

Conservation

Our canals and rivers are precious - they need looking after and protecting. Litter, graffiti and fly-tipping all spoil the beauty of waterways and can endanger wildlife.



Try this activity if you're working for any of the following badges: **Environment**; **Naturalist**; **Environment Partnership Award**.

A clean-up

Treasure Hunt

organise this activity with your group.
Get in touch to arrange details volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Not only will you have fun looking for these items but you'll pick up litter as well!

You will need

- 4 rubbish bags
- plastic gloves for everyone
- 5 boxes labelled glass, metal, paper plastic and organic
- 1 copy of the WANTED list for each team
- litterpickers

To play

- 1 Divide your group into two teams.
- 2 Give each team two rubbish bags, gloves and a copy of the WANTED list.
- 3 Set a time limit.
- 4 Spread out and search for the items on the list.
- 5 As you find the items, check them off the list, carefully pick them up and place them in one of the rubbish bags.
- 6 Put any litter not on the list in the other bag.
- 7 When the time is up see which team has found the largest number of listed items and declare them the winner!
- 8 Sort all the litter on the list into the labelled boxes.
- 9 Dispose of the litter properly by returning, recycling or reusing what you can. Discard the rest by placing in a black plastic bag suitable for landfill.



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WANTED LIST

- something to write with
- bottle cap
- sweet wrapper
- a blue object
- a red object
- something made of glass
- something made of metal
- something made of plastic

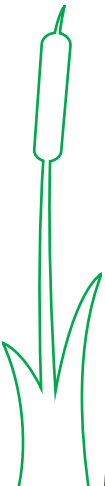
- something round
- something square
- something natural
- a piece of clothing
- something lost
- a newspaper or magazine
- notebook paper



Want to know more?

Click on canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer to:

- Get involved in looking after your local waterway and adopt a stretch of canal or river.
- Find your nearest canal. Go for a canal walk with an adult you know and take photographs of how people have protected it (e.g. repairs to brickwork, scrub clearance, cleaned up graffiti).
- Go with an adult and get involved with the local Towpath Taskforce. You can help to paint lock gates, put up bird boxes and plant trees.
- Organise a 'Stop Littering' campaign to discourage people dropping their rubbish on the towpaths.
- Become a friend of the Canal & River Trust.
- Join a waterways group or society and help conserve canals and their heritage.



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