



Adopt-A-Street - Guidelines for Participants

The Adopt-A-Street program encourages residents to participate in keeping our community clean by volunteering to collect litter along streets, parks, and waterfront trails. While volunteers are expected to commit to regular clean-ups, the program also accommodates residents who may wish to collect litter on an informal, ad hoc basis or those who miss the registration deadline. Flexibility is built into the program to ensure all members of the community can contribute to maintaining a cleaner environment.

WHEN

Beginning in April volunteers are required to collect litter on a street, park or waterfront trail, every month, from April until mid-October, at least once a month.

WHERE

Work within your adopted area, on public property. Respect 'No Trespassing' and other restricted and private areas. Do **not** go behind fences or gates. Volunteers may bring litter home for normal curbside pick-up or place it in the City's existing trash bins. If a large amount of litter is collected, special pick up arrangements can be made with the City by calling the maintenance supervisor for parks at 613-930-2787 ext. 2282.

CLOTHING

Wear your safety vest, which identifies you as a volunteer and promotes the Adopt-a-Street program. Wear gloves. Light-coloured clothing is recommended. Long sleeves will prevent you from scratches and bug bites.

SAFETY

- Use your grabber or gloves hands to pick up litter.
- Stay hydrated. Reusable water bottles are environmentally friendly.
- Use crosswalks and traffic lights, where available.
- Avoid unstable or slippery ground and other potential dangerous areas.
- Face oncoming traffic when entering or exiting the site you are cleaning. Be vigilant when crossing two-lane highways. Do not distract motorists.
- Volunteers should avoid touching potentially hazardous or unhealthy items found during clean up sessions. This includes syringes, needles, condoms or dead animals. Participants should promptly report such items, along with objects that appear hazardous or could present difficulties in removing due to size, weight or other conditions (i.e. tires). Dead animals on City property should be reported to the Animal Control Officer at 613-930-2787 ext. 2615.
- Report any hazards, such as erosion, dangerous branches, fallen trees, or damaged City equipment such as benches or street signs. Report graffiti, vandalism, dumping, and suspicious activity to Municipal Works at 613-932-5354.
- Do not put bare hands or feet in an area that may harbour insects or poisonous vegetation such as poison ivy.

Return your supplies to the library if you do not plan to continue with the program in the current or next year.

The City of Cornwall is not responsible should you have an accident. Please read the above-noted guidelines carefully before signing the waiver.