

Metro Beautification & Environment Commission
A Keep America Beautiful Affiliate

Whether you want to learn how to plant a tree, recycle, compost, clean up your school and neighborhood, or educate your friends and family about the importance of litter prevention and recycling, Metro Beautification will provide information and opportunities for you to make your community a better place to live, work, and play.

Our mission is to encourage volunteerism and active participation because.....

Cleaning Up is Everybody's Business!

Daisy Girl Scouts: Complete #1 and one (1) activity

Brownie Girl Scouts: Complete #1 and two (2) activities

Junior Girl Scouts: Complete #1 and three (3) activities

Cadette and Senior Scouts: Complete #1 and #2 and four (4) activities



1. Plant a tree.
2. Visit the Recycling Education Station. The Recycling Education Station is located at 208 River Hills Drive, Nashville, TN 37210.
3. Have an aluminum can collection through your troop.
4. Make a campaign slogan or advertisement for one thing everyone could do to reduce his or her waste.
5. Take a tour of the local landfill.
6. Learn about composting.
7. Organize your own litter cleanup with your troop, school, family or friends.
8. Participate in the Great American Cleanup in March, April or May.
9. Plant a flower bed or wildflower meadow.
10. Participate in a Ring Around the School cleanup.

Leader Guide for Metro Beautification and Environment Commission's patch

1. Plant a tree. Learn the proper way to plant and maintain a tree. Why is important to plant trees? Visit our website at www.nashville.gov/beautification/trees to find out about trees that are appropriate for your community.
2. Do you ever wonder what happens after you put something into the recycling bin? Visit the Recycling Education Station to see where all of Nashville's recyclable materials go to be sorted. See a Materials Recovery Facility in action and learn first hand how materials are separated, how they are recycled, and see the consumer products that are made from our recycled materials. Contact Julie Berbiglia at (615) 880-2419 to schedule a tour.
3. Have an aluminum can collection through your troop. Find a local recycler to pay you for the cans you collect or take them to a local recycling convenience center in your community. Learn more about aluminum recycling, such as why aluminum is valuable, what products are made from it, how much energy is saved when a can is recycled and find the estimated tons of aluminum cans Americans recycle every year.
4. What do the three R's represent? Define each word. Rank the words according to their importance. Why would reducing your waste be better than recycling? Make a campaign slogan or advertisement for one thing everyone could do to reduce his or her waste. Design a poster with your slogan and display it at your school or show it to you troop members.
5. Take a tour of the local landfill. Find out how much waste goes into the landfill daily, weekly, monthly and annually. Ask landfill personnel to explain how a landfill is built and why it is the way you dispose of waste in your area. Research other waste disposal methods, such as waste-to-energy (incineration), recycling and reclamation of material. Measure how much trash your family throws away every week. Note what things you throw away and what you recycle in a weekly log for one month.
6. Learn about composting. Why is composting considered to be a form of recycling? What is the formal term for "worm composting?" Build your own homemade worm composting bin and give a presentation to your troop about what you learned and give the reasons composting is good for the environment.
7. Organize your own litter or graffiti cleanup with your troop or school. Cleanup areas can include your school, neighborhood, lake, creek or park.
8. Participate in the Great American Cleanup in March, April or May. Contact Metro Beautification or your local KAB affiliate and find out how you can help. Learn more about what other organizations do for the Great American Cleanup by visiting the Keep America Beautiful website at: www.kab.org.
9. Plant a flower bed or wildflower meadow. Volunteer to assist an elderly neighbor with his/her garden or yard maintenance. Pull weeds and plant flowers. Offer to help keep plants watered during the summer months.
10. The Ring Around the School program is open to all Davidson County public and private schools. This is an easy way to clean up your school and participate in Earth Day.

Girl Scouts must complete and sign the attached form (one form per Girl Scout), have approved by leader and forward to:

Metro Beautification & Environment Commission
750 South 5th Street
Nashville, TN 37206

Metro Beautification & Environment Commission is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which is a national, non-profit, public education organization dedicated to improving waste handling practices in American communities. For information about the KAB patch, call (203) 323-8987 or visit www.kab.org.



METRO BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
GIRL SCOUT PATCH REQUEST

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

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CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TROOP # _____ AGE LEVEL _____

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED _____

Type of environmental program activities in which you participated:

GIRL SCOUT SIGNATURE _____

APPROVED BY _____

(Troop Leader)

TROOP LEADER ADDRESS _____

Mail application to:
Metro Beautification & Environment Commission
750 S. 5th Street
Nashville, TN 37206

Patches will be sent to the troop leader for presentation.

For further information, please contact:
Metro Beautification and Environment Commission
(615) 862-8814
www.nashville.gov/beautification