

Clean Communities

Fact Sheet



About Clean Communities:

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council was created to implement a statewide program to change the attitudes that cause littering and the irresponsible handling of trash through public information and education.

After the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986, the Council organized as an advisory committee to the state program, housed in the Department of Environmental Protection's solid waste division. When budget cuts eliminated the state level unit in the early 1990s, the advisory committee, determined to pursue its mission, applied for and received nonprofit status in 1995. By 2000, the Clean Communities Act had been amended to include funding for a nonprofit to manage the statewide education component of the program. The New Jersey Clean Communities Council receives a \$300,000 grant annually.



Volunteers of all ages can participate in Clean Communities!

In addition to litter abatement programs in 559 municipalities and 21 counties, the Clean Communities Council provides a clearinghouse for information about litter abatement, forums for exchanging ideas, and a voice for its constituents.



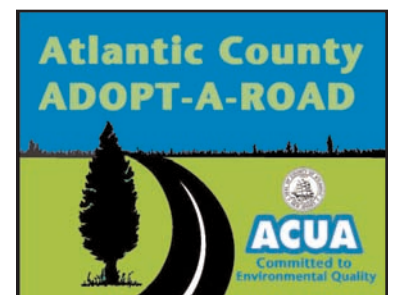
Tires collected at one of this year's clean ups.

Clean Communities in Atlantic County:

In 2005, Atlantic County delegated responsibilities for implementing this program to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA). Thanks to dedicated volunteers who take responsibility for clean ups, 36 percent of Atlantic County roads have been "adopted."

Most of our Clean Communities program's 134 registered groups are concentrated in the eastern part of Atlantic County. While the majority of these are Adopt-A-Road groups, seven groups have adopted bike paths, three groups have adopted a schoolyard, and two have adopted a stream.

During fiscal year of May 2010 through May 2011, our Clean Communities groups cleaned over 416 miles of county roads in 414 clean ups. These clean ups involved over 2,458 volunteers serving over 4,000 hours of work and resulted in





the collection of 1,536 bags of trash, 1,117 bags of recycling and 177 tires.

The material gathered corresponds to 16.4 tons of trash and close to 1.5 tons of recycling. The program's overall performance for the 2010-2011 fiscal year is over 20 percent higher in all aspects compared to the previous fiscal year!

Additional programs covering state and municipal roads are also available, but are not administered by the ACUA.

To learn more about adopting a local road, contact your municipality's Clean Communities Coordinator. Adopt-A-Beach, Adopt-A-Spot and other adoption options allow volunteers to work on areas of their choice.

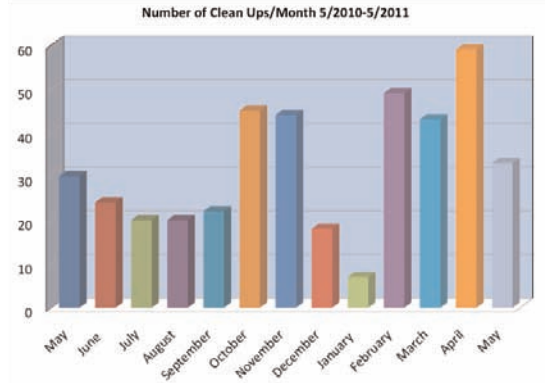


Community-wide clean ups are a great way to raise awareness and accomplish a lot!

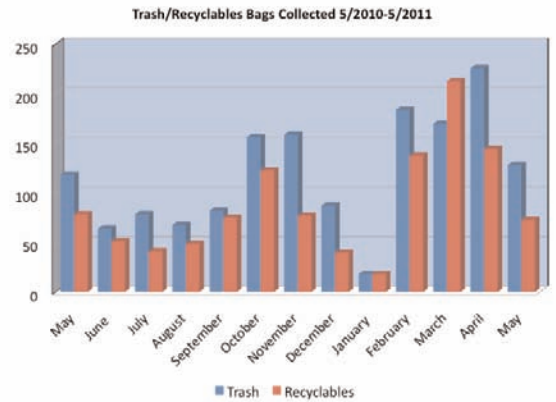
Any person or group can adopt a county road. Our program includes residents, non-profits, businesses, scouts, and churches among others. Groups are required to adopt a section of a county road, and the county Clean Communities program provides all necessary equipment such as grabbers, safety shirts, bags and gloves. All groups are acknowledged with a road sign displaying their name.



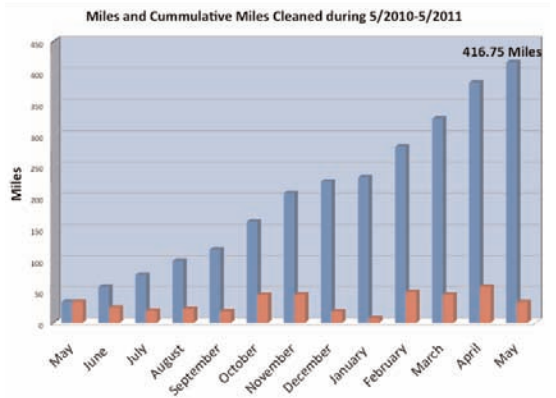
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Atlantic County Clean Communities groups reported 414 clean ups since last May. Groups are active year round, even in the winter months!



1,536 bags of litter and 1,117 bags of recycling were removed from Atlantic County roadsides by volunteers over the past year.



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