

Queen Anne's County Adopt-A-Road Program Guidelines

The Queen Anne's County Adopt-A-Road Program is a litter-reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from County roads and improve the quality of the environment. The program establishes a partnership between volunteer groups and the Department of Public Works Roads Division by working together in the efforts of litter control along neighborhood roads.

The program is available for individuals, service organizations, businesses, non-profits, home owners associations and families. Road adoption signs will be posted on the adopted road recognizing the individual or group.

Participation Requirements:

1. Adopt a County road for litter pickup on both sides of the roadway twice annually for two consecutive years. Participation in the Countywide cleanup events will count towards the twice annually participation requirement.
2. Submit an Agreement Form to the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator at the Department of Public Works.
3. Select a group leader. The group leader is responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring that all litter pickup is performed according to regulations, following all safety procedures.
 - b. Obtaining safety vests, gloves, trash bags and Litter Pickup Signs from the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator.
 - c. Notifying the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator in advance of their litter pickup day in order to schedule trash collection. Tie trash bags securely and place at the nearest road sign or at the Adopt-A-Road signs. Report the number of bags collected to the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator.

Safety Requirements:

1. Litter pickup operations may only be performed during daylight hours and during good weather conditions. Avoid peak travel times.
2. Participants must wear safety gear. Long sleeve shirts, pants and sturdy soled footwear are recommended to help avoid exposure to the sun, insects and poisonous plants.
3. Participants under the age of 16 years must be supervised by an adult (18 years or older) at all times during the clean-up. At least one adult is required for every five participants younger than 16.
4. Post the Litter Pickup Warning Sign. This sign can be taped to the back of a vehicle.
5. Do not collect hazardous materials such as chemicals and toxic materials in containers. Notify the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator with the location for removal.
6. Participants must work facing on-coming traffic at all times and stay away from the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway. Participants must avoid construction sites, maintenance activities, bridges, median strips and intersections.
7. Horseplay and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
8. First Aid kit is recommended.

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