first place."

Rather than offering specific solutions, the book offers information and insights. Royte's goal is not to tell us what to do or exactly how to do it, but rather to help us to come to the conclusion that we ought to do something. What that something is, she leaves to her readers.

En el sendero de la basura

En el reportaje *La tierra de la Basura: El Sendero Secreto de la Basura,* publicado por Little, Brown and Company en el 2005, la periodista Elizabeth Royte nos cuenta la historia de como ella decidió pesar la basura de su propia casa, sacarla para que se la llevaran y seguirle los pasos para ver que pasaba con ella. Su curiosidad la llevo alrededor de la ciudad y a través del país, donde conoció a coleccionadores de basura, paseo en camiones de basura, visitó basureros, exploró centros de reciclaje, etc.

Another benefit of recycling

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recycling is one of the most effective ways for individuals and communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse gases have a "heat-trapping" effect on our atmosphere. While heat-trapping may sound pretty good during the winter, the long-term and year-round effects are a concern.

Here are some of the ways that recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions:

- When fewer materials are landfilled, total methane production decreases. Methane, which is considered a greenhouse gas, is produced when organic materials decompose in a landfill.
- When paper products are recycled, fewer trees are cleared from forests and tree farms. The trees that are left standing capture carbon dioxide, another greenhouse gas, and hold it where it is being used by plants rather than affecting the atmosphere.
- Creating new products from recyclables requires less energy than making the same products from virgin materials. By decreasing energy use, we lower greenhouse gas emissions from power plants by burning fewer fossil fuels.

As you can imagine, *reducing* our waste by purchasing and using less and *reusing* what we already have decrease greenhouse gas emissions even more!

For more information, visit the U.S. EPA's global warming site by going to www.epa.gov and clicking on "Global Warming."

Otro beneficio del reciclaje

De acuerdo a la Agencia Protectora del Ambiente de los Estados Unidos, el reciclaje es una de las maneras más efectivas en que los individuos y las comunidades reducen el efecto de las emisiones de gas del famoso "greenhouse." Los gases de la greenhouse se refieren al efecto de la capa de ozono de "atrapar el calor" en nuestra atmósfera. Aunque la idea de "atrapar el calor" suene muy buena durante el invierno, los efectos a largo plazo son preocupantes.

Para mayor información al respecto, consulte la página de la agencia nacional U.S. EPA, www.epa.gov y seleccione "Global Warming."

QUOTES REQUOTED

"The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1809–94
American physician, author, and poet

La gran maravilla de este mundo no es tanto dónde estamos parados, sino en qué dirección nos movemos."

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Looking for beauty in unlikely pieces

Photographer Chris Jordan has also been trailing our trash. His photographs, which are gathered in the exhibit "Intolerable Beauty — Portraits of American Mass Consumption," capture what our consumer habits leave behind.

To learn more about Jordan's art and to see more of the images from his show, visit www.chrisjordan.com.

Photo courtesy of Chris Jordan Photography

Buscando la belleza en cosas inesperadas

En la exhibición "Belleza Intolerable – Retratos del Consumo Americano Masivo," Chris Jordan ha reunido fotografías que captan lo que dejamos detrás de nuestros hábitos de consumidores. Para aprender más acerca del arte de Jordan y ver estas imágenes, consulte la página de Internet www.chrisjordan.com.

Rescuing one box at a time

When Marty Metro founded UsedCardboardBoxes.com, he created a company with the motto, "Rescue, Resell, Recycle."

The company partners with retailers to collect and warehouse used but undamaged boxes. Customers can order boxes online and, in some locations, receive them within 24 hours. The used boxes are generally sold for about half of the original retail price of a new box. If the request cannot be filled by UsedCardboardBoxes, the customer is redirected to other sources.

For more information, visit www.UsedCardboardBoxes.com or call 1-888-BOXES-88.

Rescatando una caja a la vez

El sitio del Internet UsedCardboard Boxes.com ha formado una sociedad con los negocios y comercios para recoger y almacenar cajas usadas que no estén dañadas. Los clientes pueden ordenar cajas a través del Internet. Las cajas usadas normalmente cuestan la mitad del precio original de una caja nueva. Si la compañía no puede surtir la orden, el cliente es referido a otros proveedores. Para mayor información consulte la página de Internet www.UsedCardboardBoxes.com o llame al 1-888-BOXES-88.

FAST FACTS

- In September, the BIC corporation announced that it had sold its 100-billionth disposable ballpoint pen.
- The average office worker uses 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year—that's about five sheets every working hour!

