

Keep Austin Beautiful

Keep Austin Beautiful inspires and educates all Austinites to volunteer together, beautify green spaces, clean waterways, and reduce waste every day. They believe all Austinites have a right to clean, safe, and beautiful green spaces, and all Austinites are likewise responsible to help protect that right for all of us.

In addition to <u>donating</u>, support their mission by participating in a <u>volunteer opportunity</u> below:

Community Cleanups

- Who: Typically, all ages are welcome if a legal guardian is present. If a cleanup is not open to all ages, it will be states under the registration restrictions/requirements.
- What: Either create your own group, or join an existing one, and spend some time cleaning up (and enjoying) some of the beautiful nature here in Austin!
- When: Check the link above for upcoming events, and/or help create your own event by contacting <u>Hannah Kerns</u> at least 3 weeks in advance.
- o Where: At various sites throughout Austin
- Requirements: Volunteers for cleanups must have <u>closed-toe shoes</u>, a <u>FULL</u>
 water bottle, and comfortable clothing. When appropriate, volunteers are also
 encouraged to bring snacks and sunscreen. All other supplies are provided by
 Keep Austin Beautiful.
- Recommended Group Size: Pre-existing events in the link above will indicate how many spaces are left if you click on them. If you want to create an event for your group, Keep Austin Beautiful can help plan that event according to whatever size group you have.

Clean Lady Bird Lake

- Who: Typically, all ages are welcome if a legal guardian is present. If a site is not open to all ages, it will be stated under the registration restrictions/requirements.
- What: Since 2009, Keep Austin Beautiful has organized large-scale cleanups of Lady Bird Lake every other month. They train volunteer leaders to conduct

- cleanups at over 10 locations along the shoreline, and on kayaks and standup paddleboards.
- o When: Bi-monthly (August, October, December, February, April, June)
- Where: Multiple sites along Lady Bird Lake (shoreline and on the water)
- Requirements: Volunteers for cleanups must have <u>closed-toe shoes</u>, a <u>FULL</u> <u>water bottle</u>, and comfortable clothing. When appropriate, volunteers are also encouraged to bring snacks and sunscreen. All other supplies are provided by Keep Austin Beautiful.
- Recommended Group Size: Pre-existing events in the link above will indicate how many spaces are left if you click on them. If you want to create an event for your group, Keep Austin Beautiful can help plan that event according to whatever size group you have.

Adopt a Creek

- o Who: 18 or older
- What: "Adopt" a quarter-mile of an Austin creek, and help take care of it for at least 2 years by hosting events to improve water quality, stabilize the banks, restore habitats, and more!
- When: At least 4 times a year, for at least 2 years.
- Where: At a creek of your choosing, here in Austin (check the map at the link above for more information).
- Requirements: Volunteers who adopt a creek must conduct <u>at least 4 restoration</u> <u>events per year, for at least 2 years</u>. They also must ensure the safety of everyone participating in those events, and report information about each of the events back to Keep Austin Beautiful.
- Recommended Group Size: No standard group size required.

Adopt a Street

- o Who: 18 or older
- What: "Adopt" a half-mile of an Austin street, and help take care of it for at least
 2 years by hosting litter cleanups.
- o When: At least 4 times a year, for at least 2 years.
- Where: At a street of your choosing, here in Austin.
- Requirements: Volunteers who adopt a creek must conduct <u>at least 4 restoration</u> <u>events per year, for at least 2 years.</u> They also must ensure the safety of everyone participating in those events, and report information about each of the events back to Keep Austin Beautiful.
- Recommended Group Size: No standard group size required.

Love Where You Live Day

- o Who: All are welcome to volunteer
- What: To promote safe and fun outdoor activities, Keep Austin Beautiful developed Love Where You Live Day – an event inviting volunteers to beautify the areas around their homes and neighborhoods each month. Keep Austin Beautiful also provides cleanup kits with everything you need, and has designated pick-up days for those kits prior to Love Where You Live Day each month.
- o When: The second Saturday of each month
- o Where: Volunteers choose an area near their home in need of a cleanup.
- Requirements: Volunteers <u>must register online</u> prior to picking up a cleanup kit, if they need/want one. Everything they should need is in the kits, including safety guidelines.
- Recommended Group Size: Single kits accommodate 2-3 people, and group kits accommodate 3-4 people.

Keep Austin Beautiful Day

- Who: Typically, all ages are welcome if a legal guardian is present. If a site is not open to all ages, it will be stated under the registration restrictions/requirements.
- What: Every year, Keep Austin Beautiful mobilizes hundreds of volunteers for an incredible day of community service throughout the Greater Austin Area, in honor of Earth Month. It's a day of cleaning, gardening, fellowship, beauty, and much more! You can get involved by volunteering, and/or by sponsoring. If you're interested in sponsoring the day next year, contact their <u>Development Director</u>, <u>Tiffany Ritter</u>.
- o When: Annually in April
- o Where: At various sites throughout the Greater Austin Area
- Requirements: Volunteers for cleanups must have <u>closed-toe shoes</u>, a <u>FULL</u>
 water bottle, and comfortable clothing. When appropriate, volunteers are also
 encouraged to bring snacks and sunscreen. All other supplies are provided by
 Keep Austin Beautiful.
- Recommended Group Size: Group sizes vary pending the site capacity, so be sure to refer to the Keep Austin Beautiful Day registration for additional project details like this.