

Kalamazoo River Cleanup



Saturday, June 20, 2026

Cleanup: 10:00* am – 12:00 pm

Afterparty: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

(*in-river start time 9:00 am)

The cleanup will be focused on parks and waterways in **Kalamazoo, Comstock, and Parchment**, with the main meeting location at Mayors Riverfront on Mills Street in Kalamazoo.

What time should I arrive at my assigned location?

The event will start at 10:00 am If you signed up for "walking on shore" and "wading in a creek."

If you signed up for "on the water" arrive at 9:00 am to meet your team lead and team members.

Where should I park?

Stay tuned! Parking instructions for your entry point will be included in a pre-event email from your Team Lead.

What do I need to bring?

Please bring your own refillable water bottle, water stations will be available at each entry point. Paper cups will also be available.

Gloves, trash pickers and garbage bags will be available at your entry point. You are also welcome to bring your own gloves.

If you signed up for "on the water" please bring your own vessel and Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

If you signed up for "in creek" bring your own waders. None will be provided

What should I wear?

Please check the weather forecast and dress for comfort outdoors. Long pants and long sleeves are recommended and closed toe shoes are required. You may want to wear layers so you can remove outer layers as it gets warmer throughout the day.

Don't forget your bug spray and sunscreen!

Is this event kid friendly?

Yes, absolutely! For younger children, the "walking on shore" choice is the most child friendly.

Will water and food be provided?

Snacks and water will be available throughout the event at each entry point. A free picnic-style meal will be provided during the celebration at Mayors Riverfront Park following the event.

Will restrooms be available?

Yes, restrooms will be available at each entry point.

Where can I find the details about the afterparty?

The Afterparty will be at Mayors Riverfront Park following the event from 12:00 pm –2:00 pm.

A free picnic lunch will be provided along with musical entertainment from the **Hoot Owls** and games for kids and adults.

Is the Riverfront Cleanup an annual event?

Yes, this year is the third annual event.

If I don't stay for the whole four-hour cleanup can I still come to the celebration?

You do not have to stay from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Whether you come early and leave early or come later and stay till the celebration you are welcome! Please indicate you will attend the celebration when you register for the event.

When will I get more detailed information?

You will receive an email from your Team Lead with all the details prior to the event date at the email address you submitted with your registration.

MORE INFO & REGISTER HERE

