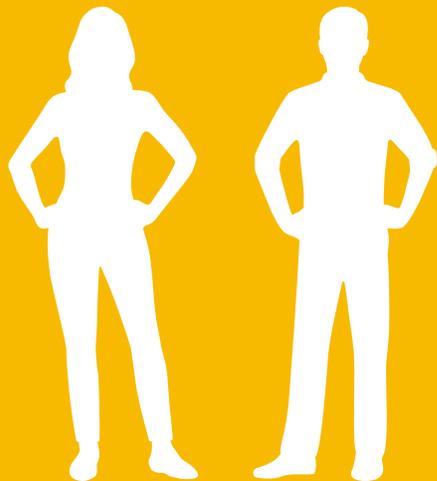




Beautiful  
Alleys



# Tips and Contacts



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# PROJECT BACKGROUND

Beautiful Alleys is a sub-component under the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Plan and operates under the auspices of Hamilton Neighbourhood Action Strategy.

This is the Official Beautiful Alleys Facebook Group, as authorized by SPRC  and NAS.

Beautiful Alleys is a resident-led group that seeks to renew and promote Hamilton's laneways and alleys as safe, environmentally sustainable public corridors that connect people, neighbourhoods and communities.

**OUR VISION: Safe, clean and beautiful laneways and alleys, that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy.**

Beautiful Alleys hosts two clean up events each year, April and September. For each cleanup event garbage recycling and compost bags, gloves and related supplies are provided by the ty of Hamilton, and training on safe removal of potentially dangerous items is given in advance to Team Leads, to ensure each Team is safe. Funding is provided by Hamilton Clean and Green.

Community groups and businesses also provide volunteers, supplies, and refreshments for volunteers,

and a cleanup event is followed by a celebration in a  community park. Most recently, public art and plantings have added new features to several Hamilton alleys, in partnership with local artists and supported by individual grants.

**To volunteer for cleanup, please email us [hamiltonalleys@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonalleys@gmail.com)**

Alleys are the perfect canvas for all forms of public art  The addition of a mural can draw attention to your alley and catalyze its transformation from dark, dirty, and vandalized into a welcoming open space that provides a bright and attractive destination and thoroughfare for residents, workers, and visitors.

## **Health And Safety**

When cleaning up an alley there are lots of dangerous situations one can be put in but we want to keep everyone safe while making the alleys in the city of Hamilton beautiful once again!

There are 8 basic health and safety rules to follow while cleaning up the alleys in your community.

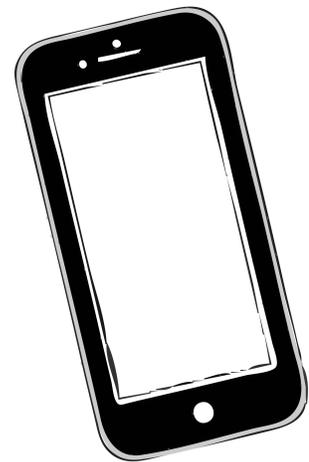
1. Make sure young volunteers under the age of 18 are supervised by an adult at ALL times
2. No drugs or alcohol use while cleaning

3. Wear closed-toed shoes, protective gloves, long sleeves, long pants
4. No hanging jewellery, scarves or loose clothing
5. If it is a warm day keep hydrated and wear sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from the sun
6. Use hand sanitizer before eating
7. Do not pick up anything that could be hazardous to your health including discarded condoms, urine bottles or other drug related or harmful materials
8. Use caution when handling sharp objects - if you are unsure, leave them alone



## Who Do You Call?

There are many different instances that you are unable to handle a situation in your alley on your own and now you can know who you can call to help with anything from illegal dumping in your alley to reporting graffiti.



**Illegal dumping** includes dumping bulk items along the roadside, escarpment or in alleyways or parks. Fines for illegal dumping can vary however the maximum fine upon conviction is \$10,000.

- Call **905-546-CITY (2489)**
- Provide as much information as you can including:  
make/model or license plate number of the vehicle,

description of people, and any other information you think would help in an investigation

- Email [mle@hamilton.ca](mailto:mle@hamilton.ca)
- Use the online complaints form and register a by-law complaint
- [Register a By-Law Complaint Here](#)

If you have an urgent matter regarding private property that is an **immediate health and safety concern** fill out the Municipal Law Enforcement's Municipal By-Law Complaint Form [here](#)

### Graffiti reporting

- If the crime is in progress call **911**
- Report the graffiti using **905-548-CITY (2489)**
- [Graffiti Reporting Form Here](#) 

Always report to the City of Hamilton as the data is then tracked and entered into the database. When frontline staff are directly contacted, the issue may not be recorded in the database and the statistics can become skewed. When it is reported to the city the data is recorded and this can assist in the city of Hamilton to make the alleys cleaner and safer for all individuals within the community.