Los números hablan por sí mismos

- En septiembre, BIC anunció que había vendido 100 billones de plumas desechables.
- El promedio de trabajadores de oficina utiliza anualmente 10,000 hojas de papel para la copiadora.

Money in the bank

Whether you're choosing supplies to use at home, to run an office, or to get you through the school day, you can reduce your waste and costs. Here are some ideas to help keep your money in the bank:

- Use both sides of the paper. You don't expect to read a book or magazine printed on the front side only, so why print anything else that way?
- Need handouts? Before you copy, take a head count or get a good estimate of the number of people who will be in attendance.
- Eliminate unneeded printing. Save paper by bookmarking websites and storing e-mails in electronic folders.
- Reuse computer disks, including old floppies, if you still use them, and rewritable CDs and DVDs.
- Buy refillable pens and mechanical pencils to reduce waste. Refills are also cheaper than new pens and pencils.
- Choose remanufactured (or refilled) toner cartridges, which cost less and provide the same amount of ink.
- Check your supplies before you shop. If you keep pens, pencils, markers, paper, paper clips, toner cartridges, post-it notes, and tape refills organized, you will know what you have and what you need, avoiding unnecessary purchases.

Dinero en el banco

Cuando usted compra materiales, usted puede reducir la cantidad que desperdicia y el costo de los mismos. Aquí tiene algunas ideas que le pueden ayudar a dejar su dinero en el banco: Use ambos lados del papel. Elimine imprimir cosas innecesarias. Ahorre papel haciendo una referencia de las páginas de Internet que más frecuenta y ahorrando sus correos electrónicos en un fólder designado. Vuelva a usar los discos de la computadora, incluyendo los viejos "floppies disks" y los CDs y DVDs. Compre plumas con repuestos y lapiceros de puntillas. Compre cartuchos de tinta para su impresora que sean rellenables. Evite compras innecesarias manteniendo sus alacenas organizadas y chéquelas antes de salir de compras para adquirir sólo aquello que realmente necesite.

WHAT'S up?

The Government of the District of Columbia provides city services that can help you, your family, and your neighbors. These services are available by calling the Citywide Call Center at (202) 727-1000 or logging onto www.dc.gov:

- Abandoned Auto
- Autumn Leaf Collection
- Bulk Trash Collection
- Dead Animal Removal
- Graffiti Removal
- Grass & Weed Mowing
- Illegal Dumping
- Litter Cans (Service)
- Parking Enforcement
- Rat Abatement
- Recycling Services
- Sanitation Enforcement
- Sidewalk Repair
- Street/Alley Cleaning
- Street/Alley Light Repair
- Street/Alley Repair
- Street Sign Repair
- Supercan Repairs
- Traffic Signals
- Trash Collection
- Tree Related Issues
- Yard Waste

El gobierno del Distrito de Columbia provee servicios a la ciudad que pueden ser de ayuda para usted, para su familia y para sus vecinos. Estos servicios están disponibles llamando a Citywide Call Center al (202) 727-1000 o consultando la página de Internet www.dc.gov.

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To address an issue that requires service from more than one DC Government agency, contact your ward's Neighborhood Services Coordinator (NSC):

Ward 1 — 671-2338, 2000 14th Street, NW, # 325
Ward 2 — 671-4095, 2000 14th Street, NW, 1st Floor
Ward 3 — 671-4516, 2000 14th Street, NW, 1st Floor
Ward 4 — 576-8103, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW
Ward 5 — 671-0727, 64 New York Avenue, NE, 4th Floor
Ward 6 — 698-5622, 609 H Street NE, # 116 & # 117
Ward 7 — 645-6196, 3220 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Ward 8 — 645-0309, 3720 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE

Póngase en contacto con el Coordinador de Servicios del Vecindario de su distrito (ward) para que le ayude con servicios que requieren la atención de más de una de las agencias gubernamentales:

Ward 1 – 671-2338	Ward 5 – 671-0727
Ward 2 – 671-4095	Ward 6 – 698-5622
Ward 3 – 671-4516	Ward 7 – 645-6196
Ward 4 – 576-8103	Ward 8 – 645-0309

We want your suggestions, questions, and comments!

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Littering affects water quality in the District

Please don't litter or use storm drains (sewers) as trash receptacles! In addition to the unpleasant physical appearance, trash and debris dropped or dumped on public streets, private property, and rights-of-way often washes into storm drains (also called "storm sewers") and storm inlets. Everything you put in the storm drain or sewer goes directly into the Anacostia or Potomac River!

Don't use storm drains (sewers) to dispose of leaves and yard waste! Debris in storm drains or sewers can cause local flooding and increase the potential for dry weather overflows (see photos).

