

**Adopt-A-Street Safety Guidelines & Pre-Cleanup Checklist**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE ESSENTIAL THINGS YOU NEED TO REVIEW AND ADDRESS BEFORE EACH LITTER CLEAN-UP EVENT.**

**Suggested Safety Gear (not provided by Adopt-A-Street)**

 Long pants and long sleeve shirts

 Boots or sturdy shoes

**Provided by Adopt A Street Program**

 High visibility safety vest – worn closed

 Litter tools

 Litter bags

**Safety Guidelines**

 Always Wear safety vest

 Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, or unstable slopes

 Watch for nails, syringes, broken glass, or other sharp objects (call 684-7587 to report syringes)

 Avoid stray or wild animals, stinging insects, and/or mosquitoes

 Be prepared for any unexpected behavior from motorist

 Only pick-up litter from the sidewalk. Do not pick-up litter in the street or on private property

 Work toward oncoming traffic

 Only work during daylight hours and good weather

 Stay clear of all construction and utility work sites

 Stay clear of homeless encampments

 Do not go into the roadway, median, or roundabout to remove litter

 Do not wear headphones

 No horseplay or pranks

 Do not stand or jump on guardrails, drainage pipes, or concrete walls

 Do not use alcohol or mind altering substances prior to, or while participating in clean-up events

 Avoid overexertion and heat-related problems by drinking water and taking breaks

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

 Know the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or medics

 Report all accidents or injuries to the crew leader immediately

 We recommend having at least one crew member with a valid First Aid Card

**ITEMS TO AVOID**

 Firearms and other weapons (if found contact the police immediately)

 Drug paraphernalia (hypodermic needles, baggies containing drugs or unknown substances)

 Hazardous materials (propane tanks, gas canisters, car batteries, petroleum products, chemicals, paints and solvents, unidentified containers, pharmaceuticals, or other known drug making materials)

 Dead Animals

 Heavy objects (large vehicle parts, engines, appliances, fallen road signs, etc.)

 Tires