



## Adopt-A-Street - Guidelines for Participants

### WHEN

Clean your street, sidewalk, park or waterfront area in nice weather, during daylight, 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 when you decide to discontinue the program. Your supplies will be offered to new volunteers.

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