



## **More Tips for Keeping Your Neighborhood Clean and Safe**

**Certain types of trash may have come from a meth lab. Do NOT pick-up.**

### **Tips for spotting meth garbage:**

- avoid garbage with chemical odor
- watch for particular items tossed out together or in excess (2 liter soda bottles, lithium batteries, cold medicine tablets, coffee filters, drain cleaner, paint thinner, matches, etc.
- avoid touching bags or items with white powdery residue or burn marks
- if you see suspicious looking trash, **DO NOT PICK-UP**. Leave the area and call 574-LMPD to report the items and location.

### **How to know if your neighbor is cooking meth:**

- chemical odor coming from house, garage, backyard, etc.
- windows and doors cracked or open at unusual hours (to facilitate drying process)
- lots of garbage
- unusual amounts of vehicle traffic at all hours around the home
- neighbors lose weight, seem awake at strange hours or are active for long periods of time, or have burn marks or scabs on their faces and bodies

**As always, better to be safe than sorry.  
Call 574-LMPD if you suspect anything!**



## Cleanup Safety Guidelines

**\*Important: Please read both sides of this handout and review safety guidelines with volunteers prior to your cleanup.**

- Dress for the cleanup. Wear light or reflective clothing; wear gloves to avoid cuts and scrapes; wear sturdy boots or shoes to protect from glass that may be on the ground; and dress for the weather.
- Separate volunteers into smaller groups if possible. Don't cross the roadway during a cleanup. Concentrate on cleaning one side of the road first.
- Always try to work facing traffic in order to be aware of actions of oncoming traffic. Place warning signs at either end of the area being cleaned to warn motorists. Do not work during times of heavy traffic, during rain, at dusk or after dark.
- Avoid wearing headphones in order to be aware of traffic and to hear emergency vehicles.
- Leave bags of litter several feet from the edge of the road, in a central location and away from curves. This will help crews that pick-up the bags.
- Do not fill bags too full of material. Heavy bags will tear when they are moved. Do not squeeze bags to get air out. Glass in the bags could injure work crews.
- Do not pick up hazardous items: hypodermic needles, chemicals or dead animals. Do not attempt to move large items such as appliances or barrels. Note the location for crews when you call in to have the litter bags picked up.
- Do not reach into large piles of debris if you cannot see the bottom of the pile (sharp or hazardous items could be hidden in the pile).
- If children are participating in the cleanup, designate a park, sidewalk or green space for them to clean. Do not assign children to clean roadways.
- Volunteers working with youth/children must follow the procedures defined by your organization. Some organizations may require background checks and specify an appropriate youth-adult ratio for safety and mentoring.
- Be aware of weather conditions: drink plenty of water in hot weather. Avoid over exertion and danger of heatstroke.



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