



# 2020 Creek Week Cleanup Checklist

## Follow the steps below to ensure a successful cleanup!

### Beginning September 7th:

- Form a *Creek Crew* (a volunteer cleanup group of your friends, neighbors, schoolmates, coworkers, etc.) and register on [www.fountaincreekweek.com](http://www.fountaincreekweek.com) using the Creek Week Cleanup Map to identify your preferred site. *Given our COVID restrictions we are limiting group sizes to 25.* If your Crew is larger you can plan to have multiple entry points to your site, or staggered start times to ensure social distancing.
- Read and complete Cleanup Program Forms:
  - **Document 2:** Risk and Release Form (to be completed by all *Crew* members – you can encourage them to visit the website and fill out before your event, or have some Group forms ready on your cleanup day)
  - **Document 3:** Safety Guidelines (to read and discussed with all *Crew* members)
- If in Colorado Springs, download the **GOCOS! app** to report suspicious findings, camps, or trash piles for pickup (unless otherwise arranged) <https://coloradosprings.gov/page/citizen-request-gocosprings-app>
- Survey your site in advance. Get a lay of the land, see how much work there is to do, identify your trash plan.
- Gather any materials: gloves, masks, grabbers, buckets, and ask your Crew Members to do the same. This will help keep our event sustainable year after year

### Material Pickup/Question and Answer Events

- RSVP to [creekweeksoco@gmail.com](mailto:creekweeksoco@gmail.com) to pick up your Crew materials (or send a representative) during one of these times below. Steering Committee members will be on hand to get you geared up and answer your questions
  - **Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10-3pm**
  - **Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm**
  - **Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am**
- Optional: Crew Leader Zoom Training Meeting (Virtual) 9/22, 5pm. RSVP on [District Facebook page](#)

### **New for 2020: We need your data!!**

The success of Creek Week is clear...but we are shifting our focus on data collection during cleanups this year. There are two options – you can opt for one, or both, or neither. Additional information can be found on the Creek Week website.

#### **1. Track Your Trash with CleanSwell**

We know you are picking up trash – but what exactly are you finding out there? Select one Crew Member to collect data as you are picking up, and be part of an international data collection program

#### **2. Be a Biologist with iNaturalist**

Our watershed is constantly changing. As you are picking up trash, have one or two Crew Members take pictures of the flora and fauna you find and help add to the local knowledge of our region.

### **Day of your cleanup:**

- Crew Leader* should have sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid kit, and water available for their *Creek Crew*. (Not provided by the District)

- Conduct a safety meeting with your *Creek Crew* to review the safety information (or in advance)
- Collect paper surveys from participants or direct to a post-event online survey (link on Creek Week website)

**By Friday October 9th:**

- Remind *Creek Crew* members to complete post event online survey at [www.fountaincreekweek.com](http://www.fountaincreekweek.com) and be sure you have submitted photos and your summary #s to [creekweeksoco@gmail.com](mailto:creekweeksoco@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CREEK WEEK 2021: SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2**