

## Toledo Litter League 2025

### League Rules

1. Opening Day kick off is on June 1st, 2025. The last day of the competition will be August 31, 2025.
2. Each team must have a Captain, team name, and a roster of no more than 20 players. Any player under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.
3. Teams are divided into the following "Leagues": Business/Corporation, Nonprofit/Faith-Based Organization, Community Group, or Family/Individual. Team Captains designate which "League" a group is in during registration.
4. Every volunteer must complete a liability waiver. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that every volunteer has a waiver filled out prior to participating in their first cleanup.
5. Teams must inform Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful of their cleanups in advance, if they plan to leave the bags of litter for pickup.
6. Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful will provide each team with equipment (safety vests, gloves, litter grabbers, and trash bags). Equipment can be held by the team captain during the Litter League season given that the team is regularly conducting cleanups. After a three weeks lapse with no clean-ups, equipment must be returned. Fees may be charged to the group for unreturned litter tongs.
7. Each Team Captain is required to watch a safety video and provide a safety orientation at each cleanup. Team Captains are responsible for submitting a Score Sheet to report stats after each cleanup via the Toledo Litter League website.
8. Teams will score 1 run for every full bag of litter collected.
9. Tires and bulk items **will not** be included in scoring and **CANNOT** be collected during Litter League. If bulky items are found during cleanups, these will be reported on the Toledo Litter League website separately and Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful will coordinate their removal.
10. Have Fun!

## Litter League Safety Checklist

- Designate a safety officer whose only responsible for safety and trouble-shooting. This person should have a first aid kit, a cell phone, and a list of emergency phone numbers (below).
- The Safety Officer is also responsible for reviewing this safety checklist with all participants prior to each cleanup.
- All players must sign a liability release/waiver. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to make sure waivers are filled out prior each volunteers first cleanup.
- Dress properly; wear heavy shoes; wear gloves, use sunscreen and insect repellent when appropriate.
- 2025 is shaping up to be a bad year for ticks. When possible wear long socks, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Use insect/tick repellent, and check for ticks after cleanups.
- Drink plenty of fluids, avoid over-exertion, and get help with large objects. Use proper lifting and bending techniques.
- Do not overstuff bags or pickup anything that could be hazardous to your health.
- When near a road, wear bright colors, work in groups, and always face on-coming traffic. When available, wear a safety vest.
  - Do not work when it is foggy or when the roadway is slippery from being wet or icy.
  - Do not cross roadways unless it can be done safely at an appropriate intersection/crosswalk.
- Work during daylight hours only.
- For safety, do not wear ear buds / headphones, which could interfere with you being able to hear traffic or other volunteers.
- If you are stung by a bee/wasp and fear a life threatening allergic reaction, call 911. Make sure to check for ticks.
- Be aware of poison ivy or other poisonous or sharp plant materials. Protect yourself with long sleeve shirts and pants.
- When cleaning up in neighborhoods you may encounter unfriendly dogs. If approached by a growling or angry animal stand still, *do not* run or make direct eye contact. Move slowly away from the animal when appropriate. See dog bite prevention tips.

- Snakes, usually “non-poisonous”, reside in wooded and wet areas as well as abandoned tires; be cautious at all times.
- Do NOT pick up items on the traveled roadway.
- Stay at least five feet back from the traveled portion of the roadway to pick up trash.
- Do NOT pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- Do NOT pick up dead animals.
- Do NOT wander onto private property.
- Do NOT attempt to remove known or suspected toxic, hazardous substances, firearms, or other weapons. Notify police by calling non-emergency police number immediately.
- Stay away from suspected meth lab dump sites (red stained coffee filters, concentration of household cleaning bottles, propane tanks, etc....). Mark the area and notify police by calling non-emergency police number immediately. See flier below for more information.

