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This philanthropic fitness fad addresses two very twenty-first century concerns: the need to keep in shape and the need to take care of the environment. The idea first surfaced on social media in late 2016 and has slowly gained in popularity as more and more runners have discovered the connection between waste and waistline. Jane Duxfield, a health coach who is a recent convert to plogging, extols the benefits to the knees' and thigh's as well as the milieu: "Squatting to lift rubbish really adds to the workout on your leg muscles. Interspersed with bursts of running, it has the same impact as high-intensity interval training. It s extra important to warm up thoroughly and to be conscious of your posture. Making your surroundings nicer at the same time is simply a lovely bonus!"

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