



Clean LA Volunteers

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

How to Share Your Cleanup

One small spot at a time

You cleaned a spot. Now show Los Angeles what you did. This guide walks you through the Share Your Cleanup form.

- 2** photos: one before, one after
- 2** minutes to fill in the form
- 0** accounts or apps needed. Works on any phone or computer.

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1 Your two photos

Before photo *

Choose File before.jpg

✓ Ready (0.6 MB)

After photo *

Choose File after.jpg

✓ Ready (0.6 MB)

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Take two photos and stay safe

Your two photos

- Take the **before** photo first, before you pick anything up.
- When you finish, stand in the **same place** and take the **after** photo from the same angle.
- Hold the phone sideways (landscape) if you can.
- Try not to show other people's faces or car license plates.
- Any phone photo works. We shrink large photos for you.

Stay safe

- Wear gloves. Stay on the sidewalk, away from traffic and freeway ramps.
- **Never pick up needles**, broken glass by hand, or anything that looks hazardous. In the City of LA, report it through MyLA311 (call 311).
- Leave other people's belongings alone, even if they look abandoned.
- Put your bags in your own trash bin or a public litter can, not in a private dumpster.
- Under 18? Ask a parent or guardian first.

THE FORM

Step by step

1 Open the Share Cleanup page

Go to cleanlavolunteers.org and choose **Share Cleanup** in the menu. On a phone, tap the menu button (three lines) first.



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Add your two photos

Tap **Choose File** under **Before photo** and pick your before picture. Do the same under **After photo**. A preview appears, and you will see ✓ **Ready** under each photo.

1 Your two photos

Before photo *

Choose File before.jpg



✓ Ready (0.6 MB)

After photo *

Choose File after.jpg



✓ Ready (0.6 MB)

Tip: Check the previews. The messy photo goes on the left, the clean one on the right. Picked the wrong one? Just tap Choose File again.

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Say where and when

Type where you cleaned, such as a street corner, park name, or bus stop. The date fills in by itself from your photo. Change it if it is wrong.

2 The spot

Where did you clean? *

When?

Echo Park Lake, north shore

09/27/2026 

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Add your name and email

Your **name** is shown next to your photos as the credit. A first name or a nickname is fine. Your **email** is never shown on the site.

3 About you

Your name *

Maria G.

Shown as the photo credit.

Email *

maria@example.com

Never shown publicly.

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Add more details (optional)

Want to tell the story? Tap **Add more details**. You can say what kind of spot it was, what you found, and anything fun that happened. Skip this step if you are in a hurry.

— Add more details (optional — helps us tell the story)

What kind of spot?

Park



Near water or a storm drain

What did you find? (tap all that apply)

Plastic bottles

Plastic bags

Food wrappers

Cigarette butts

Paper

Cardboard

Glass

Cans

Clothing

Bulky items

Construction debris

Green waste

Most unusual find?

A single roller skate

Why this spot?

I walk the lake every Sunday

Tell us the story

My neighbor Dan joined halfway through. We filled two bags in under half an hour and put them in the park trash cans.

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Tick the box and submit

Tick the box to confirm the photos are yours and that we may publish them with your name. Then tap **Submit My Cleanup** and keep the page open until it finishes.

☒ These are my photos (or I have permission to share them), and Clean LA Volunteers may publish them with my name. *

Under 18? Please get a parent or guardian's OK first. Want something taken down later? Email hello@cleanlavolunteers.org.

Submit My Cleanup ✨

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Look for the green message

When you see this message, we have your cleanup. You are done.

 **Got it – thank you! Your cleanup is in our review queue and joins the gallery once it's approved.**

1 Your two photos

 **Before photo ***

 **After photo ***

Choose File

No file chosen

Choose File

No file chosen

Red message instead? Read what it says. Most often a photo was missing or was not a JPG, PNG or WebP picture. Add the photos again and resubmit.

What happens next

1. We review it

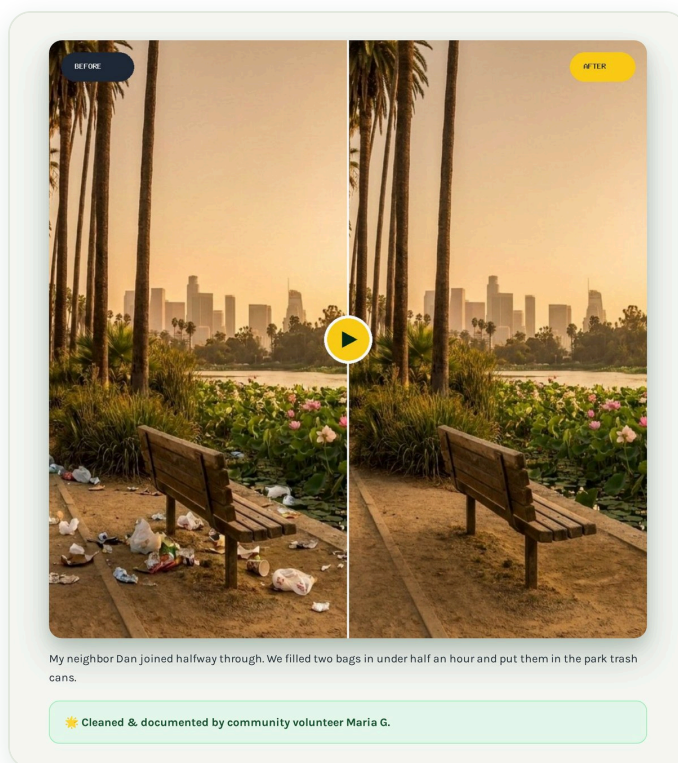
A person looks at every submission before it goes public.

2. It joins the gallery

Your before and after appear side by side on their own page.

3. You get the credit

Your name is shown under the photos, as in the example below.



Is my location or email shared?

No. We remove hidden location data from your photos, and your email is never shown.

Can I share more than one cleanup?

Yes. Send the form again for each spot.

Can I have my photos taken down?

Yes, at any time. Email us and we will remove them.

Questions?

Write to hello@cleanlavalunteers.org.

Thank you for looking after your block.
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Keep LA beautiful.