

# Hartwell Clean Up Green Up

## Safety Information

- ✓ Wear work gloves and sturdy boots/shoes.
- ✓ Long pants and long-sleeved shirts provide extra protection against poison ivy, briars, ticks and other insects. Have someone identify poison ivy so participants can avoid it. Light colored clothing makes ticks easier to spot.
- ✓ Trash pokers\*, grabbers or long BBQ style tongs are helpful items to make your clean up easier and safer - they alleviate much of the bending over to pick up trash and reduce the amount of handling.
- ✓ Bring insect repellent.
- ✓ Wear a bright orange vest or other brightly colored clothing if cleaning during hunting season or near a road or bridge.
- ✓ Always watch where you step. Be careful of broken glass, debris and uneven terrain.
- ✓ Be careful when handling broken glass, sharp objects, aerosol cans and containers that may contain chemical or chemical residue (do not puncture with trash pokers). **When in doubt - Don't Pick It Up!**
- ✓ Watch out for snakes, wasps and hornets in debris piles and other vegetated areas.
- ✓ Use common sense about lifting heavy objects. Get help if available but don't try to remove objects that cannot be removed safely.
- ✓ Stay clear of any and all animals in the area including dogs.
- ✓ Carry drinking water for your group with you.
- ✓ Be certain you and your group have a well supplied first aid kit for minor cuts and insect bites or stings.
- ✓ Know what to do and who to call in an emergency.
- ✓ Remember that everyone should stay with the group and not wander.
- ✓ Know how many are in your group and account for them regularly.
- ✓ Plan ahead - find out as much as possible about the area prior to your cleanup. Avoid trespassing on private property.
- ✓ Be careful of the sun. Wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen to prevent burning.
- ✓ Always have everyone wear a properly fitted life jacket when on a boat, in the water or near the water.
- ✓ It is best for volunteers to work in groups of three or more. If one person is injured, one person can stay with the injured person while the other person can go for help.
- ✓ Keep all litter collected in the garbage bags provided.

**Notify the Corps of Engineers of items found that are too big for your group to remove, may be hazardous (such as drum like containers or needles), or look suspicious.**

***BE SAFE! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!***