



Adopt-a-City Street Program General Information

The City of North Port's Adopt-a-City Street Program provides an opportunity for volunteers to cleanup City streets. Individuals, clubs and organizations can make an invaluable difference in the community and enhance the overall appearance of the City by adopting a segment of a street(s) and pickup up litter a minimum of four times a year. **This Program does not apply to NON-City Streets, such as HOAs, private roads, etc.**

How does the adoption process work?

1. Adopting group requests a specific street segment to adopt by completing the ADOPTION APPLICATION. The length of street you adopt should be a minimum of one-half mile along both sides of the street (covering one mile is the minimum requirement). The adopting group will be notified if the street segment is available for adoption. If the requested street segment is unavailable, the adopting group will be asked to identify another street segment.
2. At least one week prior to each scheduled cleanup, a representative from the adopting group should contact the Adopt-a-City Street Coordinator and provide the date and location of the cleanup for their group. At least two days prior to the scheduled cleanup, a representative from the adopting group should pick up the following supplies at The Department of Public Works Administrative Office located at 1100 N. Chamberlain Boulevard in North Port:
 - Litter Bags
 - Litter Grabbers
 - Disposable Gloves
 - Disposable High Visibility Vests
3. At the conclusion of the cleanup, the adopting group will contact the Adopt-a-City Street Coordinator to arrange for The Department of Public Works staff to pick up the bagged litter. Adopting group will also complete and return a CLEANUP REPORT to document each cleanup.
4. Once the adopting group completes four cleanups within a calendar year, The Department of Public Works staff will install a personalized Adopt-a-City Street sign in the adopted area. Due to restricted space, safety concerns or other constraints, The Department of Public Works staff will identify the exact location to install the sign. The City reserves the right to remove the sign at any time due to construction, other maintenance needs or any road safety concerns. **The adopting group is required to pick up litter along both sides of the adopted street a minimum of four times per year in order to keep the personalized sign.**

Safety Guidelines

It is recommended that all volunteers wear the following protective clothing, sun protection and insect repellent:

Shirts with long sleeves, long pants, boots, or sturdy shoes (no open toe shoes or sandals) and eye protection.

Designate one volunteer to oversee any safety concerns during the cleanup. Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, or unstable slopes. Watch for nails, syringes, broken glass, or other sharp objects. Avoid noxious or thorny plants. Watch for stinging insects. Walk in a single file along the street. Work toward oncoming traffic. Work only during daylight hours and in good weather. Work one side of the street at a time. Do not walk into the street to remove litter. Do not wear headphones. No horseplay or pranks.

Items You May Pickup and Place in Litter Bags

1. Miscellaneous paper (newspaper, wrappers, and paper cups)
2. Miscellaneous plastic (bottles, cups, straws, plates, and food containers)
3. Metal (cans, empty buckets, non-dangerous containers)
4. Clothing or shoes (including the disposable gloves/vests that were provided)

Please stack the filled bags neatly on the side of the street so as not to impede pedestrian traffic or block the view of traffic signs or intersections.

Items You May Pickup and Stack near Filled Litter Bags

1. Tires and pieces of tires
2. Various light objects too large to place in bags

Items You Should Not Pickup (*Note: Report these items to the Adopt-a-City Street Coordinator at the conclusion of the cleanup*)

1. Drug paraphernalia (hypodermic syringes, needles and baggies containing unknown substances)
2. Hazardous materials (propane tanks, gas canisters, unidentified containers or other known drug making materials)
3. Dead animals (wild or domestic on the street)
4. Heavy objects (large vehicle parts, engines, or appliances)
5. Anything you think may be dangerous.

For more information, please contact the Adopt-a-City Street Coordinator at The Department of Public Works at (941) 240-8097.