



Thank you for giving your time to help cleanup and care for the Allegheny Wild and Scenic River. The task of the cleanup from the July 17, 2019 flood event is huge and it is volunteers such as yourself that will make the clean up happen.

Your safety is first! Please use caution, if something is too large to get, or you cannot gather the item with a great sense of surety of doing it safely **leave it** and just document where it is with a picture, and GPS coordinates.

- There are a few things that we need documented as we do the cleanup. The attached form will help to capture these items. **The capturing of this information is extremely important.** There are numerous reasons for the need of this information, including tracking for state records, possible recognition of this cleanup on a state or national level, and potential use in future law suits.
- Volunteer time has a significant value, so be sure to log your hours worked on the cleanup.
- Any additional costs that you as the volunteer have incurred.
- Fuel for the boats doing the cleanup should provide a receipt for reimbursement.
- The documentation with photos of the debris you are picking up and its location with GPS coordinates before it is moved and where it is disposed of (picture and location).

Please note: In the event, any orphaned drums, residential home heating oil tanks, or other similar hazardous materials are encountered in the Allegheny River cleanup, please contact the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at 800-541-2050 to report such items. Please provide the Department with a description of the physical location, such as a point on a map or GPS coordinates, and a photograph of the item(s) to allow the Department to determine the appropriate resources to retrieve these types of items. DEP does not include household trash, appliances, general vehicle debris, empty drums or other municipal waste items that are found within the waters of the Commonwealth as hazardous materials.

Words of thanks simply cannot convey the appreciation for you and the others that have stepped up to help bring the Allegheny River back to her splendid beauty.

Photos and completed forms can be submitted to me at kharris@oilregion.org. You can mail or drop off hard copies of forms to 217 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301. Questions can be directed to me at 814-677-3152.

With sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire coalition working on this cleanup effort.

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