¡Por favor no tire la basura en la calle ni use las coladeras de la calle como botes de basura! Además de que da un aspecto espantoso, la basura y los desperdicios que se tiran en la calle, en las propiedades privadas y en las carreteras, casi siempre terminan en el sistema fluvial (también llamado "storm sewers" – cañerías de tormenta) y en las entradas de las coladeras. ¡Todo lo que entra al sistema fluvial o a la cañería se va directamente al Río Potomac o al Anacostia!

¡No tire las hojas secas ni la basura de su jardín en las coladeras del sistema fluvial! Esto puede causar inundaciones locales y aumenta la posibilidad de inundaciones por tiempo seco.

Trash in the storm drain (sewer) can cause problems.
Source: DC Water and Sewer Authority website, www.dcwasa.com

Reducing litter at your school

With some planning and teamwork, you can reduce litter in your school and community. One way to reduce litter is to observe and then start changing habits. The checklist below contains several suggestions to help your school reduce litter.

Place a check next to those suggestions that your school is doing already. You can use this as a guide to further reduce litter in your school (or community) and develop a litter reduction plan.

Research

- ☐ Conduct a study of how much litter is in your school, the parts of the school with the most litter, and what items you find in the school litter.
- ☐ Identify the sources of the litter and people's reasons for littering.
- ☐ Involve students in litter research.

Organization

- ☐ Appoint a Litter Coordinator.
- ☐ Set up a litter committee that includes students, teachers, and the Litter Coordinator.

Environmental Education Programs

- ☐ Incorporate education about environmental issues into the school curriculum, in particular about the effects of litter on the environment.

General Strategies

- ☐ Work with students to develop a school litter reduction policy.
- ☐ Use positive expressions such as "School Beautification Plan" rather than "School Litter Plan."
- ☐ Encourage the cafeteria to sell products that will lead to less trash overall and indirectly to less litter.
- ☐ Encourage staff to inspire students to reduce the amount of litter.
- ☐ Organize litter collections by monitors on a rotating basis, not as punishment for acts not related to littering.
- ☐ Provide positive incentives for litter collections rather than giving yard duty as punishment.
- ☐ Provide rubber gloves and/or tongs to litter monitors.
- ☐ Provide feedback on the progress of litter prevention.
- ☐ Contact the Office of the Clean City for assistance with your School Beautification Plan and cleanups.

Trash Bins

- ☐ Provide sufficient bins in areas that may be badly littered—around the cafeteria and around student eating areas.
- ☐ Place bins in the same position each day.
- ☐ Empty bins **at least** once daily.
- ☐ Provide lids for bins to prevent loss of litter due to wind.

Planeando con anticipación y trabajando en equipo, usted puede reducir significativamente la basura en su escuela y en su comunidad. Una manera de hacerlo es observar y entonces empezar a cambiar hábitos.

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Take the "Don't Litter!" Quiz

Are you making a difference in keeping the nation's capitol clean and beautiful? Take the "Don't Litter!" quiz and see how you rate. Answer each statement with the answer "True" or "False."

1. If I littered, I would feel guilty.
2. When I see people litter, I let them know that they shouldn't do that.
3. I go out of my way to be sure litter gets into a trash can.
4. I pick up other people's litter.
5. Dropping a cigarette butt on the ground is not littering.
6. It really does not matter when I drop small things (like paper, food wrappers, bottles, etc.) on the ground.
7. Littering while driving is sometimes necessary.
8. If things blow out of my truck or car, it's not really littering.
9. I litter when nobody sees me.
10. If litter is already on the ground, then one more piece won't hurt.
11. If I litter, it's not that bad because someone gets paid to clean it up.
12. Putting my trash in the storm drain or sewer is not littering.

How did you rate? Total your score and see just how you did. *Remember—success begins with one citizen and one community deciding to make a difference.*

For #1 to #4, give yourself 2 points for each statement you answered "TRUE."
For #5 to #12, give yourself 2 points for each statement you answered "FALSE."

0 – 8 points: You can only get better! Now is a good time to begin. Don't be a litterbug.

10 – 14 points: With a little more effort, you could help your community and the environment by not littering.

16 – 18 points: Good job of doing your part to keep your community litter-free. Keep up the good work!

20 – 24 points: Great! Thanks for setting a good example and helping your community stay litter-free.

¿Contribuye usted a mantener la capital de la nación limpia y bella? Sométase al examen "Don't Litter!" (No tire basura) para que compruebe el nivel de su contribucíon su inglés.