



## News Release

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### **April is Community Clean- Up Month**

April 1 marks the official kick off to Community Clean-Up Month. This annual program of the Regional District of Central Okanagan encourages residents do some spring cleaning in their own neighborhoods. And while things may look a little different this year in terms of the size and types of groups that can tackle projects, some good work is still possible.

The RDCO Waste Reduction Office supports Community Clean-Up Month by supplying cleanup gear to participants:

- Gloves
- Bags
- Garbage pickers where available

Once a cleanup is completed, it also arranges to have the collected waste picked up.

This year due to strict COVID constraints, residents wishing to tackle a cleanup must follow all public health guidelines:

- Only come together in your small family bubbles
- Wear masks and protective gear
- Keep your distance
- Do a cleanup in your own neighborhood

Waste Reduction Facilitator Rae Stewart says this program has been going on for the last twenty years, illustrating the dedication and commitment of our community. “This year is for sure different in that we can’t gather in large groups to do some collective larger spring cleaning projects. But, we can get together in our small family groups, head outdoors for a few hours or less, whatever you have time for, and do a spring blitz. We’ve already heard from a number of families that want to channel some pent up energy in a positive way. All these small acts combined can really make a difference. You know what they say, many hands make light work.”

Stewart adds over the years, literally thousands of residents have participated in Community Clean-Ups, from families and friends to schools, church groups and service organizations

If you would like to arrange your own family-friendly, socially distanced Community Clean-Up event, contact the Regional Waste Reduction Office by emailing [recycle@rdco.com](mailto:recycle@rdco.com) or call 250-469-6250.

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