

Keep Columbus Beautiful (KCB) offers presentations, activities, partnerships, and teacher workshops that can be used in a classroom setting or with a group.

Youth–The Key to End Littering

KCB is reaching youth through schools, libraries, summer camps and youth–focused organizations. Our programs offer both learning and “service” objectives.

While cleanups are a major factor in improving the health and visual appearance of a community, changing behavior is the true path to ending littering in Columbus.

Beginning with our youth TODAY will ensure tomorrow’s generations understand the hazards of litter and develop a socially responsible attitude regarding the community and the environment.



Litter Learning K-12 Elementary

KCB has developed a curriculum-based “**Three Words About Litter...PICK IT UP!! Litter Activity Guide**” meeting approved standards. The guide is filled with lessons and activities for grades K-6 that can be incorporated into varied subject matters. The Litter Activity Guide is currently available online for all K-6 Columbus City School instructors.

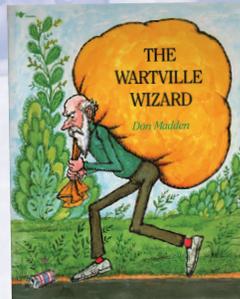


School Community Service Learning Day

- Students clean-up litter on the school grounds and surrounding neighborhood
- Each grade “adopts” an area to clean-up
- KCB provides the trash bags, gloves, safety vests, and litter grabbers
- The day starts with a “litter pep rally”
- Students are chaperoned by teachers and parents
- While picking up litter students are asked to identify litter sources and solutions
- The clean-up is followed by a “litter audit” to identify what is being littered
- Students are asked to take the “PICK IT UP!!” litter pledge

Litter Literacy

The Wartville Wizard, by Don Madden (Pre-school to Grade 4) is a humorous children’s book about people who litter in a community.



Retired teachers and other professional groups are trained to offer the CD Rom animated version or read the book aloud to 3rd grade reading classes and teach a lesson using KCB activity sheets and litter promotional items as the teaching tools. This is also used in city Recreation Center Summer Camps and the Library’s Summer Reading Program.

Middle School

Design Challenge

A Teacher Workshop for middle school instructors is a process of developing critical thinking that will design a solution to a challenging real world/ community issue. In this case the CHALLENGE is to DESIGN a solution around the problem of “litter in city alleys.” Instructors lead pupils through a research process that includes the study of key stakeholders who contribute to litter/solid waste spillage in the alleys. Stakeholders include: Rental Landlords, Home Owners and the City of Columbus, Division of Refuse. The end result is a better understanding by students of the automated waste management system utilized throughout the city and the influence of stakeholder behavior on the waste removal process.

Middle School (6-8)

The Trouble With Litter

- Keep Columbus Beautiful’s interactive presentation that raises middle school students awareness about litter as an issue
- Lesson shares litter data and teaches the who, what, why, and where of littering
- The presentation explains the “Broken Window Theory” and the impact of litter on neighborhoods and the environment.
- Introduced to Three Words About Litter...Pick It Up!!, the presentation reinforces students social responsibility for the care of our neighborhoods



Litter-Free School Zones

Is a 2 year commitment by Columbus City High Schools to build pride while keeping their school, campus and surrounding neighborhood streets litter-free. An official city sign is put into place in the right of way to signify the school is a Litter-Free Zone partner. Gloves, litter grabbers, vests, trash containers and promotional yard signs and buttons are provided through KCB.



Schools to Neighborhoods

KCB is working to connect schools to neighborhoods for service experience and credit. Youth engagement builds pride and awareness of how much work it is to keep a neighborhood clean and beautiful.

Adult Education

Litter Prevention

- Presentation for high school, college, and adult audiences
- Uses data from Keep America Beautiful's national study on litter and littering behavior
- Describes our litter problem and its consequences for communities and the environment
- Designed to reinforce individual responsibility for the care of our communities
- Explains how the services offered by KCB are building better neighborhoods

Students conduct a litter audit



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