



Those involved with Great Miami River Clean Sweep have set the dates for the yearly removal of trash, debris and other items like tires.

Efforts at cleaning up the Great Miami River have been around for some time, but starting in 2004, a concerted effort to name and organize and River-wide clean-up began. Called the Great Miami River Clean Sweep, since 2004, it has been responsible for collecting and disposing of over 260 tons of trash and over 3600 tires from the river. Also since 2004, over 2000 volunteers have taken to the stream banks or canoes to rid the river of unsightly litter and junk that has somehow found itself there. For those who do volunteer, they're first given notice that this is a strenuous day and not only is a strong back needed, but so are thick-soled shoes necessary to ward off any unnecessary foot injuries. After a day of good, dirty fun, their given a t-shirt and lunch for their efforts.

Support for this effort has come in many forms. Most substantially, Cargill has been a major monetary sponsor, as well as Veolia North America, Miami Conservancy District and Atlantis Sportswear. But it would be impossible to list the whole roster of cities, counties, townships, agencies and businesses that have offered their support and services to make this effort become the success it has been.

Listed below are the dates for 2009 Great Miami River Clean Sweep:

May 2nd

Butler and Hamilton Counties-513/887-3720

July 17th

Shelby/logan County to Sidney-937/498-8180

Sidney to Piqua-937/214-2906 (**ALSO JULY 18th**)

Piqua to Troy-335-7666, ext. 230

Troy to Tipp City-937/233-7083, ext. 10

Tipp City to Taylorsville Dam-937/667-7878

Taylorsville Dam to Needmore-937/233-7083, ext. 10

Needmore to Island Metro Park-937/865-7341

Island Metro Park to Carillon Park-937/333-8598

Carillon Park to Miamisburg-937/223-1278

Miamisburg to Franklin-937/746-1711

July 25th

Indian Lake to Quincy Area-937/599-1253

This is a potentially strenuous activity. Those volunteering should be healthy for the task. Also, proper attire, including thick-soled shoes such as old tennis shoes are required. Those wearing flip-flops or even open-toed sandals will be asked to canoe another time. Minors 14 and older may take part if their partner is of age and they have parent permission.