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### **City of East Providence launches community cleanup challenge - #EPTEAMUP2CLEANUP**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence is challenging residents to work together to make East Providence a litter-free community.

“While East Providence is so fortunate to have a number of organizations that volunteer and participate in community cleanups each year, we are challenging all of our residents to provide a helping hand in beautifying our city during a four-day community cleanup challenge - **#EPTeamUp2Cleanup**,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said.

The challenge: Between the dates of April 22-April 25, residents are being asked to bring a bag and gloves with them when they walk the dog, go for a jog or a bike ride and to stop and help clean up litter.

The City is offering volunteers a bundle of two trash bags and two pairs of gloves to help **#EPTeamUp2Cleanup**.

Here’s how it works:

Interested volunteers can pick up their supplies the week of April 19 (April 19-April 23) at the Recycling Office at 60 Commercial Way anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or at City Hall Lobby from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. And while they are there, residents may fill out an entry slip to be included in the drawing of a free composting bin.

Residents may also pick up a bundle on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Riverside Library for the Riverside Community Tree Planning with EP Urban Forest & Riverside Action Commission.

With gloves and bags in hand, residents can partner up with friends and family and pick a “**Problem Litter Areas**” listed below and clean up.

Have fun in the cleanup process. Take photos with **#EPTeamUp2Cleanup** and email the photos to [eprecycle@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:eprecycle@eastprovidenceri.gov) along with the number of bags you’ve filled and where the bags are located. And don’t forget to post your cleanup selfie with #EPTeamUp2Cleanup on your social media.

Once you’ve filled your bags, you have a few options:

- You can either bring the bags to the marked “Earth Day” barrels located at the gates of 60 Commercial Way.
- If your cleanup is along the bike path, you may leave the bags in the parking area or along the path.
- If your cleanup is in a city park, you may leave the bags in the parking area of the park marked “Earth Day.”
- Email [eprecycle@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:eprecycle@eastprovidenceri.gov) to notify them where the bags are located.

#### **Problem Litter Areas:**

- Ten Mile River Greenway, 215 Ferris Ave.
- Turner Reservoir Loop Walking Trail, 400 Pleasant St.
- Waterfront Drive to Tockwotton
- John W. Lewis Waterfront Park, 1 Pier Road
- Streets along I-195 (Oakley Street, School Street, Freeborn Avenue)
- East Bay Bike Path from Riverside Square to Crescent View Avenue
- East Bay Bike Path Parking areas along Veteran’s Memorial Parkway
- Watchemocket Cove – Park at Pump Station
- Squantum Woods
- Rose Garden Playground walking paths – located behind Martin Middle School
- Riverside Square
- Roger Williams Avenue (near railroad tracks/bridge/tunnel)
- Vanderland Avenue

#### **Other Community Cleanups:**

- April 24, 2021: Crescent Park, Rose Larissa Park, Crescent Beach (organized by EPHS Environmental Group)  
 Command Center: Gazebo at Rose Larissa  
 Time: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.  
 Rain Date: April 25
- April 24, 2021: Annawamscutt Brook - Cleaning of the brook from school and through the neighborhood (organized by Friends of Annawamscutt Brook Group)  
 Command Center: (New) Oldham School  
 Time: 10 a.m. – Noon  
 Rain Date: May 22, 2021
- April 24, 2021 Sabin Point and Shoreline, Providence Avenue Playgournd (organized by BridgePointe Christian Church)  
 Command Center: BridgePointe Christian Church  
 Time: 9 a.m. to Noon  
 Rain Date: May 1, 2021
- April 25, 2021 Fort Street along the Metacomet fence (organized by the East Providence Elks)  
 Command Center: Elks Lodge  
 Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 No rain date
- May 1, 2021 Squantum Club shoreline (organized by Squantum Association)  
 Command Center: 947 Veteran Memorial Parkway  
 Time: 9 a.m. to Noon  
 No rain date

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