



DeSoto County Adopt-A-Road CLEANUP & SAFETY PROCEDURES

(Cleanup & Safety Procedures MUST be reviewed with the entire group prior to EVERY cleanup event.)

1. All participants must be aware that working along a public road may be hazardous and that strict adherence to these procedures is required.
2. Groups with members less than 16 years old must be supervised by adults 18 years or older (1 adult for every 10 participants under age 16.) All participants MUST be at least 13 years old.
3. Large groups should be divided into teams of 12 or fewer members. A Team Leader must be designated for each team.
4. Cleanup attire should consist of light-colored clothing and long sleeves, heavy glove, and sturdy-soled footwear.
5. Litter pickup may be performed only during daylight hours and in good weather conditions.

AVOID PEEK TRAFFIC HOURS

ABANDON ACTIVITY IN THE EVENT THAT WEATHER TURNS INCLIMATE DURING A CLEANUP.

6. Participants MUST meet a designated area outside their cleanup area to review Cleanup & Safety Procedures.
7. After reviewing Cleanup and Safety Procedures, participants should carpool to the cleanup area. Park as far off the road as possible.
8. Group members must arrive on site wearing their orange/yellow green safety vests, and are required to wear the safety vests at all times during a cleanup.
9. Upon arrival at your designated section of the road, the safety warning signs must be affixed to the Adopt-A-Road sign. Do not forget to remove them at the end of cleanup.
10. Teams must work facing oncoming traffic at all times. Stay away from construction sites, county maintenance activities, bridges, ramps, and intersections.
11. Cleanup activities should be performed off the roadway only. Avoid performing cleanup activities in the roadway itself.
12. Appoint a spotter to observe traffic conditions when working near roadway, or a narrow shoulder.
13. If emergency vehicles come into your area, remember that cars will be pulling onto the shoulder area to let them pass – move out of their way in advance and give them space to do so.
14. Trash bags should not be overfilled. Tie bags securely using the top portion of the bag. Place bags beside the shoulder where they will not be hit.

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15. Never pick up or handle discarded car batteries, animal carcasses, potentially dangerous/hazardous materials or any object that appears questionable. Team Leaders should report these items to the Group Leader.
16. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at all times.
17. Never distract motorists with horseplay or abrupt, erratic movements.
18. Team Leaders (along with the Group Leader) are responsible for ensuring compliance with Clean up & Safety Procedures. In addition, they are responsible for posting and retrieving the warning signs, assigning spotters where necessary and reporting hazardous materials to the Group Leader.
19. The Group Leader should discuss the following:
 - The location of the nearest hospital and first aid kit
 - Hazards observed along the cleanup route
 - Drink plenty of fluids and protection from the sun
 - Avoid poisonous plants
 - Any other hazards that may be encountered

DeSoto County will provide:

- Bags to collect trash
- Orange/yellow green safety vests
- Devices to pick up litter (trash grabbers)
- Adopting organization's name placed on roadside sign
- Safety warning signs

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