

Adopt-A-Highway Terms and Conditions

The Lorain County Engineer's Department, hereinafter called the "Department", and the volunteer group named _____ hereinafter called the "Group", recognized the need and the desirability of litter-free highways and this permit is being issued to allow the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free highways.

By signature below, the Group acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. No parking of any vehicle shall be permitted on the roadway portion of state routes, freeways, expressways or throughways. "Roadway means the portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, except the berm or shoulders". (ORC 4511.01)
2. All vehicles shall be parked beyond the shoulder. Traffic control devices shall conform to plate C-11 in the manual for Traffic Control for Construction and Maintenance Operations. All persons involved shall be dressed with a bright orange vest or garment that meets or exceeds ODOT standards. The Groups operations shall in no way restrict or interfere with the safe and convenient use of the highway by the traveling public. (Signs and vest will be available from the Department).
3. Any Group containing personnel under 18 years of age must have adequate adult supervision. A minimum ratio of one adult for each four persons under 18 years of age is required. Persons under 12 years of age are prohibited and shall not be present at the work site.
4. Work shall be restricted from one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset. No work shall be performed under conditions of restricted visibility. (Fog, snow, rain, ect.)
5. Each Group shall conduct at least two safety meetings per year. Participants must sign a hold harmless agreement and attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating in a cleanup. Groups shall pickup on one side of the road at a time.
6. Groups shall adopt a section of roadway that is at least two miles long.
7. Groups shall be required to adopt for a two-year period.
8. Groups shall pick-up litter a minimum of four times a year.

9. Groups shall be required to pick-up litter when the appearance of the adopted section is objectionable.
10. Groups shall obtain required supplies and materials from the Department during regular departmental hours.
11. Traffic control signs supplied by the Department will be placed by the Group during trash pick-up operations.
12. The group shall place filled trash bags at the adopted site for pick-up and disposal.
13. Unused materials and supplies furnished by the Department shall (1) be returned to the Department within two work days following clean-up or (2) with permission, be returned by Group during agreement period.