



100 PROJECT IDEAS

(Any of these qualify as Great American Cleanup in Oklahoma Activities)

1. Remove litter and debris from several miles of neighborhood streets
2. Remove litter and debris from several miles of river banks
3. Plant trees and flowers in a neighborhood park or schoolyard
4. Cleanup an illegal dumpsite
5. Take part in the ODOT Trash Off (April 23, 2016)
6. Organize a school locker clean out
7. Remove graffiti from a public place
8. Organize a collection of electronics for recycling
9. Restore a playground by repairing and painting the equipment, plant flowers and add safe surfaces
10. Collect gently used clothing for recycling - take them to a shelter
11. Collect aluminum cans for recycling - use the proceeds to buy a tree - plant it!
12. Cleanup several miles of biking trails
13. Collect P.E.T. plastics for recycling
14. Organize a newspaper recycling drive
15. Hold an environmental education workshop that teaches kids not to litter
16. Hold a contest in your town to find the best slogan for an anti-litter message
17. Start a campaign to remove junk cars from abandoned properties
18. Clean up and improve your community's hiking trails
19. Promote the use of waste receptacles along biking and hiking trails
20. Create or restore a neighborhood park
21. Paint an old storefront - turn an eyesore into something eye-catching
22. Collect tires for recycling
23. Collect batteries for proper disposal
24. Plant flowers and bulbs in a schoolyard
25. Hold an underwater cleanup
26. Cleanup your own backyard
27. Organize a campaign to cleanup the alleyways and backdoors of a shopping area
28. Cleanup a vacant lot and make it into a small park with plantings and playground equipment
29. Hold a contest to create the best fire hydrant or manhole covers
30. Start a graffiti cleanup team that would work every weekend
31. Start or re-invigorate a "prettiest yard or neighborhood or business award
32. Promote the idea of making a community beautification project a required part of leadership training
33. Create a trash fishing contest in your waterway to increase awareness about illegal dumping and littering
34. Start a community composting program
35. Start an environmental corner in your library and research books and pamphlets that can be added
36. Organize a "paint-out" with family and friends and make graffiti disappear
37. Replace boarded over windows in your downtown store fronts with glass painted to look like there is activity going on
38. Start an adopt a spot program and get local businesses to get behind it
39. Collect old computers for recycling or donate them to a nonprofit group
40. Organize the local PTA to clean up the school grounds
41. Provide litter bags at sporting events
42. Plant a grove of the state tree - the redbud
43. Form a committee to look for "witness trees" in your town - trees that were around 100 years ago
44. Plant a number of native oak trees that will be around for the next 100 years
45. Work with a teacher and help to build an Outdoor Classroom
46. Organize a stream water quality monitoring program (contact Blue Thumb 918.398.1804)
47. Plant a rain garden that will soak up water and prevent polluted runoff from reaching our streams and rivers
48. Organize a Tree Board in your city and take steps to become a Tree City USA (contact Mark Bays 405.522.6150)
49. Hire a certified arborist to prune and improve the health of trees on public lands in your town

50. Organize a "Clean Sweep" group that will literally sweep the sidewalks of a busy shopping mall...to jump start a community-wide beautification project
51. Cycle, Roll and Skate: organize teenagers who will roll their way through neighborhoods (on inline skates & bicycles) picking up litter and beautifying parks
52. Power-wash the town: Young volunteers can give your town the ultimate cleansing, blasting away grime on historic buildings and old brick streets
53. Jet Ski Competition: Teenage volunteers can clean hard to reach beaches and shorelines on jet skis
54. Go for the Gold: Organize recycling races at an Olympic-themed environmental education event
55. Paint the Town: Organize groups of teenagers to paint-out graffiti
56. Mark storm-drains in your community (contact Blue Thumb 918.398.1804)
57. Establish a lake water quality monitoring program (contact OK Water Watch 405.530.8800)
58. Start an "adopt-A-park" program in your community - getting volunteers to help keep your parks in good repair
59. Turn used 55-gallon drums into brightly colored waste receptacles for a park, schoolyard or walking trail
60. Start a group that will build and plant flower boxes for your downtown streets
61. Hold a cleanup contest - involve the media and town officials to judge before & after photos
62. Paint out the rusty sign posts in your downtown areas
63. Create new landscaped Welcome sign entrances to your town
64. Hold a Trash-Free day with the cooperation of your public works department - provide free pick up of bulky items
65. Have a contest to find the prettiest business fronts in town
66. Recruit local businesses that will purchase trees and shrubs to be planted in rundown areas of town
67. Hold a "green building" workshop, educating citizens on the latest environmentally friendly materials and technology
68. Organize an "Our Town Cleans Up" Day - a citywide effort
69. Have your mayor issue a proclamation for citizens to take part in the Great American Cleanup™ in your town
70. Work with the Chamber of Commerce to find ways to spotlight clean teams at work
71. Create a contest to name the most improved landscape in town since last year
72. Organize a yard work crew to clean areas in older cemeteries, parks and church grounds
73. Organize a Helping Hands committee that will help seniors paint and repair their homes
74. Start a community garden
75. Create a wildlife habitat
76. Plan and build a nature trail
77. Plan and build an arboretum
78. Organize an Environmental Fair in your town - set up exhibits that teach citizens environmental awareness
79. Conduct a household hazardous waste collection in cooperation with your city officials
80. Start a campaign to "Use Less Stuff"
81. Hold an Enviro-Expo where local businesses share information about their environmental impact
82. Hold a series of fundraising events to pay for a large community beautification project
83. Select a flower to represent your town and plant thousands of them "Everything's Coming up 'insert your flower's name.'"
84. Organize a picnic and promote activities that beautify and cleanup the park
85. Hold a contest to develop community beautification ideas - implement the best ones
86. Celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and every day by making your town look better
87. Hold a Front Door contest to select the best-looking store fronts in town
88. Organize a garden tour, showcasing the most beautiful lawns and gardens in town-inspire more beauty in your town
89. Start an ad campaign to eradicate cigarette litter
90. Hold "town hall" meetings to build a beautification strategy
91. Involve youth in beautification planning - start them toward a lifetime of caring about community
92. Start a campaign to design your community - rid it of illegal signs that litter the landscape
93. Screen away less than beautiful sights by planting trees and shrubs
94. Create a plan for Winter Beauty in your community's largest parks
95. Create rock gardens in areas that don't do well with plantings
96. Beautify your community landscapes with drought-tolerant plants (xeriscaping)
97. Place waste receptacles in areas that generally attract litter
98. Paint murals over graffiti - hold a contest to select the best student designs
99. Start a campaign to Put a Lid on It....keeping trash in its place
100. Just do it!