How to use Litterati

Show the LA River’s 51 miles some love in 2021! Rally your family or bubblemates for a DIY CleanUp. Visit your favorite spot along the River or in your neighborhood to clean the streets and prevent waste from polluting our waterway. Together, from a distance, we’ll make a collective impact and do our part to tend to the vibrant urban ecosystems that thrive throughout our watershed.

Getting Started

Recruit your teammates to clean the River and watershed close to home.

Download the Litterati app and enter the FoLAR challenge code: STEWARD21.

Visit your favorite spot along the River or in your neighborhood to clean the streets and prevent trash from reaching the River.

Grab your gloves and trash bags to collect trash. Remember to maintain social distance, wear a mask, and wash your hands!

When cleaning up, photograph individual items of trash that you see and collect and upload and tag them in the Litterati app - this data helps us track trash in our watershed.

Pack out the trash with you and be sure to dispose of it or recycle properly.

Keep using Litterati to report your efforts through the end of the year.

Share your experience on Instagram and tag #RiverSteward21

This is a self-guided effort led by YOU and participation will be at your own risk. Please practice physical distancing and wear your mask to keep your fellow volunteers safe. Take your trash with you to leave the River and our streets better than you found them. Together we are tending to our local ecosystem.
Using the Litterati App

Download the Litterati app and enter the challenge code STEWARD21 to connect to and be a participant in the FoLAR Self-Guided Watershed CleanUp challenge. *People outside the LA area will still be able to participate by entering this code.*

Once in the app, swipe to the Profile tab to **claim your account** and create your password.

Conduct your CleanUp! Use the camera feature in the Litterati app to snap photos of the individual pieces of trash you collect before tossing them in your trash bag.

Don’t feel like you have to photograph every single item of trash you find. Take pictures in a way that is comfortable to you, while still being productive and cleaning up trash. Set yourself a personal goal of documenting 50 or 100 pieces of trash over the course of the semester or use the buddy system and designate one person to be the photographer and another person to be the trash collector.

When you’re done with your CleanUp and back in your home, **upload your photos in the Litterati app**.

Once your photos have uploaded, go to your Profile tab and scroll down to the Gallery to **tag and identify the trash** you collected. For each photo of trash, the app will suggest tags, or you can search for tags. **Tags to consider applying include what the trash is, what it’s made out of, and what brand it is.** Once you’ve applied the appropriate tags for a photo, click on the white arrow in the top left corner to return to your gallery and finish tagging the rest of your photos.

In the gallery, you’ll know a photo has been identified if the tag in the bottom right corner is filled in. Alternatively, you can toggle to “Show Untagged” to easily see which photos you still need to identify.

Once you’ve tagged all your photos, you’re all set! Since you used the challenge code to connect to the FoLAR challenge, any photos you upload and tag will automatically get counted towards our challenge. **Thank you for your service to your local environment!**