

Indiana Conference UMC Mission Outreach Guidelines for Neighborhood Clean-up

- Find out if there are any other organized clean-up days in the area (some cities or other organizations sponsor these at regular times of the year)
- Contact the local sanitary district for potential assistance and guidance as to neighborhoods that would benefit most from clean-up
 - Obtain information on what will not be accepted
 - Determine how the trash will be collected
- Determine the number of people available and time allotted
- Check if there are any neighborhood associations or other churches/organizations that might want to join in;
- Prepare maps of areas that are to be cleaned up – this is dependent on resource availability
- Supplies needed:
 - Garbage bags
 - Gloves
 - Pick-up utensils if available
 - Bright colored clothing or vests (t-shirts can be used for this for the project)
- Training in safety of trash pick-up is essential – the sanitary district may help with this
For example:
 - Do not go onto private property – clean trash from street/curb/medians
 - Caution - place needles in water bottles – do not place unprotected in trash bag
 - Be cautious on the roads – watch for traffic – have everyone stay together on one side and utilize sidewalks
 - Leave dead animals – let them know the address where located
 - Do not handle weapons – call the proper authorities with the location
- Provide phone numbers to all groups before leaving – Project Leader cell, appropriate contacts
- Have a back-up plan in case of inclement weather
- Send a note of thanks to all organizations who provided help