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Show Litter the Door during the 2017 Spring Big Sweep

Volunteers needed for 11 litter clean-up events

As you get ready to do your spring cleaning, consider helping keep local waterways clean by participating in this year's Wake County Spring Big Sweep.

The 2017 Wake County Spring Big Sweep starts this Saturday, March 18, and runs through Saturday, May 13. There will be 16 clean-up events at creeks, lakes, streams and wetlands that flow into the Neuse or Cape Fear rivers. Volunteers will remove garbage that can be harmful to the water and local wildlife.

Coordinated by the [Wake Soil and Water Conservation District](#), the event plays an important role in keeping local waterways litter-free, ecologically viable and safe for drinking or other uses. Last spring, 839 volunteers removed a total of 6.5 tons of unwanted debris from 34 watershed sites in seven Wake County towns.

Volunteers are invited to sign up to participate in 11 of this spring's cleanups. The remaining five are private events with volunteers from local schools, churches, businesses or other organizations.

Anyone interested in volunteering must preregister by contacting the zone captain or park office at their desired site. For a complete list of events, details and registration information, visit the [Wake County Big Sweep website](#).

For more information, call 919-250-1065 or email Wake County Big Sweep Coordinator Sheila Jones at sbjones@wakegov.com.

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