Non-emergency:

Holland Police Department	419.865.7105
Lucas County Sheriff	419.213.4977
Maumee Police Department	419.897.7000
Oregon Police Department	419.698.7064
Ottawa Hills Police Department	419.531.4211
Sylvania City Police Department	419.885.8900
Sylvania Township Police Department	419.882.2055
Toledo Police Department	
Downtown	419.245.3340
Scott Park	419.936.2000
Northwest Ohio	419.936.3800
Waterville Police Department	419.878.9991
Whitehouse Police Department	419.243.5111

## **Dog Bite Prevention, Don't Invite a Bite!**

Dogs may bite for a variety of reasons... fear of a strange person, territorial aggression, protecting puppies, etc.

Dogs that are injured or not properly socialized with people are also more prone to biting out of fear.

To avoid becoming the victim of a bite, follow these tips:

- Never approach a dog you do not know.
- Assume any dog you don't know, may bite.
- Avoid direct eye contact with aggressive dogs.
- Never disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or protecting puppies.

If a strange dog approaches you:

- Remain calm ~ do not scream or yell.
- Freeze and remain still. Avoid sudden movements. Above all, do not run, as this invites a chase.
- Turn your head away slightly, avoid direct eye contact.
- Be patient. Wait until the dog loses interest and back away slowly.

If you are attacked by a dog:

- Seek cover and try to use any object you have to place between you and the dog ~ a coat, book bag, etc.
- Try to stay on your feet.
- If knocked down, curl into a ball on your knees and use your arms to protect your face and neck.

## YOUR SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY!



There are many dangers on the roadway other than meth lab waste. Here are a few reminders that will help you have a safe and enjoyable clean up:

- Wear light colored clothing along with your safety vest, work gloves, sturdy shoes, pants, and a long sleeved shirt.
- Park your vehicle clear of the roadway
- Face oncoming traffic, stay in a group, only work when visibility is good
- Do not pick items on the paved roadway
- Make sure your roadwork ahead sign is erected
- Stay away from any hazardous items
- Be alert for wildlife and poison ivy

For additional safety guidelines refer to your Adopt-A-Highway permit and the Adopt-A-Highway safety briefing sheet on the Ohio Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway website.



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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS: **BEWARE OF METH LAB WASTE**



*A Scenic View  
Depends on You!*

# ROADSIDE METH LABS



*Common items used in the production of Meth*

## WHAT IS A METH LAB WASTE? AND WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND ONE

People make or “cook” the drug, methamphetamine (meth), using legal, over-the-counter products such as the ones listed in the next column. Once the cooking process is complete the “cook” must dispose of the waste from the cooking process.

**If you find any of the items listed or similar items, do not touch, smell or examine them.** Meth dumps may contain or be surrounded by potentially hazardous chemicals. If you suspect you have found materials used to make meth contact your Adopt-A-Highway contact listed on your permit and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. If you must leave the area, mark the site with a trash bag tied to a tree or fence, a safe distance from the sites.

## COMMONLY FOUND METH LAB WASTE MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHEMICALS, EQUIPMENT OR PACKAGING:

- Anhydrous ammonia stored in 20 pound propane tanks, coolers or thermos bottles. The presence of anhydrous in propane tanks is indicated by bluish-green coloring of brass tank valves.
- Common cold pills or diet pills containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
- Muriatic acid (swimming pool, well, concrete, and stone cleaner/etcher)
- Alcohol or methanol (“Heet” brand gasoline additive or rubbing alcohol)
- Camp stove fuel (“Coleman” fuel) and charcoal starter
- Iodine crystals or liquid
- Sodium hydroxide; sulfuric and hydrochloric acid (“Red Devil” lye and other drain cleaners)
- Red phosphorus (match books or sticks)
- Ether (engine starting fluid)
- Solvents such as Acetone, Benzene, Toluene, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, Xylene
- Disassembled lithium batteries
- Table salt and rock salt
- Baking dishes and glassware such as “Pyrex” and “Visions”
- Stained, used coffee filters
- Rubber or plastic hosing
- Duct tape

## HOW TO IDENTIFY METH LAB WASTE



**Additional safety information can be found by contacting your Adopt-A-Highway coordinator or by logging on to the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Website at: [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us) and clicking on the Adopt-A-Highway icon**

