



**Great News!!** The Spring litter pluck event was a huge success. Participants removed from the roadsides and trails throughout Sullivan County approximately 450 bags of litter and over 150 tires. The County of Sullivan would like to thank everyone for participating and to help keep this momentum going, is now offering a **Fall Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Event.**

**When:** Now through October 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Event Information:**

Please take this opportunity to reach out to organizations, businesses, volunteer groups, schools, Adopt-a-Road participants, Adopt-a-Trail participants, etc. to organize litter plucking events in your area.

- Please distribute the enclosed disposal coupons to participants.
- Participants can litter pluck roadsides and/or trails within Sullivan County.
- Participants must bring the bags to any County operated Transfer Station, during operating hours, and present the enclosed coupon (one per bag) for Free Disposal.

### **Included in the packet:**

- **Disposal Coupons for Litter Filled Bags.** Depending on group size, you may divide them up as you deem necessary. Coupons are only valid during event dates.
- **Flyers for the event.**
- **Litter Plucking Safety Checklist** – Please review with participants to keep everyone safe.

### **Important NYSDOT Roadside Guidelines:**

- **Litter Plucking is prohibited on State Route 17 (future I-86).**
- **A permit from NYSDOT is required if litter plucking on any New York State DOT Roadside, for example Rt. 52, Rt. 17B, Rt. 97, Rt. 209.** For questions and submittal, please contact Paul Hahn, Senior Engineering Technician at [paul.hahn@dot.ny.gov](mailto:paul.hahn@dot.ny.gov).

### **Trails:**

- Please inform the trail owner of any organized events.

If you need more Disposal Coupons, or have any questions, please contact the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department at [scparks@sullivanny.us](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.us) or call (845) 807-0287.

**For County Transfer Station hours and locations please visit:**  
<http://sullivanny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling>

**Thank you for your time and participation in this Event!!**

## Litter Plucking - SAFETY Checklist

### Please review with all participants

- ✓ NO HORSEPLAY!
- ✓ Workers will wear a hard hat, proper footwear, long pants, gloves and a safety vest or Orange shirt for the duration of the activity.
- ✓ Stay well away from pavement areas and traffic.
- ✓ No vehicles should stop or park on roadways or roadway shoulders.
- ✓ Do not pick up anything that could be hazardous to your health. This includes, but is not limited to, **Needles (DO NOT TOUCH)**, jagged glass or other sharp objects, animal carcasses and heavy objects. If in doubt, contact DOT.
- ✓ Ensure children 12-18 years old are supervised – 1 supervisor for every 6 children.
- ✓ Children should not operate power mowing or grass trimming equipment.
- ✓ Proper hearing protection shall be worn when appropriate.
- ✓ No activity, including the operation of mowing equipment, shall be done on the roadway surface or shoulders.
- ✓ No activity that will compromise your safety or distract motorists shall be done.
- ✓ Groups should have a first aid kit and transportation available for the group at all times in case of emergency.
- ✓ Someone in the group should be familiar with CPR techniques in case of emergency.
- ✓ Avoid overexertion and make arrangements to provide drinking water in hot weather.
- ✓ Do not walk on guiderail(s).
- ✓ Stay off the underside of overhead bridge structures.
- ✓ Do not lean over bridge railings.
- ✓ No crossing of pavement when traffic would have to slow down to accommodate the crossing shall be done.
- ✓ When working close to the roadway, always have one person watching traffic; work shall progress facing traffic.
- ✓ Stop working in inclement weather.
- ✓ Participants should wear sunscreen and bug spray to avoid burns and ticks.

**\*\* Remember, you are working in a dangerous environment, a public highway! \*\***

**\*\*No work will begin until ALL signs and cones are in place\*\***