

Safety tips to remember

- Stay away from large drums. Report their location to the clean-up coordinator and proper authorities.
- Do not lift anything heavy without assistance and do not dig materials out of river mud. Those cemented items may become habitat for creatures.
- Watch for glass, syringes, metals, and other sharp objects.
- Be alert for poison ivy and insects in debris piles and vegetated areas.
- Stay out of unsafe areas and be careful of steep slopes.
- Try not to disturb wildlife habitats. Avoid contact with wildlife for your safety and theirs.

What to wear

- Wear sturdy gloves to collect debris.
- Long pants, a long sleeve shirt, and a light jacket or rain jacket in case of wet weather.
- Sturdy boots or shoes that can tolerate wetness.

Things to bring

- A pair of sturdy work gloves for each participant.
- A first aid kit, if available.
- Drinking water, if desired.
- A camera to document strange items.
- Your enthusiasm as stream stewards!!

Garbage bags and data collection cards will be provided.



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**Riverbank Clean-Up Registration Information
Saturday, September 19, 2009**

The future of Broome County's most valuable resources depends on the stewardship of citizens like you. Come help clean and enhance the Susquehanna, Chenango and Tioughnioga rivers and their tributaries.

The 24th Riverbank Clean-Up, organized locally by the Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC), will be held **Saturday, September 19 from 9am until noon, light rain or shine (rain-date: Saturday, September 26)**. We invite your group (Stream Captain & Crew) and interested individuals to participate. Last year, 314 local volunteers collected 2.8 tons of trash and debris from County waterways. Our event will again be part of the International River and Coastal Clean-up effort that is sponsored world-wide by the Ocean Conservancy and in New York State by the American Littoral Society.

If you provide a team of enthusiastic and energetic volunteers, the EMC can help you select a section of river or stream bank to clean. We can contact your municipal trash hauler, provide garbage bags, data collection cards, an aerial photo of your site, and thin latex gloves while supplies last (please plan to bring your own sturdy gloves). Your group's name and clean-up site will be publicized locally to gain recognition for your efforts. Summaries of previous cleanups are posted at www.gobroomecounty.com/emc/riverbankcleanup.

Pre-registration is required. Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the EMC by **Friday, September 4**. Confirmation letters will be sent to each registered Stream Captain.

New Stream Captains are required to attend the **Riverbank Cleanup Orientation meeting Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm in the Decker Room, Broome County Library**, downtown Binghamton to review and pick up materials. Returning Captains can attend the orientation, or arrange with EMC staff to pick up materials in the EMC office during business hours beginning September 16.

Save this portion of the form for reference and be sure to read the reverse side for important safety tips.

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**Riverbank Clean-Up 2009
Registration**

Name of group or individual:

Number of participants: _____

Stream Captain(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Section of riverbank, stream or creek:

All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to the event.

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