

SAFETY PROCEDURES

for Adopt-A-Highway Groups

BEFORE CLEANUP

SPONSORS:

- Contact your area NDOT Maintenance Office to coordinate a date and time for your litter pick up event.
- Make arrangements to obtain the "Litter Pick Up" (traffic protection) signs and any additional supplies you may need like safety vests, bags and zip ties.
- Conduct a "safety briefing" prior to each litter pick up.
- Have adult supervision, at the worksite, for anyone under age 15.
- Work only during daylight hours.
- Bring a cell phone.
- Check weather conditions

VOLUNTEERS

- Bring a hat and a shirt with long sleeves for protection from sun and insects. Bring water, and an adequate first aid kit.
- Bring heavy-duty gloves and sturdy-soled shoes or boots for protection.
- Know the route to the nearest emergency facility just in case.
- Carpool to the site to reduce number of parked vehicles.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

- Park all vehicles completely off the roadway surface, and at least 30 feet from the edge of the pavement.
- Keep vehicles and all volunteers on the same side of the highway.
- Place the "Litter Pick Up" signs at each end of your designated section of highway. Make sure the signs and all volunteers face oncoming traffic.

DURING & AFTER CLEANUP

VOLUNTEERS DURING THE CLEANUP

- Follow all safety rules.
- Watch your step... Stay off steep slopes... Avoid areas around culverts and tall grass; these areas may harbor snakes and other "undesirable creatures." Be watchful for stinging insects.
- Neatly stack the bagged litter at a predetermined location for pick up by highway crews.
- Do not wear headsets; you may not be able to hear oncoming traffic or potential hazards.
- Do not go onto paved roadway or shoulder areas to pick up litter.
- Do not force too much litter into bags; jagged or; broken objects protruding from bags can cause injuries.
- Do not go near mowing operations or maintenance/construction activities.
- Do not cross traffic lanes.
- Do not enter median to pick up litter on four-lane divided highways.

SPONSORS AFTER CLEANUP:

- Return the "Litter Pick Up" signs to the NDOT.
- Report the date of your completed litter pick up to your area NDOT Maintenance Office. This ensures your group will receive proper credit and will let the NDOT know that there are bags of litter to be disposed of.

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Hazardous Materials

Do not touch or remove any suspect toxic or hazardous items. Instead, notify the Department of Transportation of such items immediately.

Never pick up the following:

- Abandoned barrels
- Antifreeze
- Broken automotive batteries
- Bulging or dented containers
- Chemical containers
- Containers leaking unknown substance
- Dead animals
- Gas cans
- Herbicide containers
- Hypodermic needles or discarded syringes
- Narcotics
- Paint cans
- Pesticide containers
- Sharp objects
- Unidentifiable containers
- Weapons

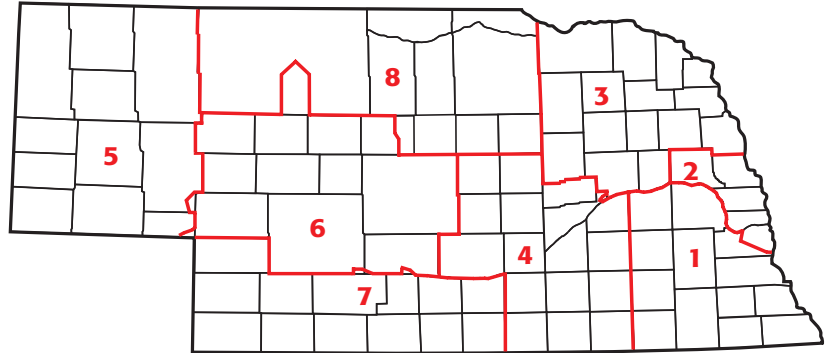
Be Aware

Large quantities of the following items in one place may be an indication of methamphetamine manufacturing: Medicine boxes, respirator masks, rubber gloves, rubber hoses and clamps, Pyrex or Corning glass containers, pill residue (putty looking substance, pink to red in color), other containers with rubber hoses attached, stained cloths or coffee filters (especially when stained yellow or red), any containers with a powdery residue, gasoline additives or rubbing alcohol.

If you find any of these items in a concentrated area, do not touch or pick up the items... instead, contact the Nebraska State Patrol Drug Hotline at 1-800-742-9333.

Don't take chances . . . Put YOUR safety first!

These safety procedures are provided for the safety of all participants in Nebraska's Adopt-A-Highway Litter Control Program, and that of the traveling public.



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