

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee & Nobody Trashes Tennessee

Litter Cleanup Patch Program

**Be a part of the solution to end littering in our beautiful state!
Generate state pride and become educated about the harmful impacts of litter.
Program offered year-round.**

By participating in a litter cleanup service project, participants are living the Girl Scout Promise and Law and making the world a better place. To earn the Nobody Trashes Tennessee patch, troops participate in a community cleanup initiated by the troop or as part of an organized cleanup near them.

STEP 1

Find a cleanup in your area or organize your own. Below are several initiatives that take place throughout the year in which our partners throughout the state participate and organize cleanups to support. You can find these cleanups and sign up to participate on the Nobody Trashes Tennessee event calendar at NobodyTrashesTennessee.com/events. You can also find resources for how to organize your own cleanup on the website.

- **November: No Trash November** – Each year, TDOT holds a month-long statewide initiative called “No Trash November” encouraging Tennesseans to participate in cleanup events in their communities. There is a category for youth groups, so scouts have the opportunity to win a special trophy if their group organizes a cleanup and collects the most litter. Each group that participates also receives 10 FREE exclusive No Trash November t-shirts.
- **March: Keep Tennessee Beautiful Month** – March is Keep Tennessee Beautiful month and all month, the Keep Tennessee Beautiful organization encourages people to get out and clean up. Affiliates and communities across the state organize cleanups during this time.
- **Mid-March–Mid-June: Great American Cleanup** – The Keep America Beautiful® Great American Cleanup® is the nation’s largest community improvement program taking place annually in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide. Affiliates and communities across the state organize cleanups during this time.
- **April 22: Earth Day Cleanup** – Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. Partners across the state celebrate this day by organizing a cleanup.
- **Year-Round: Girl Scout Camp Cleanup** – Plan a Clean Jean project for your next camp visit.
- **Year-Round: Community/School Grounds/Neighborhood Cleanup** – Looking to do a smaller cleanup at a school, park, or other area that is not a roadside litter cleanup? Reference the cleanup toolkit for resources and guidance on how you can organize your own cleanup by going to NobodyTrashesTennessee.com/gsmidtn.

STEP 2

Review safety tips. Once your troop has registered to participate in a cleanup or contacted your local county grantee to request supplies to plan your own cleanup, review the safety video and tips.

STEP 3

Report your cleanup efforts. After your cleanup, fill out this form (NobodyTrashesTennessee.com/report-cleanup/gsmidtn) to report your cleanup results. Below is a checklist of what you will need to fill out the report.

- Cleanup location
- Total number of volunteers
- Number of bags collected
- Note any large items collected (not mandatory)
- Before/after and group photos (not mandatory, but encouraged)

STEP 4

Present confirmation email when picking up patches. Once you complete the “report your cleanup” form, you will receive a confirmation email.

Who can participate in the program? All active Girl Scout Troops (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador) can participate in an existing cleanup or organize a cleanup for their troop.

If you are a Daisy or Brownie level scout, please go to NobodyTrashesTennessee.com/gsmidtn and download the educational worksheets to earn your patch. Scavenger hunt worksheet is required but it is encouraged to complete at least three worksheets.

How long is the Nobody Trashes Tennessee program? Troops can participate in cleanups year-round. We encourage each troop to do at least one cleanup a year but only one is needed to receive a patch. Typically cleanups last between 1-2 hours; this time includes safety talks.

How do I receive my patch? Once you have completed a cleanup and submitted the cleanup report form, you will receive a confirmation email. Present this email when picking up your patches at The Cabin. To order ahead, call (615) 460-0222 or email NashvilleShop@gsmidtn.org.

What is the cost of the patch? The Tennessee Department of Transportation has provided the patch at no cost. Simply complete a cleanup, fill out the report form and receive your patch.

Additional Resources:

- Cleanup orientation brochure: https://nobodytrashestennessee.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/GSA_Cleanup_Orientation_Brochure.pdf
- Safety video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDAfyZRGDNQ>
- Nobody Trashes Tennessee Patch Program landing page: NobodyTrashesTennessee.com/gsmidtn
- Litter Lesson videos: <https://nobodytrashestennessee.com/talking-trash-litter-lessons/#selectbelow>
- Educational worksheets: <https://nobodytrashestennessee.com/talking-trash-litter-worksheets>