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## Clean Sweep to get waterways looking good

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In recognition of Earth Day and in preparation for the upcoming 184th consecutive navigation season on the state canal system, the state Canal Corp. is partnering with Parks and Trails New York and the state Environmental Facilities Corp. and Consumer Protection Board to sponsor the fourth annual Canal Clean Sweep this weekend and next.

For more information on the fourth annual Canal Clean Sweep or to help coordinate an event in your community, please visit [www.ptny.org](http://www.ptny.org) or contact Wally Elton with Parks and Trails New York at 518-434-1538 or [welton@ptny.org](mailto:welton@ptny.org).

For more information regarding events, recreational and vacation opportunities along the Canal System, please visit [www.nyscanals.gov](http://www.nyscanals.gov) or call 1-800-4CANAL4.

Events in the Capital Region are listed below by county:

Albany County:

Cohoes Canal Cleanup

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Contact: Danielle Cherniak, 237-5618 or [cherniak@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cherniak@nycap.rr.com)

Location to meet: Vliet Street at Harmony Street.

The Spindle City Historic Society will clean up trash and brush around Lock 15 and the towpath of the enlarged Erie Canal.

Albany Clean Sweep

Sunday, 1 p.m.

Contact: Sarah Conley, 475-0296 or [seconley@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:seconley@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

Location to meet: Corning Preserve, parking lot under I-787 overpass off Water Street in Albany.

Members of the Student Conservation Association at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center invite volunteers to help clean up the Hudson/Canal corridor along Corning Preserve Bike Path and Hudson River shoreline.

Montgomery County

Canajoharie Canal Clean Sweep

Sunday, 1 p.m.

Contact: Stefanie Shepard, 673-3902 or 320-2223 or [stefaniesh@roadrunner.com](mailto:stefaniesh@roadrunner.com)

Location to meet: Mitchell Street in Canajoharie

Girl Scout Troop 2317 invites volunteers to help clean up the bike trail.

Goose, Gander and Garbage

Saturday, 9 a.m.

Contact: Amy Wockenfuss, 673-4434 or [adia@nycap.rr.com](mailto:adia@nycap.rr.com)

Location to meet: Canajoharie Riverfront

Join the Canajoharie Palatine Chamber of Commerce and students learning about the Erie Canal and state history in cleaning up along the riverfront.

Bike Trail Clean-up in Fort Plain

Saturday, 9 a.m.

Contact: Fred Lieber, 993-3087 or [immacpugliese@roadrunner.com](mailto:immacpugliese@roadrunner.com)

Location to meet: Save-a-Lot parking lot in Fort Plain

The Fort Plain Activities Council will clean up along the bike path between Fort Plain & Canajoharie.

Saratoga County

Crescent Park Clean Sweep (Halfmoon)

Saturday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Paul Maiello, 371-2592, Ext. 3, or [parks@townofhalfmoon.org](mailto:parks@townofhalfmoon.org)

[www.townofhalfmoon.org](http://www.townofhalfmoon.org)

Location to meet: Parking area at end of Terminal Road, Crescent Park, in Halfmoon.

Town of Halfmoon Trails Committee, town officials and a Boy Scout troop will lead a clean-up of Crescent Park along Canal Road.

Canal Clean Sweep@Hudson Crossing Park (Schuylerville)

Sunday, 1-3 p.m.

Contact: Marlene Bissell, 859-1462 or [abissel1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:abissel1@nycap.rr.com)

[www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org)

Location to meet: Lock C-5, Hudson Crossing Picnic Pavilion.

Hudson Crossing Park, towns of Saratoga and Northumberland & Turning Point at Olde Saratoga Rotary invite volunteers to join them as they clean up the trail, trim brush and prepare the landscaping in the park.

Old Champlain Canal Lock 4 Clean Sweep (Waterford)

Saturday, 8:30 am

Contact: Brad Utter, 238-0809 or [info@waterfordmuseum.com](mailto:info@waterfordmuseum.com) or [nspretty@nycap.rr.com](mailto:nspretty@nycap.rr.com)

[www.waterfordmuseum.com](http://www.waterfordmuseum.com)

Location to meet: Waterford Historical Museum parking lot, 2 Museum Lane

Waterford Historical Museum & Cultural Center volunteers will remove debris from within and around Lock 4 of the old Champlain Canal.

Schenectady Yacht Club Clean Sweep

Saturday, 9 a.m.

Contact: Chuck Everson, 877-8243 or Chuck3e@nycap.rr.com

Location to meet: Schenectady Yacht Club House on Route 146 near the Rexford Bridge

Club members will rake, sweep and pick up fallen branches on club property.

Annual Canal Towpath Clean-Up (Waterford)

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Contact: Russ Van Dervoort, 237-0999

Location to meet: Division Street on Old Champlain Canal

The Village of Waterford will host a cleanup along the canal towpath.

Alfred Z. Solomon Trail Day (Galway)

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.

Contact: Andy Fyfe, 587-5554, Ext. 4

Location to meet: Galway Preserve; call for directions

Saratoga PLAN offers a guided hike in the preserve starting at 10, volunteer trail project at noon. Pre-registration required.

Schenectady County

Cleanup Along the Mohawk (Scotia)

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Contact: Kara Pangburn, 598-6793 or kpangburn81@yahoo.com

[www.uswaterskishowteam.com](http://www.uswaterskishowteam.com)

Location to meet: Jumpin' Jacks Drive-In, Scotia

The U.S. Water Ski Show Team will clean up along the Mohawk River shoreline where they ski in the summer, including the drive-in and Collins Park.

NRFC's Earth Day Canal Clean Sweep (Niskayuna)

Sunday, April 26, 1-3 p.m.

Contact: Arline Sumner, 878-6729

Location to meet: Lock 7E in Niskayuna

North River Friends of Clearwater will lead a clean-up of trash and debris in parking lots, picnic area, and along the trail.

EFC Clean Sweep (Niskayuna)

Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Lisa Van Alstyne, 402-7461 or [vanalstyne@nysefc.org](mailto:vanalstyne@nysefc.org)

[www.nysefc.org](http://www.nysefc.org)

Location to meet: Lock 7 picnic area in Niskayuna

Staff and families of the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation will clean up trash & debris in the vicinity of Lock 7.

Ride for Missing Children – Greater Capital District

Saturday, 8 a.m.

Contact: Scott Neff, 485-7542 or 944-1973

[sneff@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sneff@nycap.rr.com); [scott.neff@dcjs.state.ny.us](mailto:scott.neff@dcjs.state.ny.us)

[www.rideformissingchildren.org](http://www.rideformissingchildren.org)

Location to meet: Lock 8

Help clean up the Canalway Trail from Lock 8 west to the intersection with Rt 5.

Washington County

Whitehall Canal Clean Sweep

Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact: Scott Ray, 499-0033

Location to meet: Riverside Park across from the American Legion post on Main St, Whitehall

The Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, Village & Town of Whitehall, and other partners invite volunteers to clean up along the canal and elsewhere in Whitehall.