

# Craven County Clean Sweep

## Volunteer **Safety** Guide to Picking up Litter

Volunteering for a litter cleanup event can be a rewarding and fun experience for all involved. However, there are some safety rules and guidelines that everyone should follow to make these events enjoyable and safe.

Craven County Clean Sweep will provide volunteers with the following items: **Safety vests, gloves, trash grabbers, and trash bags.**

**DO** your part to safely participate:

- ✓ Wear closed toe shoes;
- ✓ Bring water for hydration;
- ✓ Bring a phone or camera to document what you clean up;
- ✓ Wear sunscreen and insect repellent when appropriate;
- ✓ Always face traffic so drivers can see you and you can see them.

**DO** look out for natural hazards:

- Poison Ivy or thorny plants;
- Do not enter high vegetation – these areas can be home to snakes and other wildlife;
- Do not enter streams, ponds, lakes, marshes, or other bodies of water;
- Do not eat any berries or mushrooms you may find.

**DO NOT** pick up dangerous or hazardous items, such as:

- ❖ Needles and/or syringes;
- ❖ Guns or knives;
- ❖ Razor Blades or broken glass;
- ❖ Closed or sealed buckets and plastic or metal drums;
- ❖ Dead animals.

**\*Kids:** If you find dangerous and/or hazardous items please stay away and tell an adult with your group!

**\*Adults:** **In the City of New Bern**, if you find dangerous and/or hazardous items take note of the location and report it immediately to the **New Bern Police Department @ 252-633-2020**. **Outside of the City of New Bern** please text or call **Pam Hawkins at 252-658-7620** or email at **phawkins@cravencountync.gov**.