Plan A Community Cleanup (All Ages)

• Get a group of friends together who want to join you!

• Plan a date and time when everyone can come for the cleanup. Trade contact information, in case of changes.

• Pick a location! Ask your school or area parks and recreation department for recommendations.

• Figure out what to do with the trash and recyclables.

• Find out if your local trash service will pick up the bags or if they can donate a dumpster. If not, ask an adult with a pickup truck to help!

• Learn which items are recyclable (in most places these are: metal cans, plastic, paper, cardboard and glass) and which items can and cannot go in the trash, (such as batteries, paint or oil.)

• For items that cannot go in the trash, look up where you can take these items in your community. Many communities have a hazardous waste disposal program.

• Get sturdy gloves and trash bags. Borrow rakes and shovels.

• Get a First Aid Kit and enough drinking water for the whole cleanup crew.

• Take before and after pictures of the cleanup site and tell us about your experience making your community a better place! Post to your social media pages and tag us or hastag #MLK50NCRM.

For more info, download a full how-to guide from the National Environmental Education Foundation.

Try this activity with your friends and family!