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**NOTIFY THE CITY'S OPERATIONS CENTRE
IMMEDIATELY AT 905.683.4319 IF YOU
COME UPON HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
OR CONDITIONS.**

SAFETY FIRST
simple steps for a safe litter clean up event



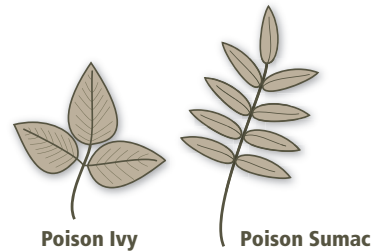
- assign one volunteer to act as a safety coordinator who oversees other volunteers to ensure that work is carried out in a safe manner
- assign a competent adult to supervise children and younger teenagers
- visually scan the area to identify any hazards before starting
- wear bright coloured, highly visible clothing

- wear hard-soled protective shoes and puncture resistant gloves
- dress appropriately for the weather
- work only in daylight and when weather is fair
- take breaks on a regular basis
- bring water, a hat and sunglasses and wear sunscreen even in cloudy weather
- be aware that West Nile Virus is present in the Durham Region and use insect repellent
- wear light coloured clothing that is less attractive to mosquitoes
- be aware of your physical condition and avoid any activities beyond your capabilities
- watch for and avoid:
 - wild animals, insects, hives and nests
 - noxious weeds such as poison ivy and poison sumac
 - glass, barbed wire, needles, pipes
 - debris with sharp or rusted edges
 - animal burrows, unexpected holes, ditches or culverts
 - broken or uneven footing to the ground



- don't step into a roadway for any reason
- don't pick up litter or debris on a roadway surface or close to the edge of the road
- don't park vehicles in "no parking" areas
- don't play around or do anything to distract passing drivers
- don't bring pets to the clean up site
- don't leave children or pets unattended while participating
- don't forcefully push litter into the garbage bag
- don't enter any water filled area such as ditches, streams or ponds
- don't pick up any materials that may be especially hazardous such as chemicals, dead animals or birds; instead, mark the location of these materials and report them immediately to the City's Operations Centre. If you come across hazards such as firearms or explosive devices report the items to the Durham Regional Police Service.

As the seasons change, these plants also change in colour from different shades of green in the spring/summer to yellows and reds in the fall. Be aware that the edge of a poison ivy leaf can vary in appearance from smooth as shown here, to jagged.



Poison Ivy

Poison Sumac



THE SAFETY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS IS OUR FIRST CONCERN. PLEASE READ THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU START AND TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY.

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