



## Earth Science Week 2025 FHSU Cleanup Challenge

In honor of Earth Science Week, join the FHSU Department of Geosciences and Sternberg Geosciences Club in a week-long challenge to help your community and the earth!

### The Challenge:

We encourage you to help clean up an area near you. Get outside, enjoy the fall weather, and pick up trash/litter until you fill at least 1 bag per person. You can do this on your own, with your family, or with a group for more fun. Take a picture of you with your trash haul and upload your pictures to our challenge survey to be entered into a drawing for a small FHSU and City of Hays Swag bag. We will be accepting entries until midnight on Sunday, Oct. 19th.

### How to play?

1. Grab a trash bag (and rubber gloves for your own safety).
2. Get some friends to tag along if you'd like and venture out into your community.
3. Gather as much trash and other items you can that are littering the area.
4. Once you have a full trash bag (or bags), take a picture of you with the trash.
5. Submit your picture and other information to the challenge survey. All completed entries will be entered into the drawing. Note: you must be logged into your google account to complete the form and upload your picture.
6. Throw away the trash into designated trash and/or recycling bins.

### Need Help?, Hint's for more fun

- Dress appropriately for the weather and the area of cleanup. We recommend at minimum long pants/jeans and close toed shoes.
- Pass on this challenge to your own friends and family. See how much more you can collect that your family.
- Want to find an area in high need of help? Call your local city or Watershed district representative. (Hays residents: check out the back page for a couple of ideas for Hays).
- Be sure where you are cleaning is a public space, or you have permission to be on the property.

### How to Win

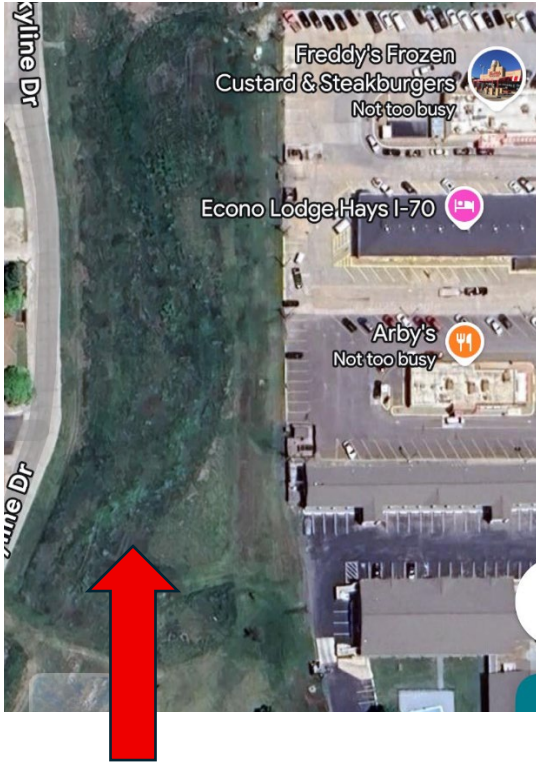
1. Submit an entry, including a picture of the amount of trash you cleaned up to the google form accessed by the QR code or from our ESW Webpage <https://www.fhsu.edu/geo/events/ESW/>
2. Wednesday, Oct. 22: Watch our Facebook page, and your email to see if you are a winner. 2 winners will be selected for the FHSU & City of Hays Swag bags: (1) from all entries (2) club choice for best submission with most trash collected or best group effort.



## For Hays residents and FHSU students

suggested areas in high need of assistance are:

- Behind Freddy's, and Arby's – the watershed green space, best access is from Skyline Drive
- Frontier Park, especially east of main street and north of the creek
- Any area along Big Creek
- Sternberg Walking Trail, 3000 Sternberg Drive



The areas mentioned above are suggested areas in Hays where the trash and litter accumulate regularly. However, feel free to select any area you see in need of cleanup.

If you are cleaning in an area where there is not a large dumpster, you can take it to one of the Polycarts on the North Side of the Recycling Center (1780 W 55<sup>th</sup>).



Place Trash in one of the Polycarts Here, North Side of Recycling Center, 1780 W 55<sup>th</sup>