Boo	towm – Litter picking

2022 Volunteer training guide

This training guide is to give you information on how to carry out your volunteer role onsite. This training guide should be read in conjunction with the WaterAid festival volunteer guide and your festival-specific guide, both found on the Festival Volunteer Hub.

You will receive onsite training for your role, in the context of your work area. You will be notified of the timing of this training when you sign in with us onsite.

Overview and background

WaterAid has been part of the festival recycling team at Boomtown since 2018 working with Critical Waste who are responsible for all the recycling and litter picking onsite. Our volunteers are responsible for litter picking and recycling waste left behind in festival arena. Ensuring that once the public arrive each day it is clean and tidy.

Litter picking teams work around the main arena and stages to ensure that as much waste as possible is sent for recycling, making the festival a cleaner and greener place for everyone.

Operational hours: Friday - Monday, 6am – 12pm

Shifts: 4 x six hour shifts over the weekend.

Management and supervisors

You will have a Critical Waste Supervisor on hand to support you. They will:

- Deliver a quick briefing to you before you head out on your shifts, and ensure you have the relevant equipment and resources from the campsite.
- Support all volunteers on shift and let you know where you are expected to litter pick.

You will also be able to contact the WaterAid supervisors on the onsite mobile number and they will be present for your shift sign in.

Before your shift:

- Make sure you’re wearing closed toe shoes and your hi-vis
- Meet your team at the crew campsite at the start of your shift for a quick briefing and to collect equipment.

On your shift: Equipment and materials

You’ll pick up your equipment from Critical Waste. This will be:

- Gloves
- Binbags
- Litter pickers (if required)
- Bin Hoops

On your shift: Volunteer tasks

Litter picking
Your main task is to collect litter from your designated area, and sort this into the correct bags for recycling. Your supervisor will let you know where to leave these bags once they are full. You will be given green and black bags to collect waste to ensure as much as waste as possible is recycled.

After your shift:

- Return your equipment to the crew campsite
- Sign out and feedback anything necessary

Health and Safety specific to this role

1. Slips, trips and falls
   - Wear suitable sturdy closed toed footwear
   - Never work in other areas aside from your designated work space
   - Regularly take waste bags to the disposal or recycling area where applicable

2. Injuries caused by materials or equipment
   - Ask for help when lifting heavy objects such as full waste sacks
   - Ensure bins and buckets are not over-filled
   - Use litter pickers where possible to reduce the need to stretch and stoop.

3. Extremes of weather
   - Shelter when necessary
   - Take weather-appropriate clothing to each shift

4. Reputational risk to WaterAid
   - Ensure that on shift you are seen to be volunteering hard and if possible, enjoying yourself!
   - Do not eat, smoke, or drink alcohol at your work area.
   - Report any problems as soon as possible so that we can rectify this and minimize any complaints about WaterAid.