

# ***Lackawanna River Conservation Association (LRCA)***

## ***“Street Sweeping Contest”***

### ***Clean Streets mean Clean Creeks !***

***The LRCA invites everyone to celebrate the designation of the Lackawanna as the Pennsylvania River of the Year for 2020 by getting out and sweeping the street in front of your home !***

We are pleased to announce that LRCA is conducting a “Street Sweeping Contest”. Work must be completed and submissions received by email to [lrca@lrca.org](mailto:lrca@lrca.org) by Monday, June 1, 2020.

The rules and what you can win:

1. Read all the rules first. Exercise your Civic Responsibility and your Sense of Humor.
2. No Purchase necessary, no entry fee or hidden charges;
3. Wear PPE (personal protective equipment) dust mask or bandana, work gloves. (Don't breathe in road dust, use a hose or garden can sprinkler to wet down the area you are cleaning!) (Do NOT pick up street litter with your bare hands, wear work gloves!)
4. Take a “Before Picture” then: Sweep the street in front of your home.
5. Send an email to [lrca@lrca.org](mailto:lrca@lrca.org) with three pictures attached: a before picture , a picture of what you swept up (full bags/cans, etc.) and an after picture; include your name and address and the date you did the work and estimate the SIZE of the area you swept in Square Feet, (length along front of property, times the width to middle of street).
6. Please also estimate the total weight of what you sweep up. (Please. keep the total weight of each bag or container under 50 pounds each to facilitate pick up by your Department of Public Works crew or private trash haulers.)
7. The categories of street debris typically include: 1. Grit; 2. Leaf Litter; 3. Street Litter; 4. Other (or Something Completely Different).
8. Give us a breakdown of what you swept up by percentage. For example: 40% Grit (sand, cinders, anti-skid, dirt, gravel); 50% Leaf Litter / organic detritus; 9 % Street Litter ( beverage bottles & cans, coffee cups, fast food wrappers, lottery tickets, tobacco wrappers, cigarette butts, etc.) 1% Something Completely Different (Dead parrot, Captain Marvel decoder ring, Chia pet, Moon rock etc.).

9. Participants can simply list the categories and percentages or write a brief narrative report describing their experience.
10. Owners of CORNER Properties can enter separately for each side of their lot.
11. Small Business owners are also welcome to enter.
12. Tenants can enter as well. We just need a street address.
13. Catch Basins: If there is a Catch Basin along your property, please take a before and after picture of the catch basin. If the catch basin is clogged with silt and debris and is not easily cleared, please call LRCA and leave a message at 570-347-6311 to report its condition and location. We will work with you to request that your municipal DPW or Sewer Agency address the situation.
14. Drink plenty of water. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and hot water for 20 seconds if you take a break and when you complete your work.

Enough rules, here is a list of the Prizes:

1. FIRST PRIZE: \$100.00 AND: Your Choice of a BRAND-NEW Street Broom or Garden Rake.
2. SECOND PRIZE: \$50.00 AND: Your Choice: a BRAND-NEW Street Broom or Garden Rake.
3. THIRD PRIZE: \$25.00 AND: Your Choice of a BRAND-NEW Street Broom or Garden Rake.
4. Up to 100 Consolation prizes including Your Choice of VINTAGE LRCA River Fest T-shirts and Other promotional items!
5. Contestants will each be assigned a number when their submission is received. At the close of the contest all numbers will be placed in a hat and the winners selected by drawing.
6. There will also be a number of Subjective Qualitative and Quantitative Awards based on: the largest area cleaned, the largest volume by estimated weight and or number of containers (bags and or cans) and the evidence of creativity and/ or humor exhibited in any narrative included with your submission.

All participants will receive a certificate from the LRCA recognizing their contributions to better water resource stewardship in the Lackawanna River Watershed.