



Adopt-A-Street

Program Details



The City of Bentonville Adopt-A-Street Program is a partnership between the City and the people who live and work in Bentonville to keep the city free of litter...one street at a time. Groups adopt a street ½ mile or more in length and agree to remove litter three (3) times per year. All groups are provided with safety vests and trash bags. The City will pick up filled trash bags after the clean-up event.

Advantages of the Adopt-A-Street Program

- Clean streets encourage neighborhood pride and increase property values.
- Improve the attractiveness of the City.
- Reduce roadway pollution.
- Reduce water pollution.
- Increase public awareness of environmental issues.
- Reduce the cost of litter removal.
- People litter less in clean neighborhoods.

Participants

- Civic associations
- Church groups
- Families
- Fraternities or Sororities
- Neighborhood organizations
- Businesses

Group Coordinator Responsibilities

- Schedule clean-up dates with volunteers and notify Planning Services Department of the date.
- Distribute safety equipment and trash bags at the event.
- Monitor volunteers during the clean-up event.
- Return the Clean-up Completion Form after each event.

City Responsibilities

- Provide trash bags and orange vests.
- Collect and dispose of trash bags after collection.
- Install “Adopt-A-Street” sign recognizing the group after the first clean-up.

Contact Information:

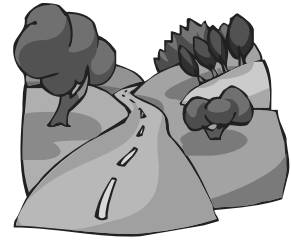
Contact the Planning Services Office at 271-6826 or visit our web site at www.bentonville.com.



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Application & Agreement



Date _____

Organization Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Street you are interested in: _____

Adopt-A-Street Assignment (To be completed by City Staff)
Street: _____ Section: _____

By this agreement, the applicant and all of its authorized participants agree to abide by the program requirements and safety guidelines set forth by the City of Bentonville for the Adopt-A-Street program. The applicant will not hold the City of Bentonville responsible for any injuries suffered or damages that occur as a result of participation in this program. Applicants will automatically renew each year, unless they fail to complete the required number of clean-ups or they request to be removed from the program, at which time the signs will be removed.

The applicant agrees to the following:

1. Contact the City prior to clean-up dates.
2. Conduct the clean-up three times per year.
3. Follow all safety guidelines for the Adopt-A-Street program.
4. Inform the Planning Services Department of the number of volunteers and number of trash bags filled.
5. Insure that no person under the age of 12 is permitted to pick up litter within the street right-of-way, and that all persons between the ages of 12 & 18 are accompanied by at least one adult per every five persons under age 18.
6. Return orange safety vests and extra trash bags.

The City agrees to the following:

1. To provide the trash bags and orange vests.
2. Collect and dispose of trash after collection.
3. Install "Adopt-A-Street" sign recognizing the group after the first clean-up.

Signature of Project Coordinator

Date

City Representative

Date

Mail:
Planning Services Dept.
Adopt-A-Street Program
305 SW "A" Street
Bentonville, AR 72712
Phone: 271-6826
Fax: 271-6807

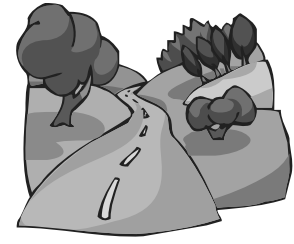
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Guidelines for Coordinators



Prior to Clean-up:

- Schedule a date, time, and meeting location for clean-up events three times per year.
- Gather volunteers and encourage car pooling to discourage a large number of vehicles at the site. Remind people to park away from the street.
- Three days prior to the planned clean-up event, contact the Planning Services Department (271-6826) and provide them with the following information:
 - ✓ Name of the group
 - ✓ Date of the event
 - ✓ Number of safety vests needed
 - ✓ Date when a volunteer will pick up vests and bags from Planning Services Office (305 SW "A" Street, 2nd Floor)
- Gather the following items prior to the clean-up:
 - ✓ Safety vests
 - ✓ Trash bags
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Emergency kit
 - ✓ Cellular phone
 - ✓ Water

At the clean-up:

- Conduct a safety briefing on-site prior to beginning.
- Keep track of the number of volunteers and the number of trash bags filled.
- Follow all safety guidelines.
- Leave filled trash bags along the side of the road.

After the clean-up:

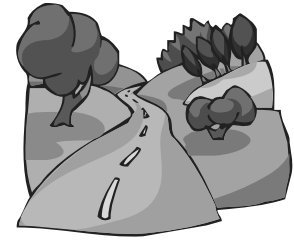
- Contact the Planning Services Department to schedule a pick up of filled trash bags.
- Return the safety vests and extra trash bags to the Planning Services Department and let us know how many volunteers worked and the number of trash bags filled.

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Safety Guidelines

- Consider attire to avoid sunburn and insect bites.
- Wear light colored clothing, heavy gloves, sturdy shoes or boots, and a hat.
- Wear high visibility safety vests as provided by the City.
- Take as few cars as possible to the clean-up site.
- Park vehicles clear of the roadway.
- Have a first aid kit on-site.
- Have a cellular phone on hand.
- Use a buddy system and look out for each other.
- Post a lookout to be aware of traffic situations.
- Work facing on-coming traffic.
- Work during daylight, and non-peak traffic hours.
- Stop work if weather gets bad.
- Do not over-exert yourself, especially on hot days.
- Do not attempt to handle hazardous substances (car batteries, pesticide containers).
- Avoid noxious weeds (poison ivy, poison oak).
- Avoid any sharp objects. Do not pick up syringes – please contact Bentonville Police Department at 271-3170.
- Avoid areas where snakes or stinging insects may be located.
- Do not pick up litter on bridges, tunnels or overpasses.
- Refrain from picking up on street pavement.
- Stay clear of construction activities.
- Never step out into the street.
- Cross streets only at crosswalks.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Don't overload bags or attempt to lift too much weight. Large, heavy or bulky materials should be marked and left for pick-up.
- Use common sense and be alert.