



GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CLEANUPS

Cleanups are an opportunity to beautify your community and spend time outdoors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Keep Austin Beautiful reminds Austinites to stay safe when choosing to go outside and clean their communities.

When picking up litter, Keep Austin Beautiful recommends participants to do so responsibly and at their comfort level. Your cleanup group should include only members of your household.

Please wear a face mask and disposable gloves, use a litter grabber, and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from passersby.

When you are finished collecting litter, please make sure your trash bag is securely tied to protect sanitation workers. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after collecting litter. Please remove your single-use face masks and disposable gloves properly and place them in the waste bin.

Keep Austin Beautiful recommends following the Austin Public Health's COVID-19 Risk-Based Guidelines (APPENDIX 1) to ensure the safety of yourself and members of your household.

Removing and Disposing of Needles at your Cleanup

Needles should not be touched with bare hands and only picked up with a trash grabber. Never throw needles loosely into the trash without them being placed into a sharps container. Put used needles into the portable sharps container, lock it, and throw it away!

Put the sharps container into the trash - don't recycle or compost!

Please note in your cleanup report form the number of needles found at your cleanup site. To fill out a report form, visit [keepaustinbeautiful.org/report-form](https://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/report-form)

APPENDIX 1

COVID-19: Risk-Based Guidelines

	Practice Good Hygiene	Maintain Social Distancing	Wear Facial Coverings	Higher Risk Individuals Age over 65, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart, lung and kidney disease, immunocompromised, obesity			Lower Risk Individuals No substantial underlying health conditions			Workplaces Open
	Stay Home If Sick			Avoid Gatherings	Avoid Non-Essential Travel	Avoid Dining/ Shopping	Avoid Gatherings	Avoid Non-Essential Travel	Avoid Dining/ Shopping	
	Avoid Sick People									
Stage 1	•			greater than 25		except with precautions	gathering size TBD			all businesses
Stage 2	•	•	•	greater than 10		except as essential	greater than 25		except with precautions	essential and re-opened businesses
Stage 3	•	•	•	social and greater than 10	•	except as essential	social and greater than 10		except with precautions	essential and re-opened businesses
Stage 4	•	•	•	social and greater than 2	•	except as essential	social and greater than 10	•	except expanded essential businesses	expanded essential businesses
Stage 5	•	•	•	outside of household	•	except as essential	outside of household	•	except as essential	essential businesses only

Use this color-coded alert system to understand the stages of risk. This chart provides recommendations on what people should do to stay safe during the pandemic. Individual risk categories identified pertain to known risks of complication and death from COVID-19. This chart is subject to change as the situation evolves.



[AustinTexas.gov/COVID19](https://austintexas.gov/COVID19)

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How to Remove Single Use Gloves



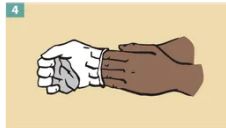
1 Grasp the outside of one glove at the wrist. Do not touch your bare skin.



2 Peel the glove away from your body, pulling it inside out.



3 Hold the glove you just removed in your gloved hand.



4 Peel off the second glove by putting your fingers inside the glove at the top of your wrist.



5 Turn the second glove inside out while pulling it away from your body, leaving the first glove inside the second.



6 Dispose of the gloves safely. Do not reuse the gloves.



7 Clean your hands immediately after removing gloves.

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