

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL BLOCK

As a Block Captain, you are the person who unites the residents on your block. Together, you can build a vision for a clean and beautiful block.

Here are some helpful hints:

- ☆ Sweep walks and gutters.
- ☆ Plant flowers on the block, in yards, in windows boxes, in sidewalk urns, and around the base of street trees.
- ☆ Maintain and paint abandoned houses.
- ☆ Plant new street trees.
- ☆ Install decorative security lights.
- ☆ Hang flags or pennants.
- ☆ Paint curbs.
- ☆ Help neighbors paint and renovate.
- ☆ Scrub steps.
- ☆ Organize block parties.
- ☆ Coordinate activities for children.
- ☆ Install and maintain block litter baskets.



### Recycling

Recycling is collected citywide every week. Residents may pick up 3 recycling bins/household from one of our Sanitation Convenience Centers. Residents are able to place all recyclables in a recycling container next to their trash for curbside collection on the same day as their trash day. Along with steel and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, flattened cardboard, #1 through #7 plastics (numbers on bottom), and cartons – refrigerated (milk, juice, etc.) and shelf-stable (soup, broth, etc.) – may be included with recyclables. Just make sure to empty cartons of all liquid before recycling. Carton recycling is the City’s latest effort to expand its highly successful Philadelphia Recycling Rewards Program that allows residents to earn points that can be redeemed for coupons to local merchants. For more information about recycling in Philadelphia, call 215-685-RECYCLE (215-685-7329) or visit us online at [www.phillyrecyclingpays.phila.gov](http://www.phillyrecyclingpays.phila.gov).

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# Do You Want to Live on a Clean Block?

Here's how to do it  
the PMBC way



**Philadelphia More  
Beautiful Committee (PMBC)**  
A unit of the  
Streets Department's Sanitation  
Division created to help interested  
citizens organize, clean, and beautify  
their blocks.

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# The PMBC Program Is a Partnership between the City and You

## YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS CAN ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK

If you and your neighbors decide that you want a clean block, you can organize to make it happen. You can:

- ★ Contact PMBC at (215) 685-3981 to receive a petition in the mail.
- ★ Circulate the petition among your neighbors to elect a Block Captain. You will need 51% of the residents on your block to sign the petition — one (1) adult signature per household.
- ★ Organize a meeting to elect officers — Block Captain, Block Co-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.
- ★ Mail your completed petition to PMBC — a Clean Block Officer will contact you and help you get started.

### CLEAN BLOCK OFFICERS WORK WITH BLOCK CAPTAINS

PMBC Clean Block Officers act as liaisons between residents and City government to provide departmental resource materials, and information and services relating to block cleanliness and block beautification.

#### PMBC Clean Block Officers provide:

- ★ Block Captain I.D. cards and PMBC Block Captain Guidelines.
- ★ Sanitation Rules and Regulations.
- ★ Clean-up material, such as, trash bags, street brooms, etc.
- ★ Organizational assistance.
- ★ Attendance at block meetings to discuss community or block projects.
- ★ Saturday Clean-up Schedule, including special collection by the Streets Department.
- ★ Clean Block Awards and prize information.
- ★ Related program facts.

### How Can Block Captains Service Their Block?

- ★ Be leaders – unite their neighbors to set goals and share the workload.
- ★ Plan an agenda and select a time and place to oversee monthly meetings.
- ★ Remain in contact with the block residents. Listen to their needs and/or ideas.
- ★ Keep their PMBC Clean Block Officers informed about block activities, meetings, and plans.
- ★ Relay suggestions and/or problems to PMBC Clean Block Officers.
- ★ Act as advocates and speakers for their block.
- ★ Invite children to partake in some of the activities.

### How Can Block Residents Help?

- ★ Work with their Block Captain to achieve their cleanup and beautification goals.
- ★ Join the block committee and pay their dues.
- ★ Do their part in cleaning and planting — set a good example.
- ★ Attend block meetings and share their ideas for improvements to the block.
- ★ Participate in block parties, cake sales, and other activities to raise funds for the block and build block spirit.

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### PMBC's CLEAN BLOCK CONTEST Win cash prizes

Blocks organized for at least two years are eligible to join PMBC's annual Clean Block Contest. Each year, judges selected by PMBC visit each contest block and evaluate them on organization, cleanliness, improvements, and participation. The winning blocks are announced at a gala Clean Block Banquet in November, where **each participating block receives a cash reward.**

#### Additional PMBC Awards

In 2001, three (3) new awards were introduced. The **Community Spirit Awards** also announced at the gala Clean Block Banquet recognize special residents and programs that truly make a difference in Philadelphia communities:

- Junior Block Captain Award
- PMBC Neighborhood Transformation Award for Beautification Projects
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors Award

*For more information about the Clean Block Contest, contact your PMBC Clean Block Officer.*

