

THE COMMONWEALTH CLEAN OCEANS

PLASTICS CAMPAIGN

Organise a Clean-up

LOCATION

Before organizing a pick-up event, assess the site for water conditions, tides, access points, and safety notices, choosing locations with multiple access options and being mindful of potential hazards. Ensure waste is present since other groups may have cleaned the area recently. Lastly, confirm access permissions for your chosen waterfront site, as regulations can differ.

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SAFETY & EQUIPMENT

Use rubbish bags, a litter picker, gloves, and antibacterial gel. Wear high-visibility jackets and appropriate clothing to protect against bites and ensure good grip near waterways. Always carry a fully charged mobile phone for emergencies. be cautious near water, avoid sharp litter, uneven terrain and any drowning risks.

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REPORTING

Before you start cleaning, take a photo of the area and another when you finish. Count how many pieces of plastic you pick up and if possible, weigh your collected plastic at the end to measure your impact. Remember, our goal is to pick up 1 million pieces of plastic, so your measurements are essential. Send us the amount and weight of waste picked-up and photos of the event on Instagram, also please tag @RoyalCWsociety, @thecfg, and @glasgow_2026.

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DISPOSAL

Safe disposal is one of the most crucial steps in your cleanup effort. Plan your disposal strategy before you start; if your country's recycling system requires materials to be separated, make sure to incorporate this into your pickup process. Identify the nearest recycling center ahead of time and arrange for appropriate transport to handle the waste afterward.

Only resort to landfill disposal if your country lacks plastic recycling options.

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