

Safety is our main priority

- Use the buddy system. (Always have at least one other person working alongside you.)
- Be aware of sharp objects like glass or jagged pieces of metal. Even if carefully placed in a bag, they may pierce through the bag as you walk, potentially causing bodily harm.
 - Also, try not to carry bags close to your body, and do not throw them over your shoulders. This also can lead to bodily harm.
- If you encounter any hazardous waste (gas cans, automotive fluid bottles, batteries, chemical drums, etc.), do not attempt to move them. Find a leader, and we'll work together to figure out the best plan.
- Do not place needles in your bag. There is plenty of trash to collect and skipping a health hazard like this won't make or break the success of your hard work.
- Do not uncup any bottles. Unknown liquids can further pollute our watershed or cause bodily harm.
 - However, if a bottle has liquid without a cap, you can pour it out and place it in your bag.
- Calculate your steps carefully. Most of the terrain near the river is uneven, slippery, and covered with brush. Take your time when maneuvering through it.
- Remain conscious of poison ivy and ticks. Inspect your clothing periodically. Take a shower as soon as you get home.
- Know your capabilities. Don't jeopardize your health out there. Find me if you locate debris that is out of reach!