

## **Keep Your Favorite Birding Hot Spot Litter Free**

### **Join Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA**

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful invites you to join PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA and remove litter from your favorite bird habitat. Birds often mistake litter for food, use it as nesting material or become entangled, all with devastating results.

During PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA, from March 1 through May 31, thousands of Pennsylvania families and friends will participate in litter and illegal dump cleanups, community greening and beautification, such as tree and flower plantings, recycling collections and public education programs. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful partners with the Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), PennDOT and Keep America Beautiful to provide free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to registered participants, as supplies last. As part of this event, the PA DEP and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring trash disposal at a free or reduced cost, for registered program participants at participating landfills from April 1 through April 30, with prior approval.

Your help is needed more than ever. The results of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Pennsylvania Litter Research Study identified an estimated 500 million pieces of litter on roadways. This unsightly litter is estimated to be comprised of over 37% cigarette butts and over 30% plastic items. Among other things, this litter pollutes our environment and affects our quality of life.

Register at [gacofpa.org](http://gacofpa.org). Questions can be answered by Michelle Dunn, PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Program Coordinator, at 877-772-3673 ext. 113 or [mdunn@keeppabeautiful.org](mailto:mdunn@keeppabeautiful.org).

Registered events can also win cash for a nonprofit or charity by entering the PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Video Contest. Visit [gacofpa.org](http://gacofpa.org) and choose video-contest for details.

The organization's newest initiative, Leaders for a Beautiful Pennsylvania, encourages legislators or public officials to "lead the way" in keeping our communities clean and beautiful. Share this information with your public officials: [keeppabeautiful.org/keep-it/leaders-for-a-beautiful-pa/](http://keeppabeautiful.org/keep-it/leaders-for-a-beautiful-pa/).

Join thousands of Pennsylvanians for PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA and help keep your favorite birding spot clean and beautiful!