

How is Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. improving Lee County?



The Clean Scene

Serving Lee County Since 1989!

Our mission is to inspire, educate, and engage the Lee County community in improving, beautifying, and protecting our environment.



Environmental News and Upcoming Events

Thank You and Happy Holidays!



I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. This time of the year is often a time of reflection and to think of the things we are grateful for. Here at Keep Lee County Beautiful (KLCB) we have the absolute utmost appreciation for our volunteers and community partners. You make everything we do possible!

After the 2020 year of severe volunteering restrictions, I'm pleased to be able to say that KLCB has rebounded to achieve new heights of success. The total number of events we helped to coordinate increased 65% from last year. This set a new record during our 32 years of serving Lee County. We also more than doubled last year's volunteer participation and the trash and debris we removed from Lee County increased almost sevenfold to over 67,000 pounds. All this and we still have this month to go to wrap up this year. It warms my heart knowing that I live in a community that cares so deeply for the place we call home.

I'm looking forward to next year, to see what we will accomplish with your help, to keep Lee County beautiful.

With beautiful thoughts,
Trish Fancher
Executive Director

Lee County Solid Waste Holiday Schedule

Lee County Solid Waste will be holding a Household Chemical Waste collection event on December 15 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, from 10am to 2pm. Visit their [webpage](#) to see a complete list



of upcoming collection events. [Click here](#) to see what items are accepted. You may also drop off items at the Topaz Court Solid Waste Facility M-F from 8am to 5pm and the first Saturday of the month from 8am to noon (except holidays). This is located at 6441 Topaz Ct.

This year both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday. Your regular residential collection schedule will not be affected by these holidays. The County offices and disposal facilities will be closed to the public.

World Soil Day December 5, 2021



On December 5 we will celebrate the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and a vital contributor to human well-being. Protecting our environment by keeping our communities, roadsides, shorelines and waterways clean will all contribute to protecting the soil that we depend on to grow crops, grasses to feed livestock, and the ground we live and play on.

When contaminants, such as plastics and the multitudes of products made from petroleum byproducts are left in the environment they will break down and pollute our groundwater and waterways. This will lead to not only soil contamination, but also levels of toxicity finding its way into the food we consume.

Keep Lee County Beautiful would like to give a special thank you to the late H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand. World Soil Day is celebrated on December 5 as it was his birthday. He was one of the main proponents of this initiative. His tireless work towards protecting the environment and safeguarding the soil needed for our sustainability will always be remembered.

Keep Lee County Beautiful receives the National Innovation Award November 16, 2021



Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) is honored to receive the Innovation Award from Keep America Beautiful, Inc. at the 2021 Keep America Beautiful National Conference which took place in Washington D.C. last month. This national awards program recognizes the best of the best among the network of over 700 community-based affiliates, leading corporate partners and individual volunteers across the country who have committed to delivering cleaner, greener and more beautiful communities.

Keep Lee County Beautiful was granted the Innovation Award for their "Growing Community Roots" program. The goal of this program is to introduce agriculture back into our schools and increase the native tree canopy. This program will be launched in our local high schools next fall where participating schools will have their own tree farm with students being responsible for the care. Once the trees reach a certain maturity, they will be used in KLCB projects, students will be offered a tree to take home and plant, and others will be sold. All profits will be shared between the school and Keep Lee County Beautiful.

Veterans Parkway Roadside Cleanup

December 8, 2021
8:00 am to 10:00 am



It's the season to join Keep Lee County Beautiful for a holiday cleanup!

Gather with us to clean up a section of Veterans Parkway in Cape Coral and bring your holiday cheer along with you! Santa or holiday hats/outfits are not required but they are encouraged.

***Only volunteers ages 18 or older are allowed to participate in this event.**

[Click here](#) to register (space is limited) and for additional information.

Dispose of this year's Christmas Tree correctly!



Just follow these simple steps to properly dispose of your natural Christmas tree.

