

# Keep Arkansas Beautiful Community Awareness Inventory



*This inventory is designed to help communities and organizations review areas of improvement in Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction/Recycling and Beautification/Community Improvement.*

*"Gather the facts" about your community in these critical areas.*



# Gather the Facts on Litter Prevention

How much money does our community spend on litter control each year?

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Who is responsible for litter prevention in our community?

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What is the No. 1 litter problem in our community?

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Do we have community litter cleanups? How often?

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Have we participated in the spring Great American Cleanup? When?

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Have we participated in the fall Great Arkansas Cleanup? When?

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How many litter citations have been issued by the city/county in the past year?

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How were these cases adjudicated? (*Summarize*)

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What is the total dollar amount of litter fines collected by the city/county in the past year?

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# Litter Prevention

How many litter community service hours were donated to the city?

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Who is responsible for illegal dump cleanup in our jurisdiction?

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How many illegal dumps were cleared during the past year?

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What litter prevention programs are used by our area schools?

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Have we ever done a Litter Survey of the community? If so, when?

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## Gather the Facts on Waste Reduction/Recycling

# Recycling

In which Regional Solid Waste Management District is our community located?

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Who is the contact person for our RSWMD?

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List all the landfills in our area:

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What is the estimated remaining life of each landfill?

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List the areas of your community that would welcome a new landfill when the present landfill is full:

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List the recycling opportunities in our community (be specific):

Curbside pickup of the following items:

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Drop-off sites for the following items:

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Are there any reuse/second-hand shops in our community?

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# Recycling

What local resources exist to help businesses evaluate possible cost savings through recycling?

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List the recycle vendors/marketers in our community:

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What electronic waste does our community recycle?

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What types of plastic containers can be recycled in our community?

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How much money does our school district(s) save taxpayers through recycling?

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What local resources would help our schools start recycling programs?

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Where can we recycle cell phones and inkjet cartridges?

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## Gather the Facts on Beautification/Community Improvement

# Beautification

Does our community have an organization or group to encourage scenic improvements?

(If so, who?)

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Who is responsible for community code-enforcement issues?

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Has our community received recognition for its beautification efforts in the past three years?

(If so, from whom?)

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List our community's public garden areas:

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Do we have an active Master Gardener program?

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How many Garden Clubs exist in our community?

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Are there any butterfly gardens in our community? (If so, who maintains them?)

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Do any of our schools participate in environmental-education programs?

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# Beautification

Which schools, if any, have outdoor classrooms, or gardens?

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Where can we find broken windows in our community?

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What impression would a first-time visitor have of our community?

Positives:

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Negatives:

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Have any area teachers taken Natural Resource Education courses?

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## Gather the People

# People

*After you gather the facts, gather the people. These are some of the people you need to know as you seek to organize your community to deal with Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction/Recycling and Beautification/Community Improvement.*

Contact Information (Please provide name, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address):

Mayor:

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Police Chief:

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County Judge:

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Sheriff:

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District Judge:

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Prosecuting Attorney:

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Government employees who make a difference:

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# People

Regional Solid Waste Management District contact:

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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality contact:

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Chamber and business leaders:

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Civic club contacts:

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Volunteer Fire Department:

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Pastors/Church leaders:

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Garden Club/Master Gardener president(s):

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Scout leaders:

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Cooperative Extension Agent:

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# People

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School superintendent:

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School principals:

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School teachers with an environmental awareness (*Ask the students who they are!*):

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Children's groups for grades K-5 (*home schools, clubs, teams, etc.*):

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Youth (*middle school-aged student leaders and groups*):

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Youth (*high school-aged leaders and groups*):

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Seniors (*senior centers, nursing home leaders, retirement centers*):

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When your Community Awareness Inventory has been completed, please fax, mail or e-mail it to:

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For questions, call Jack toll-free at 1-888-742-8701.

When your Community Awareness Inventory has been received, Mr. Singleton will schedule a visit to your community to explore options for programs in Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction/Recycling and Beautification/Community Improvement!

*Thank you for all you do to help keep Arkansas beautiful!*