

HOW TO DISPOSE OF WASTE



THE **MILLION POUND**

CHALLENGE

NATIONWIDE WATERWAY CLEANUP

POWERED BY



1. SEE IF YOU CAN SECURE FREE WASTE PICKUP

- If your site is public property, contact your city's or county's **public works department**. You may also contact your local **independent waste management company** and explain that your event is a volunteer community service effort.
- If your site is a park, contact the **Park Service** to ask if it will remove trash from your cleanup.

2. WHEN CALLING ABOUT WASTE PICKUP, ASK YOUR CONTACT

- Is the company willing to sponsor the effort by hauling away garbage for free or at a discounted price?
- How should trash be gathered and where should it be placed for pickup?
- Do they recycle?

- What is the proper disposal and cost of special/ hazardous materials like batteries, tires or chemical containers? For more information on hazardous materials, see the **Safety Brief**.

NOTE: If you are unable to secure free waste pick-up, try recruiting volunteers to transport waste to the nearest landfill, incinerator and/or recycling center. There may be disposal fees associated.

3. HAVE A PLAN TO RECYCLE

- Provide different trash bags or buckets for recycled items to make waste separation clear to your volunteers.
- Contact your local recycling facility to determine recycling practices for your area.
- Be aware that some recycling centers will not accept recyclables collected from a shoreline area.