

# A COMMUNITY KEEPS HOUSE



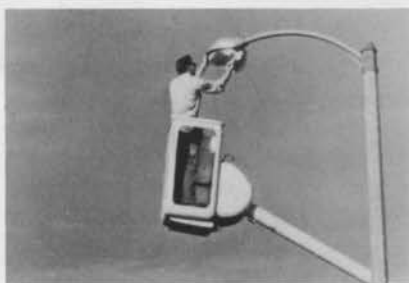
## A Motion Picture Study Guide



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<b>FILM FACTS:</b>	<b>grade level:</b>	primary, middle elementary
	<b>subject area:</b>	social studies, language arts
	<b>length:</b>	one reel
	<b>price:</b>	color, \$110; b/w, \$60.



**SYNOPSIS:** Our community is a clean and healthy place in which to live because everyone helps to keep it that way. We hire trained workers who use special machines to help us keep our streets, parks, schools, and other public buildings clean and attractive. Our rubbish is buried, our trash is burned, and our dirty water is carried away by sewers. But all the workers and all the machines can't do this job alone. Your help is needed.

### EDITED NARRATION:

**OUR CITY HOME:** This community is a clean and healthy place because everyone who lives here helps to keep it clean. Keeping your own house clean is a big job, but keeping house for an entire city is a much bigger job.

**CITY YARD:** Many machines are needed, and here in the City Yard is where our city keeps them. I am the director in charge of the men who clean the city. In the morning, each worker heads for a certain part of the city to do his special cleaning job.

**RUBBISH COLLECTION:** In my city, rubbish trucks like this one collect cans and bottles. Each truck stops at many houses every day. This big arm packs the rubbish tightly into the front part of the truck—making room for another load.

**CITY DUMP:** When the truck is full it goes to the City Dump. Many trucks come here to dump cans and bottles—rubbish which will not burn. In this deep pit the rubbish is buried. The truck dumps its load on the slope of the pit. Then a bulldozer spreads the rubbish out. It crushes the cans flat against the ground. But rubbish left uncovered isn't attractive or sanitary. So we spread a layer of dirt over each load, packing it down and burying it. Some day, when the whole pit is filled up, the city will plant grass and trees and turn it into a beautiful park.

**CITY PARKS:** We like our parks to be clean and attractive. Trained workers help to keep them that way. This machine raises a worker to trim the branches of a tree. Below, the cut branches are loaded on a truck. We trim the trees to keep them attractive and to prevent weak branches from falling into the street. The grass must be trimmed, too. This worker is using a power lawnmower.

**STREET CLEANING:** Every street in our community must be kept clean. To pick up leaves we often use a machine like a big vacuum cleaner. Where there is too much traffic for big machines, a hand sweeper cleans up. But all our machines and workers can't keep the city clean alone. They need your help. Remember to put your rubbish in trash cans.

Usually we use a sweeper with spinning brushes to clean our streets. The sweeper sprays water in front of its brushes to keep down the dust. The large brushes whirl the dirt inside. When the sweeper is full, its driver empties it at a corner. Then a dump truck arrives to pick up the trash. This dump truck is built to scoop up trash from the street. When the driver has picked up a full load, he goes to the City Incinerator.



**CITY INCINERATOR:** Here other trucks are dumping their loads. This is an incinerator — a huge furnace where trash is burned. This man works all day pushing trash into the incinerator.

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL:** Water and wet waste must be taken care of in another way. This waste drains into pipes which go under the floor of the house and out to the street. Here the house pipes empty into larger pipes. These larger pipes are called sewers. We lay sewer pipes underneath our streets and then cover them over. But we leave openings, called manholes, so we can make certain the waste water is flowing freely through the sewers. This manhole is dry—the sewer must be clogged up.

To open the sewer we use a special machine. It has a steel drill at the end of a long rod. The rod runs through a hose which is put into the clogged-up sewer. The machine pushes the rod through the hose and into the clogged sewer pipe. It opens up the sewer by twisting and forcing the drill through the pipe.

**KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS CLEAN:** Special workers help us keep the windows of our schools clean. Every day after school, a custodian finishes cleaning your classroom. You've helped him already by clearing your desk and taking care of your own things. By keeping your schoolyard clean, you are helping keep house for your community.

**WE ALL KEEP HOUSE:** Late every afternoon the workers come back to the City Yard. We enjoy our job — keeping our community clean. It is a home for all of us. Everyone likes living in a beautiful and healthy city.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What happens at the City Yard?
2. What happens to non-burnable rubbish?
3. What happens to burnable rubbish, or trash?
4. What do city workers do to keep our parks safe and attractive?
5. How can you help the street sweeper keep our streets clean?
6. How is dirty water taken away from our homes?
7. What must be done to keep our schools clean? What can you do to help?
8. Does your city have a Yard? Visit it.

### WORDS TO LEARN

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| 1. community | 7. power lawnmower | 13. waste     |
| 2. director  | 8. sweeper         | 14. sewer     |
| 3. rubbish   | 9. dump truck      | 15. manhole   |
| 4. sanitary  | 10. incinerator    | 16. clogged   |
| 5. dump      | 11. furnace        | 17. drill     |
| 6. bulldozer | 12. trash          | 18. custodian |

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