## Which Bag Do I Put It In?

Making sure you are putting everything into the proper bags is very important because if recycling and garbage is

not sorted properly it all ends up in the landfill instead of getting recycled.

**Clear bags are for recycling and garbage goes in an orange or black bag.**

Everything in a clear bag must be dry, empty and clean-ish.

**Wet boxes? Garbage**

**Plastic container full of dirt? Garbage**

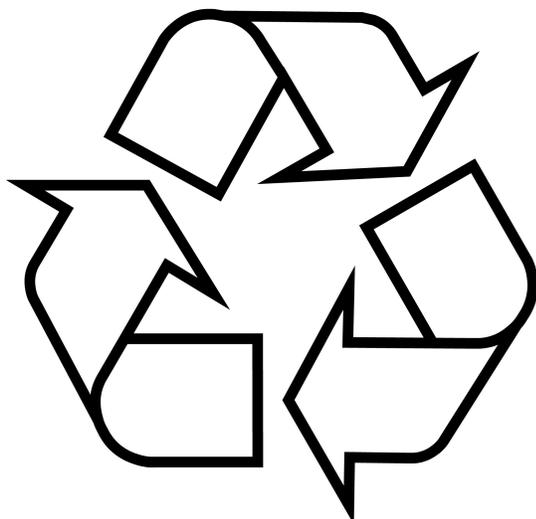
**Half full food can? Garbage**



It is always better to put it in the garage than to contaminate the recyclables if you are in doubt.

**Yard waste bags** can only have branches, leaves and clippings in them that is reasonably dirt free. Only fill the yard waste bag until it can still be easily picked up and is not packed taller than the top of the bag.

Any broken glass should be put in a **cardboard box** and clearly labeled.



Large pieces of broken rigid plastic, wood or metal should be placed with large items to be picked-up.

Syringes are to be put into a **plastic container** and labeled as such.

Some items require training or caution when picking up. If you are untrained or uncomfortable, ask for assistance.

| Item                            | Clear Bag (Plastic/<br>Glass/Metal)   | Clear Bag (Paper)   | Orange/Black<br>(Garbage)   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Aerosol Cans                    |   |   |    |
| Aluminum Foil,<br>Trays, Plates |    |   |   |
| Bottles (Glass and<br>Plastic)  |    |   |   |
| Boxboard (i.e.<br>Cereal Boxes) |   |   |   |
| Cans (Food)                     |    |   |   |
| Cardboard (Flatten<br>Boxes)    |   |  |   |
| Chip Bags (Foil)                |   |   |  |
| Clothing, All<br>Fabric         |   |   |  |
| Coffee Cups                     |   |   |  |
| Coffee Cup Lids                 |  |   |   |
| Fluorescent Tubes<br>(Bundle)   |   |   |  |
| Juice Boxes (All<br>Tetrapaks)  |  |   |   |
| Molded Plastic<br>(Packaging)   |  |   |   |
| Paint Can (Empty)               |  |   |   |

| Item                              | Clear Bag (Plastic/<br>Glass/Metal)   | Clear Bag (Paper)  | Orange/Black<br>(Garbage)   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Paper/Flyer                       |   |  |   |
| Pet Food Bogs                     |   |  |  |
| Pizza Boxes                       |   |  |  |
| Plastic Take-out<br>Containers    |    |  |   |
| Plastic Plant Pots<br>and Trays   |    |  |   |
| Plastic Bags<br>(Store, Produce)  |    |  |   |
| Plastic Container                 |    |  |   |
| Pop Cans                          |   |  |   |
| Styrofoam Take-<br>Out Containers |  |  |   |

After collecting and properly sorting the garbage and recycling found in your alley it needs to be disposed of properly. If you are unsure of the waste collection schedule in your community it can be found [here](#).

