Nobody likes to discover a mess when they head to the beach or get out paddling. Why not make a difference for others by doing a little service work for a waterfront in your community? As a Patrol, plan to organize a shoreline cleanup. This may be a more challenging project than picking up litter in the park or along a roadside. Depending on the shoreline, you may have to get out in canoes and pull on hip-waders. This can be a great linking activity with a Venturer Company.

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- What else can you do to improve the shoreline?

**Online Resources:**
- Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
- Calgary Pathway and River Cleanup
- Detroit River Canadian Cleanup
- AdventureSmart: Water Safety

**Safety Note:**
While much of a shoreline cleanup will take place on dry land, it’s important to keep in mind that water poses certain hazards. In terms of safety, prepare for this adventure as you would for any other water-based outing.

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