

City of Mesquite/Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Proud Community Program Guidelines

Objectives: To prevent littering in neighborhoods through cleanup efforts;
To encourage community ownership of neighborhoods;
To educate neighborhoods about the problem of Litter and that a clean neighborhood deters crime; and
To encourage partnership efforts between the City of Mesquite, Keep Mesquite Beautiful and the Mesquite community.

Guidelines:

- ◆ Only Mesquite neighborhoods (associations or blocks) and Crime Watch group who receive appropriate training through Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. will be permitted to participate.
- ◆ Participating groups must agree to hold a cleanup in their neighborhood monthly.
- ◆ Participating groups will be responsible for reporting scheduled cleanups to the Keep Mesquite Beautiful Executive Director, as well as the results of such cleanups (how many people, how much trash picked up, etc.) on the attached Reporting Form.
- ◆ Each participant must sign the Hold Harmless Agreement.
- ◆ Each group shall be responsible for furnishing adequate supervision by one or more adults for participants of a group who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger.
- ◆ Each group shall be responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while participating in litter pickup in their neighborhood. If you do not have a first-aid kit readily available, KMB will furnish a first-aid kit.
- ◆ Each group shall be responsible for obeying and abiding by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations while participating in cleanup events through the Proud Community program.
- ◆ Participating groups will receive 1-4 Proud Community signs which will be posted at an approved location in their neighborhood.
- ◆ Participating groups will also receive recognition in the *Mainstream* newsletter upon joining the Proud Community Program.

Training

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. will provide training for participating organizations on safety, proper litter handling methods, items and materials to avoid, when to organize cleanups, etc. One training session will be held with the participating group prior to beginning cleanups. All questions will be directed to the Keep Mesquite Beautiful office @ (972) 216-6389.

Scheduling and Reporting of Cleanups

Cleanups through the Proud Community program will need to be scheduled in order to maintain accurate records and guarantee pick-up of trash bags. One member of the participating group will be given the responsibility of scheduling cleanups with the Keep Mesquite Beautiful Executive Director. This individual will schedule cleanups at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of a proposed cleanup. The Keep Mesquite Beautiful Executive Director will arrange pick-up of trash bags with the Sanitation Division.

If you are interested in participating, please call Kristen Cunningham, Executive Director, at (972) 216-6389 or print and fill out the following form, detach and mail to the address below:

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc.
P. O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137

Proud Community Sign-up Sheet

Name of Group Leader: _____
(Adult in charge)

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Group Type: _____
(Neighborhood, Neighborhood Association, Crime Watch Group, etc.)

Estimated Number of Households: _____

Our neighborhood is interested in participating in the Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Proud Community Program.

Our group is committed to making a difference in Mesquite and will abide by the guidelines in the Scheduling and Reporting of Cleanups section as outlined in the Proud Community Program Guidelines.

Signature

Date