



Handbook for the National Cleaning Day

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Foreword

Through this project we want to clean the piles of garbage from natural areas in the whole country in one day. The piles of garbage that will be [identified](#) and [cleaned](#) during this campaign are the waste thrown away in the natural areas by the citizens (local citizens or tourists). We do not include the areas where the waste was systematically deposited and transported with the help of utilities (those being illegal piles). The targeted natural areas can be both on land and on water.

Just as the organized action from 2008 in Estonia (the country with the initiative) and those from Latvia and Lithuania in 2009, the action from Romania implies the [involvement](#) of the citizens, local authorities, private companies, sanitation operators, public figures, and mass media in order to mobilize the people and to get out and clean the waste in the established day according to the plan the team has realized.

In Romania, the national cleaning day is on September 25th 2010.

As long term objectives, the project proposes the citizens to be more responsible towards the environment and to [collaborate](#) with the authorities in order to improve the infrastructure and the system of fines.

Materials/equipment

Mandatory (each team must have them)

- Sport clothing (T shirt/blouse and comfortable trousers, preferably long ones)
- Sport shoes (sneakers or water resistant shoes– rubber boots, boots, mountain boots)
- At least one of the members has to have a backpack containing water, food, caps, medicinal alcohol and gauze, adhesive, scissors.

Will be offered by “Let's do it, Romania!” – if possible

- bags
- gloves
- maps of the piles
- clean up handbook
- safety instructions
- transport for the volunteers

Recommended

- Means of transport (necessary to get to the points where piles were identified: the areas that will be cleaned)
- It would help us with the organizing if you could come “accompanied” by a car with a trailer/ any other type of vehicle that could be used for the transportation of the garbage bags, from the points where they were collected to a pre-established place (from where they will be collected by the sanitation operators, co-incinerators, collectors, recyclers etc.)
- **In case you can, please come with your own pair of gloves (latex) and garbage bags (120 liters, 5 microns thick). You can find them at any hypermarket in the household section – total approximate cost – 10 RON.**

2. How to conduct during the cleaning action

Before the Cleaning Day

After finishing “The Waste Map”, the leaders of the registered teams will be able to choose the “registration points” (depending on the limit of the needed volunteers for each), from where they could head to the piles they will clean with their teams. These registration points will be established after 11th of September and will be communicated throughout the country.

The volunteers that have registered on the website will be contacted (by e-mail) before the „Z” day and will receive all the necessary information about the program of this day.

The Cleaning Day

1. At 07:00 a.m. local representatives of the organizing team arrive at each registration point (posted on the website).
2. According to the instructions received by e-mail, the volunteers meet on September 25th at 08:00 a.m. at the chosen registration point (in case you arrive by care please park it according to the law).
3. At the registration point will take place:
 - Registration of the volunteers that are not registered on the website (8:00-9:00);
 - Forming the teams, with those that registered and have no team and those teams that have less the 5 members (9:00-10:00);
 - Volunteers fill and sign the registration form.
4. **The local representative MUST verify that every minor is accompanied by an adult who signed the desclaration for the participation of the minor (see annex 2).**
5. After they have signed the registration form and they have received the garbage bags and gloves, the teams that have chosen the piles on the internet will go and start the cleaning.
6. Teams that didn't choose the piles on the internet and also those volunteers that were not registered on the internet will receive at the registration point packages with the available garbage piles.
7. Around 15:00 the cars of the partners of action arrive at the temporary stock bases and pick up the bags transported here(the partners of action will be: cleaning agents, collectors, recyclers, co-incinerators etc.). They continue arriving until 18:00.



8. The team can choose a new package of piles in case the team finished cleaning the elected piles earlier (they will get back to the registration point for this).

9. At 15:00 the action will stop and the volunteers report what piles they have cleaned and the % of every pile elected. The report can be done in 2 ways:

- physical at the registration point by filling a form
- through SMS. The message will be given to the Let's Do It, Romania! representative where the registration took place by the contact person of the team /team leader (the phone number will be available at the registration point).

The SMS text: Name of the contact person/leader, number of the team members, no. assigned piles, no. cleaned piles, no. full bags
ex.: Ionescu Marin, 6 members, 7 assigned, 6 cleaned, 50 bags.

The responsibilities of the team leader

The leader is the person that coordinates the team, is the responsible for all the team members and represents the connection between the coordinators of the project and the team of volunteers. All the information that needs to be distributed to the members of a team will be given to the leader.

Selective waste collection

In case the volunteers shall be announced at the registration point that they will collect the garbage selectively, it will be on these categories:

- Plastic, rubber
- Glass & Metal
- Capacitor (without bags)
- Construction materials (only if it is announced at the registration point)

Note: The waste categories that will be collected can vary depending on the collaborating partners from every district. All that is recommended is for the number of bags to be of maximum 4/volunteer. In Romania the color system for the bags has not been yet accomplished /made.

!!! Attention

- The volunteers will not expose themselves to danger(do not risk your life on cliffs maximum attention with sharp objects, toxic substances, pieces of wood or any other materials in unbalanced positions, that could determine the waste pile to collapse)
- Volunteers will not enter in the middle of the pile. The clean up will begin from a side, and continue heading the center.
- The volunteers will touch the waste only when equipped with gloves – DO NOT TOUCH batteries, dismantled projectiles (see the image), poison boxes or toxic substances.
- The volunteers will carefully maneuver the waste that is sharp and could cause cutting them.



- Under aged volunteers will not touch sharp/dangerous objects (bottles, old iron, wires, car batteries, dismantled projectiles, poison boxes or toxic substances).

Special situations

- Human corpses: in case a human corps is discovered, the emergency number 112 will be called and the police squad of the place where it was discovered will take over. De Also, a LDIR representative will be informed. For that team, the clean up activity ends.
- Dismantled projectiles: in case you discover an explosive object (bombshell, artillery projectile etc), volunteers must maintain the distance and call the emergency number 112. These objects will not be moved under any circumstances! A LDIR representative will be informed of the situation.
- Accidents: in order to avoid any type of accident it is recommended that volunteers to thoroughly follow the safety rules. It is preferably that volunteers have a first aid kit for possible small accidents that can happen during the clean up process. In case of a major accident, call 112 and immediately inform a LDIR representative.



Disclaimer

Under aged youngsters can take part in the big clean up, but they must be taken under the responsibility of adults.

The registered volunteers for the clean up activities get involved on their own responsibility. They have the obligation to read this handbook, also the annexed safety instructions and to know all the details connected to the clean up activities. The LDIR team is not responsible for the accidents that may result from not following the indications offered.

The volunteers have the obligation not to expose themselves to danger; any wounds the volunteers suffer will not be imputed to the organizers.

In case of a special situation, the guidance from this handbook and from the annexed safety instructions will be followed exactly.

Contact

For any other further information, you can contact us at voluntar@letsdoitromania.ro.

Annexes

Declaration of participation for under aged

Safety instructions