

## ADOPT-A-STREET SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The following safety guidelines must be followed when participating in litter removal activities along City street frontages. Each volunteer should be provided with a copy of this briefing prior to arrival at the work site.

- ✚ All participants in the litter pick up program must receive a copy of the Safety Requirements prior to reporting to the work site.
- ✚ Participants should assemble in an area away from the designated work site and carpool to reduce the number of cars at the litter pick up site. Vehicles must be parked in appropriate parking areas.
- ✚ Safety vests must be worn by all participants at all times during the litter pick up event.
- ✚ Supervisors shall be assigned to both adult and youth groups. Participants below the age of 12 are not permitted at the work sites. Supervisors should be assigned before departing for the work site.
- ✚ Litter pick up should be performed only in daylight hours and during good weather conditions.
- ✚ Work as a group facing oncoming traffic at all times.
- ✚ Do not cross the roadway unnecessarily; cross only at intersections.
- ✚ Remain with the group to which you are assigned.
- ✚ Do not pick up litter in the median or on any traveled portion of the roadway. Litter should be picked up only on the right-of-way from the back of curb to the right-of-way line. Home-made signs should be removed from all poles, utility cabinets, street furniture, etc. along with any graffiti where practical.
- ✚ Do not pick up hazardous materials such as car batteries, animal carcasses, or any other object that appears questionable.
- ✚ Know what you are picking up. Discarded chemical containers may sometimes be hazardous.
- ✚ Do not distract motorists with horseplay or abrupt erratic movements. Horseplay of any kind is strictly forbidden. The roadways are potentially very dangerous.

- ✚ Anyone under the influence of alcohol or narcotics must be asked to leave the work site.
- ✚ Cleaning of construction areas will be handled by the City.
- ✚ Stay out of utility installations, culverts and drainage structures.
- ✚ Do not try to pick up heavy objects. Use correct lifting techniques, keeping your back straight as possible. Keep the object you are trying to lift close to your body and let your legs and arms do the work.
- ✚ Use caution when you encounter the following: cactus, animals, steep slopes, sharp rocks, insects, barbed wire, traffic and other unusual circumstances.
- ✚ Be sure at least one person is experienced in administering first aid, including CPR.
- ✚ Assure that first aid kits are available and that transportation is available to the nearest medical facility.
- ✚ Assure that appropriate beverages are available and are in sufficient quantity to meet your group's needs. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- ✚ Wear appropriate attire (comfortable clothes, gloves, hats, boots or hard soled shoes). Participants should not wear shorts, tank tops or sandals.