



Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, takes place annually from March 1 through May 31, involving an estimated 3 million volunteers and attendees. The hardworking volunteers donated more than 6.7 million hours in 2008 to clean, beautify and improve more than 17,000 communities during more than 30,000 events in all 50 states and beyond. Activities included beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

In 2008, Great American Cleanup volunteers collected 86 million pounds of litter and debris; planted 107,000 trees and 48,000 gardens, and green spaces; cleaned 144,000 miles of roads, streets and highways; and diverted more than 189 million plastic (PET) bottles and more than 1.4 million scrap tires from the waste stream.

Have a group, neighborhood, school or civic club that want to make a difference and become a part of the " The Great American Cleanup 2009" contact Keep Dorchester County Beautiful and Dorchester County Recycling 563-0070/832-0070 ext 5077 or email [ctomlinson@dorchestercounty.net](mailto:ctomlinson@dorchestercounty.net)