



Adopt-A-Street Safety Guidelines

1. Before an adopting group applies to adopt a street, or before any program activities are initiated, the group's Designated Representative shall survey the street on the days and during the hours the group intends to perform cleanups to determine if street conditions are safe and appropriate for the ages and abilities of the group's members. If, at any time, the adopting group feels the adopted section of street has become unsafe for litter pickups, the group's Designated Representative should call the local Program Coordinator and he or she will work with the group to identify a safer street section or a different street.
2. The Designated Representative of the adopting group must conduct a safety meeting prior to every cleanup to review the safety checklist. The Designated Representative may conduct a safety meeting immediately before a cleanup; however, this meeting must be held in a safe, appropriate area.
3. Individuals under 18 may participate in a street cleanup only if supervised by an adult. Adopting groups must provide at least one adult supervisor for every six (6) children under 18 years old.
4. Adopting groups should avoid working on steep slopes or in confined street stretches with limited ingress/egress.
5. Cleanup participants are encouraged to wear a bright orange safety vest or bright clothing at all times. Participants shall also wear gloves.
6. Always work in groups of two or greater. Do not work alone!
7. Refreshments should be provided by the Contact Person and/or project organizer or participants may bring their own.
8. Cleanups shall be scheduled during daylight hours and during fair weather. Remember to schedule a "rain-date" ahead of time.
9. Cleanup participants are encouraged to take breaks, drink fluids, and avoid overexertion.
10. Do not pick-up materials that appear hazardous or unsafe.
11. Be alert for snakes, stinging insects, and poisonous plants.
12. Applicants to whom an Adopt-A-Street Program Designation and Agreement are issued shall at all times Indemnify and save harmless the City of Spring Hill. All volunteers shall sign a liability release form prior to participating in any cleanup activities. Liability forms must include the following language: Adopt-A-Street Program volunteers shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the City of Spring Hill, agents and officers, from responsibilities, damage, or liability arising from the exercise of the privileges granted under designated programs.
13. Adopting groups shall provide volunteers with emergency phone numbers, as well as a means to contact the appropriate authority in case of an emergency. Having a first aid kit on hand is recommended.