

DO's & DON'T's for volunteer litter pickers

DO (check the boxes to make sure you don't forget anything!)	
	In order to be covered by Preston's Public Liability insurance, you must only litter pick within the Preston boundaries and are required to adhere to the risk assessment provided.
	Read and understand the risk assessment provided by Preston City Council (PCC).
	Fully understand how to use the equipment provided.
	Be aware of your environment! Including but not limited to vehicles on roads/ parks, animals, unstable terrain
	Borrow equipment from the Council. Contact us when you need more bags.
	Wear appropriate footwear and clothing.
	If an item can't be collected with a litter picker, pass the information to the Council. Describe the item's location. Photos are very helpful.
	Report all fly tipping, potential asbestos waste, sharps/syringes and medical waste so that our trained teams can come and collect it
	Leave purple bags by a litter bin. Report any collection issues. Some litter bins are collected less frequently than others.
	Only use Preston Council purple litter picking bags
	Leave large nitrous oxide bottles next to a litter bin (not in the purple bag)
	Feel free to recycle, however, any recycling will need to be separated and brought home to place in your own recycling bins. No liquids permitted – please visit www.preston.gov.uk/recycleitems for acceptable items
	Inform others of when/ where you are going and when/ where you plan to return, in case of emergency
	Make sure under 18's are accompanied by adults for activities
	Bring a mobile phone with you in case of emergency
	If you are a group leader, ensure you provide your group with the Risk assessments which can be emailed or gone through on the day of the event.
	Drink plenty of water whilst litter picking, it can be more tiring than you imagine!
	Check in on Facebook: Preston Green Volunteers and Plastic Free Preston
	Return unused equipment to PCC

DON'T	
	Litter pick alongside any highway verges or any roads that do not have a formally identified pavement/footpath in good condition available. No litter picking from roads/highways shall be undertaken.
	Go litter picking in unsafe weather. Cancel or postpone events if weather conditions are too extreme (extreme sun, wind, rain, snow etc)
	Put your hands or feet in any spaces that you can't clearly see, this limits risk of injury. Instead try to use your litter picker to reach unseen spaces
	Try to pick up more litter than you are capable of, this can result in back pain from handling heavy loads
	Try to move fly tipping waste, potential asbestos waste, sharps/ syringes and medical waste. LEAVE IT AND REPORT IT TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES on neighbourhoodservices@preston.gov.uk or 01772 906909
	Conduct litter picks near to highways or dangerous water bodies
	Pick up rubbish with your bare hands, make sure to wear an appropriate standard of gloves or use a litter picker
	Touch or pick up dog faeces with your hands or litter picker. Always wear gloves and use a spade when removing dog faeces
	Engage with conflict from or inappropriate behaviour from members of the public. Ignore the behaviour and report it if necessary to either PCC or the police if a confrontation occurs
	Trespass onto private property whilst litter picking