

ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK

If you and your neighbors want a clean block, you can organize to make it happen. You can:

- Contact PMBC at **(215) 685-3981** to receive a petition in the mail.
- Circulate the petition among your neighbors to elect a Block Captain. You will need 51% of the residents on your block to sign the petition— one (1) adult signature per household.
- Organize a meeting to elect officers— Block Captain, Block Co-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.
- Mail your completed petition to PMBC— a Clean Block Officer will contact you and help you get started.

LEAD YOUR BLOCK

- Bring your neighbors together to set goals and share the workload.
- Plan an agenda and select a time and place to oversee monthly meetings.
- Remain in contact with the block residents. Listen to their needs and ideas.
- Keep your Clean Block Officers up to date on block activities, meetings, and plans.
- Relay suggestions and/or problems to your Clean Block Officers.
- Act as an advocate and speaker for your block.
- Encourage children to partake in some of the activities.

SUPPORT YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN

Work with your Block Captain to achieve their cleanup and beautification goals.

Join the block committee and pay your dues.

Set a good example—do your part in cleaning and planting.

Attend block meetings and share your ideas for improvements to the block.

Participate in block parties, cake sales, and other activities to raise funds for the block and build block spirit.

WHAT CLEAN BLOCK OFFICERS DO

PMBC Clean Block Officers act as liaisons between residents and City government to provide departmental resource materials, information, and services relating to block cleanliness and beautification.

PMBC Clean Block Officers provide:

- Block Captain I.D. cards and PMBC Block Captain Guidelines.
- Sanitation Rules and Regulations.
- Cleanup materials such as trash bags, street brooms, etc.
- Organizational assistance.
- Attendance at block meetings to discuss community or block projects.
- Saturday Cleanup Schedule, including special collection by the Streets Department.
- Clean Block Awards and prize information.

PHILADELPHIA MORE BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE (PMBC)

A unit of the Streets Department's Sanitation Division created to help interested citizens organize, clean, and beautify their blocks.



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THE PMBC STORY

For more than 70 years, PMBC has helped bring positive change to neighborhoods throughout our City. Through our network of dedicated Block Captains, we work to organize events, provide support, and empower residents to come together for a more beautiful Philadelphia.

From a few hundred cleanups in the early years, there are now more than 9,000 cleaning and beautification activities each year. Over 90,000 volunteers, assisting Block Captains and their neighbors, community groups and their units, all working together to beautify blocks and our City.

Making Philly more beautiful goes beyond cleaning our streets. It's giving the neighborhood a cause to rally behind. Something more to take pride in, together. It's encouraging neighbors to do their part and inspiring blocks to come together. It's securing an even greater quality of life for your family. Your neighbors. Our City.

CLEAN YOUR BLOCK

PMBC schedules Clean Block events on Saturdays throughout the spring and summer. To find out about participating in cleaning your area, please contact your PMBC Clean Block Officer at **(215) 685-3981**.

Some things to keep in mind about Clean Block events:

- All debris should be bagged and placed at either end of the block to help collection.
- No bulk or household trash will be collected during the Saturday Cleanup Program.
- Do not sweep trash or dirt into inlets.
- Streets should not be blocked off with parked cars during cleaning.

DUMPING WILL COST YOU.

TVs, tires, and mattresses are the most dumped items throughout the City. Aside from being rude to your neighbors and bad for the environment, it's illegal. You'll get fined, you can get your vehicle taken away—you could even go to jail. Just bring your items to any of the City's six Sanitation Convenience Centers, six days a week.

CONVENIENCE IS FREE.

It's easy and it's FREE. Plus, it's now easier than ever to drop off your stuff. Commercial vehicles are now allowed to drop off residential waste (but no commercial loads). So if you're tight on space, you can now rent a truck to help you dispose of that mattress or other bulk items. Find the location nearest you at PhiladelphiaStreets.com.

THE CLEAN BLOCK CONTEST

Get a clean block and a cash prize? That's a win-win. Blocks organized for at least two years are eligible to join PMBC's annual Clean Block Contest. Each year, judges selected by PMBC visit each contest block and evaluate them on organization, cleanliness, improvements, and participation. The winning blocks are announced at the Clean Block Banquet in November, where each participating block receives a cash reward.

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For Everything Else
Call **3-1-1**