

OKLAHOMA CLEAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM



Presented jointly by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB), the Oklahoma Clean Community Program awards and recognizes rural towns, urban cities, and tribes that participate and collaborate in cleaning tire dumps, implementing preventative measures to stop illegal tire dumping, organizing waste collection events, and encouraging environmental stewardship through community wide service projects.

To be recognized as a Clean Community, fill out the following application before Jan 1. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at okcleancommunity@deq.ok.gov

Applicant Information

Name of Community: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Include city, _____
state, county, _____
and zip code) _____

Requirements of the Clean Community Program

You must check each box to be considered for an award.

- ☐ Hosted or collaborated in at least one community-wide tire collection event this year.
- ☐ Participated in the Great American Cleanup in Oklahoma this year.
- ☐ Held a collection event (hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, clothing, furniture, e-waste) this year.

Provide dates and a brief summary for these activities including cleanup statistics:

Chose all Environmental Service Projects that apply to your community:

1 point each:

- ☐ Planted Oklahoma native trees, shrubs, grasses, or flowers.
 - ☐ Promoted sustainable lawn care through code enforcement or lawn care programs.
 - ☐ Promoted or participated in rain water collection.
 - ☐ Adopted a street, mile, highway, park, or garden.
 - ☐ Promoted or participated in backyard or commercial composting programs.
 - ☐ Participated in DEQ's School Chemical Disposal Program.
 - ☐ Attended an Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA) Lunch & Learn.
 - ☐ Attended a KOB or KOB Affiliate's educational workshop.
 - ☐ Attended or hosted a water efficiency or xeriscaping workshop.
 - ☐ Participated in KOB's Lend-a-bin Program.
 - ☐ Participated in KOB's Litter Education Programs (at any age or grade level).
 - ☐ Participated in or promoted a cigarette litter prevention program.
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2 points each:

- ☐ Participated in the Oklahoma Department of Transportations (ODOT) Trash-off.
 - ☐ Established a permanent pharmaceutical disposal site.
 - ☐ Participated in Paint Oklahoma Beautiful.
 - ☐ Obtained a garden certification (Monarch Way Station, Yard by Yard, or Certified Wildlife Habitat).
 - ☐ A community law enforcement officer attended a workshop on illegal dumping.
 - ☐ Participated in or promoted a community seed exchange program.
 - ☐ Promoted safe disposal of medical sharps.
 - ☐ Educated the community about energy conservation and/or promoted renewable energy.
 - ☐ Hosted or sponsored a relevant environmental learning opportunity at a local library or museum
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3 points each:

- ☐ Is a KOB Affiliate in good standing.
- ☐ Created or supported an outdoor classroom.
- ☐ Participated in a wildlife habitat improvement program or workshop.
- ☐ Hosted or attended a Fertile Ground Zero Waste Event.
- ☐ Participated in KOB's Environmental Excellence Awards through attendance or nominations.
- ☐ Implemented or supported a community food recovery program.
- ☐ Created policies around sustainable products: banned styrofoam or plastic products, etc.

Points will be added together to determine award levels. See Page 4 to view each award.

Provide dates and a brief summary for these completed activities:

Describe any projects, workshops, or activities not listed that you would like to be considered for points, for instance Keep Route 66 Beautiful participation.

How did you learn about the Clean Community Program?

Please attach any photos, collection data, or documentation that you would like for us to review before making decisions about your application.

AWARD LEVELS

Each year, Oklahoma Clean Community winners are awarded by the Department of Environmental Quality at the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Affiliate Forum and recognized at the Environmental Excellence Celebration. Applications are due January 1 of each year to ensure all applications may be reviewed in the appropriate amount of time. See the Clean Communities flyer for a breakdown of the timeline.



GOLD *Scissortailed Flycatcher Award*

- Completed the three main requirements of the Oklahoma Clean Community Program
- Earned 21 points or more points in the self reported Environmental Service Projects Category
- Is a KOB Affiliate

SILVER *Bison Award*



- Completed the three main requirements of the Oklahoma Clean Community Program
- Earned 11-20 points in the self reported Environmental Service Projects Category

BRONZE *Oklahoma Redbud Award*



- Completed the three main requirements of the Oklahoma Clean Community Program
- Earned 1-10 points in the self reported Environmental Service Projects Category

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

okcleancommunity@deq.ok.gov -or-

Department of Environmental quality mailing address:

PO Box 1677,

Oklahoma City, OK 73101

