

## LITTER PICKING SAFETY CHECKLIST/GUIDELINES

**Group members participate in litter picks entirely at their own risk. They are not working for, or on behalf of, Bristol Waste Company or Bristol City Council.**

In line with government Coronavirus guidance, and to ensure your litter picks are carried out in the safest way possible, Bristol Waste Company recommend litter picks are carried out alone, in pairs or small groups up to a maximum of 6.

Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups, displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not participate.

- ✓ Recommended group size - maximum 6 people.
- ✓ Social distancing will be required where appropriate.
- ✓ Use own gloves, face coverings and sanitiser where appropriate.
- ✓ Wash hands before and after at home or in nearby w/c facilities.
- ✓ Consider location choice, avoid anywhere with pinch points or where social distancing may be difficult.
- ✓ Don't share litter pickers and avoid contact with other people's equipment.
- ✓ Tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact.
- ✓ Avoid direct contact with litter at all times (use your litter picker, not your hands!)
- ✓ Be aware of your environment and do not put yourself at risk whilst picking litter.
- ✓ Do not pick when visibility is poor and only pick in daylight hours.
- ✓ Do not pick up any items that cannot easily be identified or where they are clearly hazardous. If you are concerned report to [Bristol City Council](#).
- ✓ Do not attempt to remove dead or live animals. You can report them to [Bristol City Council](#).
- ✓ Use a litter picking tool for any glass and metal items.
- ✓ Any needles or drug paraphernalia need to be left alone and reported to [Bristol City Council](#).
- ✓ Clean hands thoroughly before eating food or drinking.
- ✓ Rubbish should not be compressed using hands as this can accidentally puncture the skin.
- ✓ We do not provide safety goggles. Be careful around bushes and brambles.
- ✓ Avoid contact with the body when carrying plastic bin bags.
- ✓ Ensure any cuts or abrasions are clean and covered with a waterproof plaster.
- ✓ Be aware of the risk of ticks and insects in long grass or bushes.

- ✓ Wear stout shoes and weather appropriate clothing.
- ✓ Always wear a hi viz vest, be aware of traffic at all times and stop picking to allow any vehicle to pass. Never turn your back towards oncoming traffic.
- ✓ Do not overfill bin bags and avoid lifting heavy objects or sacks alone.
- ✓ Follow local rules as well as our guidelines, including safe and lawful parking.
- ✓ Do not confront anyone you see littering.

### What to do after your litter pick

#### Let us know how much you collect:

Please fill in your results - [www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/litterpick](http://www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/litterpick)

#### Arrange to get the waste collected:

Fill in our on-line form giving us as much information as you can - [www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/litterpick](http://www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/litterpick)

#### Arrange to return your litter picking kits:

Email – [hello@bristolwastecompany.co.uk](mailto:hello@bristolwastecompany.co.uk)

### Useful contacts

#### Bristol City Council

[www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue)

Customer service centre: 0117 922 2100

Emergency Control: 0117 922 2050 – only to be used for report urgent issues at weekends.

#### Bristol Waste Company Community Engagement Team (Mon – Fri)

Phone: 0117 304 9022

Email: [hello@bristolwastecompany.co.uk](mailto:hello@bristolwastecompany.co.uk)

RSPCA (to report cruelty or an animal in distress)

24-hour line: 0300 1234 999

Online: [www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/reportcruelty](http://www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/reportcruelty)