

WVDEP now accepting applications for 2024 WV Make It Shine Spring Cleanup

Deadline for Application is March 8th

CHARLESTON, WV – Applications are now available for the 2024 West Virginia Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) REAP Program.

This year's event will be held during the first two weeks of April (April 1st through April 14th) and applications are due by March 8th.

The Make It Shine program will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or on public lands.

More than 3,500 volunteers from nearly 140 groups participated in the 2023 cleanup, removing 215 tons of litter, and collecting 1,267 tires from 281 acres of public lands and 87 miles of streams, while remediating 87 dumps.

Applicants may apply online at https://apps.dep.wv.gov/ppod/make_it_shine.a5w. Once your project is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery of cleanup supplies, waste hauling and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at DEPwvmis@wv.gov or by phone at 1-800-322-5530.

This event is completely dependent on volunteers, so sign up today and help make West Virginia shine!

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts.

More information is available on the REAP webpage: <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/>