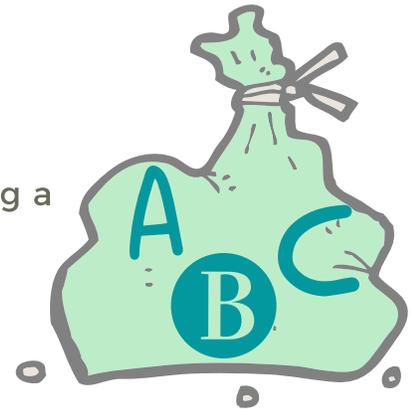


ABC Clean-Up

This activity encourages youth to clean up their local community, home, yard, or neighborhood while completing a fun competitive challenge! The ABC Clean-Up is good for youth of all ages, with adult supervision recommended for younger youth who will complete the challenge outside of their home.



SUPPLIES

- 2 bags- 1 for trash and 1 for recycling
- Gloves- preferably reusable gloves like gardening gloves
- Print-out of alphabet checklist or a blank piece of paper to record what you found for each letter.

DIRECTIONS

- Choose an area that needs some cleaning up. This could be a messy room in your home, your back or front yard, or a park in your neighborhood.
- Gather your supplies. If you are cleaning up outdoors or touching things that may not be your own, make sure you have some gloves on or use a trash grabber to pick up garbage. Use reusable gloves if you can, like gardening gloves, so you aren't creating more waste.
- Pick up all the trash you can find. Try and put trash in one bag and recyclables in another, so you can recycle all that you can!
- As you pick up trash, find a way to connect each item to a letter of the alphabet. Be creative to try to clean up at least one piece of trash for every letter of the alphabet! For instance, if you found a candy wrapper, you could pick it up and count it as a find for "C" (candy) or for "W" (wrapper).



- You can compete against yourself, but it's more fun when you play with others! Set a time limit and see who can find the most letters in that time period or see who can find all 26 letters first!

ABC Checklist

LETTER	ITEM FOUND
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	
K	
L	
M	
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