- Remove the tree stand, lights, decorations and tinsel.
 - Broken and burned-out strands of lights go in the trash, not in the recycle bin.
 - Set green Christmas trees out with your yard waste. These will be ground up for use as mulch or compost.
 - Flocked trees, those with the snow-covered look, cannot be recycled and ground into mulch. Put these trees out with your trash.
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Support Those That Support Us

Keep Lee County Beautiful would like to encourage you to visit, or use the services of, these businesses that through their support have helped us work towards achieving our mission. With their assistance we have been able to engage the Lee County community and make a lasting change to improve, beautify, and protect the world we live in.



[Walmart](#) has been steadfast in their commitment to providing quality merchandise at the lowest price possible. This is what Sam Walton based his first store on over 50 years ago and today it still holds true. Now with approximately 11,500 stores and over two million employees worldwide, they strive to make an impact in lives through not only providing merchandise for less but also being a leader in sustainability and corporate philanthropy. Visit your local Walmart store and see what you can save today, or visit their [website](#) to check out the incredible low prices they offer on a wide assortment of goods.



[Spherion Staffing](#) was founded in 1946, with their long history of dealing with the ever-evolving workplace, they have developed a solid understanding of what is needed by both Employers and Job Seekers. When you work with Spherion Staffing, you'll be working with a locally owned business that is a part of the world's largest HR and recruitment services companies. With their assistance, you will never lack the resources or support to attain your goals.

To get additional information about Spherion's staffing services call 239-939-999 or visit their [website](#).

[Bass Pro Shops](#), the ultimate place to shop for all of your outdoor adventures. At Bass Pro Shops they have the gear you need for fishing, boating, shooting, hunting, camping and many other



outdoor activities. They carry a wide range of clothing and footwear so you will be well prepared for whatever you may have to deal with when out in the wilds of nature.

A Bass Pro Shops is conveniently located here in Fort Myers at 10400 Gulf Center Drive. Visit their store for your adventuring needs or view their wide selection of outdoorsman goods [here](#).

Event Updates

Sanibel Causeway Islands Cleanup November 10, 2021



Members of the management team at Amazon participated in a cleanup of the Sanibel Causeway Islands. They cleaned both, A and B islands. By the time they were finished over 75 pounds of litter was removed from the environment. This is an important area to keep clean due to how easily loose items of debris can end up in our local waters.

An assortment of small plastic items and cigarette butts were the most common items found. These items are not only harmful to our local wildlife, they will also break down into small plastic microfibers which are becoming an increasing problem to our fragile ecosystem.

Local paddling club rescues a Pelican from fishing line November 10, 2021



The Charlotte Harbor Paddling Club was having an outing at Lovers Key. While the club members are enjoying nature, they gather any debris and remove fishing line from the mangrove trees to prevent wildlife from becoming entangled.

During this outing, James McChesney came across a pelican that was caught in fishing line and hooks. He removed the fishing line from the mangrove tree and placed the pelican into his kayak. With assistance from other club members, they successfully removed the fishing line and hooks from the bird's bill and pouch, leaving little damage. After this the pelican sat on the bow of James's kayak for a few minutes to recover before taking flight to continue enjoying life.

Adopt-A-Shore groups making a difference!

On November 17th the Adopt-A-Shore group from the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina did a fantastic job removing litter from the beach. They had 17 volunteers participate in this beach cleanup that removed harmful and unsightly debris from our shoreline.

Another Adopt-A-Shore group, Solitude Lake Management, thoroughly cleaned their



adopted section of shoreline on November 20th. They clean the area around the Fort Myers Beach pier and continue both north and south removing the trash and debris that has been left behind at this heavily trafficked area.

Keep Lee County Beautiful would like to thank both of these groups, as well as all of the other members of the Adopt-A-Shore, Spot, Road and Highway programs. Your continuing efforts make a positive difference to the place we call home!

Would you like to help keep Lee County Beautiful?

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. is a non-profit that has always strived towards coordinating programs and events that will beautify and improve our local community. We are also strongly focused on protecting the environment by removing litter and debris throughout our county. One of our main goals is improving both our resident's and visitor's awareness of proper trash disposal and recycling procedures. Our ultimate goal is to someday not need to have large scale cleanup projects. To achieve all of our goals we need your help. If you would like to make a small, tax-deductible donation, please visit our [membership page](#).

We thank you for your support!

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