



100 PROJECT IDEAS

(Any of these qualify as Great American Cleanup™ in Oklahoma Activities)

1. Remove litter and debris from several miles of neighborhood streets.
2. Remove litter and debris from several miles of river banks
3. Plant trees and flowers in a neighborhood park or schoolyard.
 4. Cleanup an illegal dumpsite.
 5. Take part in the ODOT Trash Off.
 6. Organize a school locker cleanout.
 7. Remove graffiti from a public place.
8. Organize a collection of electronics for recycling.
9. Restore a playground by repairing and painting the equipment, plant flowers and add safe surfaces.
 10. Collect gently used clothing for recycling - take them to a shelter.
11. Collect aluminum cans for recycling - use the proceeds to buy a tree - plant it!
 12. Cleanup several miles of biking trails.
 13. Collect p.e.t. plastics for recycling.
 14. Organize a newspaper recycling drive
15. Hold an environmental education workshop that teaches kids not to litter.
16. Hold a contest in your town to find the best slogan for an anti-litter message.
 17. Start a campaign to remove junk cars from abandoned properties.
 18. Clean up and improve your community's hiking trails.
 19. Promote the use of waste receptacles along biking and hiking trails.
 20. Create or restore a neighborhood park.
21. Paint an old storefront - turn an eyesore into something eye-catching.
 22. Collect tires for recycling.
 23. Collect batteries for proper disposal.
 24. Plant flowers and bulbs in a schoolyard.
 25. Hold an underwater cleanup.
 26. Cleanup your own backyard.
27. Organize a campaign to cleanup the alleyways and backdoors of a shopping area.
28. Cleanup a vacant lot and make it into a small park with plantings and playground equipment.
 29. Hold a contest to create the best fire hydrant or manhole covers.
 30. Start a graffiti cleanup team that would work every weekend.
31. Start or re-invigorate a "prettiest yard or neighborhood or business award.
32. Promote the idea of making a community beautification project a required part of leadership training.
33. Create a trash fishing contest in your waterway to increase awareness about illegal dumping and littering.
 34. Start a community composting program.
35. Start an environmental corner in your library and research books and pamphlets that can be added
 36. Organize a "paint-out" with family and friends and make graffiti disappear.
37. Replace boarded over windows in your downtown store fronts with glass painted to look like there is activity going on.
 38. Start an adopt a spot program and get local businesses to get behind it.
 39. Collect old computers for recycling or donate them to a nonprofit group.
 40. Provide litter bags at sporting events.
 41. Plant a grove of the state tree - the redbud.
42. Form a committee to look for "witness trees" in your town - trees that were around 100 years ago.
 43. Plant a number of native oak trees that will be around for the next 100 years.
 44. Work with a teacher and help to build an Outdoor Classroom.
45. Organize a stream water quality monitoring program (contact Blue Thumb 918.398.1804)
46. Plant a rain garden that will soak up water and prevent polluted runoff from reaching our streams and rivers.
47. Organize a Tree Board in your city and take steps to become a Tree City USA (contact M.Bays 405-522-6150)
48. Hire a certified arborist to prune and improve the health of trees on public lands in your town.
49. Plant a centennial grove - 100 trees - to commemorate Oklahoma's 100th birthday.
50. Organize a "Clean Sweep" group that will literally sweep the sidewalks of a busy shopping mall...to jump start a community-wide beautification project.

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SOME **EXTREME CLEAN EVENTS** FOR TEENS

51. Cycle, Roll and Skate: organize teenagers who will roll their way through neighborhoods (on inline skates & bicycles) picking up litter and beautifying parks.
 52. Powerwash the town: Young volunteers can give your town the ultimate cleansing, blasting away grime on historic buildings and old brick streets.
 53. Jet Ski Competition: Teenage volunteers can clean hard to reach beaches and shorelines on jet skis.
 54. Go for the Gold: Organize recycling races at an Olympic-themed environmental education event.
 55. Paint the Town: Organize groups of teenagers to paint-out graffiti.
- The above can be fun, competitive, set to music...motivating teens to show they're willing to **go to extremes** to make a difference in their communities.
56. Mark stormdrains in your community (contact Blue Thumb 918.398.1804)
 57. Establish a lake water quality monitoring program (contact OK Water Watch 405.530.8800)
 58. Start an "adopt-A-park" program in your community - getting volunteers to help keep your parks in good repair.
 59. Turn used 55-gallon drums into brightly colored waste receptacles for a park, schoolyard or walking trail.
 60. Start a group that will build and plant flower boxes for your downtown streets.
 61. Hold a cleanup contest - involve the media and town officials to judge before & after photos.
 62. Paint out the rusty sign posts in your downtown areas.
 63. Create new landscaped Welcome sign entrances to your town.
 64. Hold a Trash-Free day with the cooperation of your public works department - provide free pick up of bulky items.
 65. Have a contest to find the prettiest business fronts in town.
 66. Recruit local businesses that will purchase trees and shrubs to be planted in rundown areas of town.
 67. Hold a "green building" workshop, educating citizens on the latest environmentally friendly materials and technology.
 68. Organize an "Our Town Cleans Up" Day - a citywide effort.
 69. Have your mayor issue a proclamation for citizens to take part in the Great American Cleanup™ in your town.
 70. Work with the Chamber of Commerce to find ways to spotlight clean teams at work.
 71. Create a contest to name the most improved landscape in town since last year.
 72. Organize a yard work crew to clean areas in older cemeteries, parks and church grounds.
 73. Organize a Helping Hands committee that will help seniors paint and repair their homes.
 74. Start a community garden.
 75. Create a wildlife habitat.
 76. Plan and build a nature trail.
 77. Plan and build an arboretum.
 78. Organize an Environmental Fair in your town - set up exhibits that teach citizens environmental awareness.
 79. Conduct a household hazardous waste collection in cooperation with your city officials.
 80. Start a campaign to "Use Less Stuff" (contact S.Shields 405-702-5166)
 81. Hold an Enviro-Expo where local businesses share information about their environmental impact"
 82. Hold a series of fundraising events to pay for a large community beautification project.
 83. Select a flower to represent your town and plant thousands of them "Everything's Coming up _your flower_"
 84. Organize a picnic and promote activities that beautify and cleanup the park.
 85. Hold a contest to develop community beautification ideas - implement the best ones.
 86. Celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and every day by making your town look better.
 87. Hold a Front Door contest to select the best-looking store fronts in town.
 88. Organize a garden tour, showcasing the most beautiful lawns and gardens in town-inspire more beauty in your town.
 89. Start an ad campaign to eradicate cigarette litter.
 90. Hold "town hall" meetings to build a beautification strategy.
 91. Involve youth in beautification planning - start them toward a lifetime of caring about community.
 92. Start a campaign to De-sign your community - rid it of illegal signs that litter the landscape.
 93. Screen away less than beautiful sights by planting trees and shrubs
 94. Create a plan for Winter Beauty in your community's largest parks.
 95. Create rock gardens in areas that don't do well with plantings
 96. Beautify your community landscapes with drought-tolerant plants (xeriscaping).
 97. Place waste receptacles in areas that generally attract litter.
 98. Paint murals over graffiti - hold a contest to select the best student designs
 99. Start a campaign to Put a Lid on It...keeping trash in its place.
 100. Just do it.