



SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR CLEAN-UP EVENT

1. DO obtain and comply with all permit conditions.
2. DO use caution around creek/recharge pond/reservoir banks—they can be muddy and slippery.
3. DO stay clear of homeless encampments!
4. DO wear gloves at all times.
5. DO leave creek/recharge pond/reservoir beds and banks intact-use hands (with gloves) and/or trash pick-up tools to remove trash only.
6. DO be alert for stinging insects, snakes, hypodermic needles and syringes, and poisonous plants like poison oak!
7. DO stay in your group or work with a buddy.
8. DO handle sharp objects (such as glass) with care — children should NOT pick up broken glass.
9. DO stop work before dusk.
10. DO wear long pants and substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
11. DO take breaks; drink plenty of water especially on warm, humid days.
12. DO lift with your legs, not with your back
13. DO brush off and knock off all mud, soil and debris from shoes and tools before leaving the site to prevent the spread of plant pathogens.

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1. DO NOT work in the rain or access the creek banks during high water events.
 2. DO NOT dig or disturb creek/recharge pond/reservoir beds and banks with tools or equipment.
 3. DO NOT remove soil, gravels, woody debris or vegetation, or items that are a part of the creek/recharge pond/reservoir bed and bank, including embedded trash.
 4. DO NOT go in the water!
 5. DO NOT pick up heavy and/or awkward objects such as tires or large pieces of scrap metal---- let us pick those items up for you.
 6. DO NOT pick up any objects which you suspect may be toxic or hazardous such as hypodermic needles, syringes, chemical drums, bloody clothing, chemicals, suspicious packages, and weapons. Notify Valley Water at **1-888-510-5151** of the location of toxic substances immediately.
 7. DO NOT pick up dead animals.
 8. DO NOT run, throw objects or engage in horseplay.
 9. DO NOT stomp on bags. Injuries may occur from broken glass or sharp objects.

Safety First!
Remember to protect yourself and others.

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