

# Volunteer Services Program Application

## Idaho Transportation Department



Volunteer service is creditable work experience. Through the Volunteer Services Program volunteer groups and individuals donate their time and talent by engaging in Idaho Transportation Department approved activities. Volunteers do not receive wages, benefits or any form of compensation. Volunteers are not considered state employees for any purpose other than for tort claims or injury compensation and only when a signed Volunteer Services Release of Liability has been received by the Idaho Transportation Department. The Idaho Transportation periodically uses photographs, video and audio footage of volunteers engaged in department activities for publicity or educational purposes. By signing this application and the accompanying Release of Liability form the applicant acknowledges understanding of such uses and grants permission to ITD to use photographs, video and audio footage for publicity or educational purposes.

**Contact Information** – Schools and school affiliated organizations must provide a school faculty member as either the primary or alternate group contact/ representative. If applying as an individual, please disregard the need for alternate contact information. Applications received from organizations, schools, and school affiliated organizations without this contact information will not be approved and will be returned to the applicant.

<b>Group Name – Print</b>
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<b>Contact Name – Print</b>	Daytime Phone Number	Extension	Cell Phone Number
E-Mail Address	Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code	

**Alternate Representative Information** – Required for all organizations.

<b>Alternate Name – Print</b>	Daytime Phone Number	Extension	Cell Phone Number
E-Mail Address	Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code	

**Total number of participants in group** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number under 18** \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service (check all that apply) Note, not all programs are available in all areas.

**One Time Litter Pickup**  
 Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning Milepost \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Milepost \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Beginning Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Ending Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposed Service Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopt a Highway Litter Pickup (2 year contract)**  
 Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning Milepost \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Milepost \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Include Operation Wildflower (Wildflower seeding program not available in all areas)**

Proposed Beginning Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Ending Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposed Service Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopt a Highway Recognition Sign Information**

1. Complete the boxes as you request your signs to read, indicate spacing between word and names by leaving a box blank. Use spaces to show how you'd like words centered. You may not use slogans, logos, or include website information unless your business name is a website and can be verified as such on the Secretary of States Website
2. Signs shall be limited to one or two lines wherever possible. Use of a third line will require ITD approval. ITD must comply with federal highway sign codes including but not limited to font, lettering size, color and graphics.

Example: Weird Al Fan Club

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				Not Applicable							

**Volunteer Group Type:**

- A – Students K-12 (Must have faculty/advisor member listed as either the Group Contact or the Alternate Contact)
- B – Students College/Fraternity/Sorority (Must have faculty/advisor member listed as either the Group Contact or the Alternate Contact)
- C – Family/Individual
- D – Employees; Private or Commercial Business
- E – Employees; Public Agency
- F – Civic/Fraternal Organization
- G – Law Enforcement – Supervised Adult Offenders
- H - Supervised Juvenile Offenders
- I – Miscellaneous (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature	Date
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**~ ITD Use Only ~**

Group Number	Approved Section	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost
