



These days we're spending most of our time at home and it can get pretty boring looking at the same 4 walls all the time. That's why we are encouraging people to volunteer from home and think about how they can spruce up their street! There are lots of really simple things you can do to brighten up your surroundings like:

01 Plant flowers in your garden or in a pot on your windowsill. This is a great time for planting summer bulbs. Try and plant flowers that the bees will enjoy.

02 Make up a pot of flowers for an elderly or isolated neighbour to put in their window.



03 Going for a walk? Bring a pair of gloves and a bag (even better if you have a litter picker) and pick up some litter when you're out and about.

04 Have spare paint lying around? Paint your front gate, house trim, windowsills, front door, garden fences or a wall. Kids generally love to help with painting.

05 Have children who want to get involved? Get them to draw colourful pictures and hang them in their window and give to neighbours. Or let them draw pictures in chalk at the front of your house.

06 Children could also decorate your wheelie bins with paint or stickers!

07 Planning to cut the grass? Maybe you could offer to cut a neighbour's grass at the same time? Remember if the grass is dry it can be used as a mulch for your flower beds.

08 Have bits and bobs lying about the house, shed or garage? Can you make something with them like an insect hotel or a bird feeder? You can use twigs, branches, bamboo canes etc.



09 If you have old pots or garden furniture you can spruce them up with paint.

10 Pick up litter or sweep the area in front of your home, clean your gutters, clean your front windows, trim hedges, sweep along the roadside kerbs on your street, clear debris away from roadside gutters.

It's important to follow HSE guidelines at all times. Read the full guidelines [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie).

- Stay within 5km of your home if you're going for a walk
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly - before leaving home and when you get back
- Keep social distance of at least 2 metres from everyone outside of your household

Remember, whatever you do post a picture on social media with #VolunteerFromHome and #SpruceUpYourStreet so we can see and share!