

Keep Clay Beautiful: Adopt-A-Mile/Spot



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The Adopt-A-Mile/Spot Program

The Adopt-A-Mile/Spot program is designed to encourage area businesses, organizations, or individuals to take an interest in the appearance of roadways in their area. Interested sponsoring organizations/groups should contact the Clay County Department of Environmental Services for copies of the contract agreement at (904) 284/269-6374, (904) 533-2111 Ext. 6374, or (352) 473-3711 Ext. 6374.

A sponsoring group may adopt the following areas:

- Roadside Parks
- County Boat Ramps
- County Parks
- County Trails
- County Roads

The Board of County Commissioners will screen and select the sections to be adopted. Groups adopting a section of busy roadways may clean up only on the

areas outside the paved right-of-way and shoulders (12 feet from the outside edge of the right-hand driving lane) in the grassy areas.

Litter Removal Procedures

1. Upon receipt of the executed agreement, the County will order the Adopt-a-Mile/Spot permanent sign for the group at no cost. Costs will be borne by the County.
2. Keep Clay Beautiful/the Department of Environmental Services will coordinate litter clean-up efforts with the group and be responsible for providing safety vests and large plastic bags. The group will sign for the safety equipment and will be responsible for the equipment's return to the department. The group will tag the recyclable trash bags to differentiate between garbage and recyclables. The trash bags should be left under the Adopt-a-Mile signs for collection by the Public Works Department. Please contact Keep Clay Beautiful/the Department of Environmental Services after your clean-up is complete to schedule trash bag collection as soon as practical after completion of the clean-up efforts.
3. Keep Clay Beautiful/the Department of Environmental Services will provide litter removal reports to the group when the contract is mailed. This form must be completed by the group after each litter clean-up event and returned along with the safety equipment. The Department will complete the appropriate documentation on the litter clean-up report forms after each litter collection and maintain files of all Adopt-a-Mile/Spot activities in their respective areas. Keep Clay Beautiful/the Department of Environmental Services will provide an annual report of all Adopt-a-Mile/Spot activities in their respective areas by December 31 of each year.
4. An adult authorized to represent the sponsoring group must sign the Adopt-a-Mile/Spot Litter Removal Agreement. Proof of authority must accompany the agreement.

The Group Shall:

1. Adopt a minimum of 2 miles of right-of-way adjacent to the roadway for litter removal at least 6 times per year.
2. Perform litter removal in strict accordance with the Department's safety recommendations.
3. Remove litter during daylight hours only.

4. Remove litter during good weather conditions only.
5. Contact the Department to arrange an appropriate litter removal schedule that will not conflict with the County's mowing schedule.
6. Ensure that all participants wear safety vests at all times during the litter removal activity. The Department should be contacted to obtain safety vests and large plastic bags prior to litter removal activity and return same when activity is complete.
7. Not pick up litter at construction or maintenance sites, on bridges, on overpasses, or in medians.
8. Only allow such persons to participate as are determined by the Group to be responsible enough to safely participate in the litter removal activity. Participating youths must be at least 12 years of age and the Group shall provide at least 1 adult supervisor for each 5 youths between the ages of 12-15 who are participating in the litter removal activity.
9. Not bring persons to observe the activity if the person is under the age of 16 and is not an official participant.
10. Not wear clothing that would hinder the sight of participants.

The Department shall:

1. Provide permanent Adopt-a-Mile/Spot signs at the beginning and end of the adopted highway section.
2. Remove certain litter under unusual circumstances (i.e., large, heavy, or hazardous items).

Litter Removal Program – Safety Recommendations

The following Board of County Commissioners safety recommendations are provided for groups participating in the Adopt-a-Mile/Spot litter control program:

1. No horseplay of any type will be tolerated.
2. No intoxicating liquid, beverage, or illegal drugs will be allowed.
3. Persons participating should wear gloves, a good quality shoe (no open toe shoes or shower clogs), and light or bright colored protective clothing. No clothing will be allowed that hinders the sight of the participant.

4. An adequate supply of drinking water should be readily available.
5. A good pair of sunglasses, cap, and sun block should be considered.
6. Carpool to the adopted roadway section to keep the number of cars on the roadside to a minimum. Park off the roadway as far away from the pavement edge as possible. Keep vehicles on the same side of the highway as participants. Parking will not be allowed on the interstate highway shoulders. The group should park at the interchange, walk up the ramp, and clean from interchange to interchange.
7. Participants should work facing oncoming traffic whenever possible and work one side of the highway at a time. Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas at any time.
8. Avoid suspected toxic/hazardous substances: poison ivy; poison oak; noxious weeds; areas where herbicides were applied recently; and, place where snakes, fire ants, or other insects may be located.

In Case of Emergency

1. Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit.
2. Know the route from the work site to the nearest emergency center or hospital in case of serious injury.
3. Have transportation immediately available.