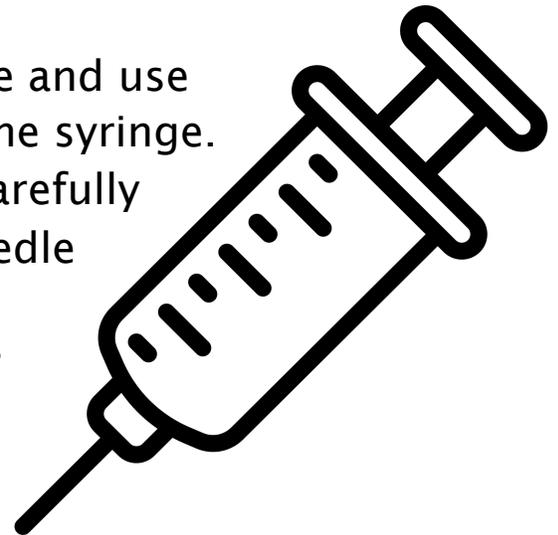
## Safe Disposal of Syringes

A discarded syringe can be found any where even in the places that you might least expect it such as where your children and pets play.

Everyone should know the proper way to protect themselves from any diseases that syringe might be carrying.

Children **MUST NEVER** handle a discarded needle, therefore instruct children to tell an adults if they find a syringe or any other sharp objects, such as broken glass or metal with edges.

- Take a plastic container labeled sharps to the site along with pliers or tongs.
- You will also need a pair of gloves to protect your hands.
- Place the container on a stable surface and use the pliers/tongs to carefully pick up the syringe.
- Hold the needle away from you and carefully put the syringe into the container, needle end first.
- Close the container tightly, wash your hands and bleach the pliers/tongs.
- **DO NOT** dispose of needles in your household garbage or blue box.
- Call 905-546-CITY



## Neighbourhood Action Strategy

In 2011 Hamilton formed the Neighbourhood Action Strategy within specific neighbourhoods. These

neighbourhoods developed **neighbourhood action plans** (NAP) which states a vision for the future of that specific neighbourhood and it outlines strategies and projects.

The following neighbourhoods have an **NAP**:

- Beasley
- Crown Point
- Davis Creek
- Gibson-Landsdale
- Jamesville
- Keith
- McQuesten
- Riverdale
- Rolston
- South Sherman
- Stinson

Each community has their own priorities but some have prioritized beautification of their neighbourhoods.

If you live in a community that has an **NAP** it can be helpful to look it over to understand what your neighbourhood has already looked into or planned for.

In some neighbourhoods there may be a “champion” that was assigned to oversee any  projects. If so you may share your ideas to beautify your neighbourhood or join their project team to assist in moving your ideas forward.

Your neighbourhood may have already joined the **Beautiful Alleys** team in cleaning up alley ways and therefore you may be able to join them or have them join the Beautiful Alleys team if they are unaware of the project.

Source: Friendly Streets Toolkit

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION STRATEGY

### Express your Support

Within Hamilton there are many ways to let the city know of the work that you are doing to have other people join your team.

Sharing your mission can assist in raising awareness and have more people want to assist in the cleaning of their alleys across the city.

**Letters to the editors** within the local newspapers are great ways to amplify your voice on your mission. There are many different newspapers within Hamilton including **The Hamilton Spectator and Community Newspapers**.

Letters to the editor are most likely to be published if they are under **200 words** and include a daytime phone number. This phone number is not published but it is used to verify your identity.

### Email addresses to send letter to the editor:



- Hamilton Spectator - letters@thespec.com
- Ancaster News - ddowney@hamiltonnews.com
- Dundas Star - ddowney@hamiltonnews.ca
- Hamilton Mountain News - editor@hamiltonmountainnews.com
- Sachem and Glanbrook Gazette - news@sachem.ca
- Stoney Creek News - mpearson@hamiltonnews.com
- Raise the Hammer - editor@raisethehammer.org



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## Neighbourhood Associations



Throughout the city of Hamilton there are many **neighbourhood associations** that represent the interests and priorities of that specific neighbourhood.

Typically these associations meet

once per month to talk about things such as **affordable housing, local transportation and events within their community.**

To assist in raising awareness for your mission to cleanup the alleys in Hamilton, being added to the next meetings agenda to speak to the whole group will assist in this. The association may assist in many aspects of the cleanup process and generate more discussion around the issue.

The neighbourhood associations can be found at [The Red Book of Hamilton](#) by searching the term “**neighbourhood association**” and it will provide you with a list of all the current active groups within Hamilton.

Source: Friendly Streets Toolkit

# References

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