

Dear River Clean-up Volunteers,

The River Forest Park District is sponsoring its' 17th Annual Des Plaines River Clean-up on Saturday, April 27th starting at 9:00 a.m. running from North Avenue to Madison Avenue. The first 100 volunteers to register will receive a FREE t-shirt. In addition, the River Forest Park District would like to show our appreciation by providing a FREE lunch following the completion of the clean-up starting at 11:30am.

The goal this year is to clean both the east and west side of the Des Plaines River, from North Avenue to Madison Avenue. Please leave any garbage you accumulate along the curbs which border the route. River Forest Park District staff will pick up the garbage. You may also drop garbage bags in the dumpster located at Thatcher Woods Pavilion in the parking lot. Thatcher Woods Pavilion is located on Chicago Avenue just west of Thatcher Avenue.

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE!

For inclement weather updates and cancellations, call the Rain Hotline at 708-802-1314.

MEETING SITE:

Meet at The Depot, 401 Thatcher Avenue in River Forest. One person from your group/family is expected to check-in and sign-up for a Clean-Up Zone. The rest of the group/family can wait outside and collect supplies (garbage bags, first aide, information table, etc).

The Depot is located just south of Lake Street on Thatcher Avenue by the train tracks.

CHECK-IN & PRE-REGISTRATION TABLE:

All volunteers should PRE-REGISTER either by coming to The Depot Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm or by downloading a registration form online at www.rfparks.com. Your group/family leader should check-in the morning of the event and sign-up for a Clean-Up Zone using the group/family name and group/family leader's name.

*When checking-in for your group/family, please send only one representative to the PRE-REGISTRATION table.

SAFETY:

Groups or the buddy system are highly recommended for safety reasons. Always be aware of sharp objects and wear pants and long sleeved shirts. The Park District will be providing everyone with plenty of garbage bags. We will have a limited amount of safety gloves, so feel free to bring your own safety/work/gardening gloves from home. A first aid kit will be on site at The Depot. Please be aware of poison ivy. There will be photographs of different poison ivy on site. It is highly recommended to carry a cell phone with you in the event of an emergency. Please sign-out at the end of the event so we know you returned safely.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Police: 708-366-7125 (call this # if you find anything suspicious/unsafe)

Karen Stille, Recreation Manager: 708-334-7647

Rain Hotline: 708-802-1314

CLOTHING:

Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, bright colors, and boots. Depending on the weather, it may be very muddy along the river.

FREE ZERO-WASTE LUNCH:

The River Clean-Up usually comes to an end at approximately 11:30am. Everyone is invited to meet at The Depot for a lunch provided by the River Forest Park District. We will be serving hot-dogs, chips, and fruit.

***Bring your re-usable water bottles to fill up at The Depot. We will have water coolers filled with water and Gatorade. We will not have any bottled water or soda cans this year.

See you on the 27th! Be sure to check-in at the **PRE-REGISTRATION TABLE** at The Depot so we can best direct you to a Clean-Up Zone.

Please encourage other friends and/or family members to volunteer for the Des Plaines River Clean-Up.

SAFETY FIRST!

Please come prepared.

Thank you.

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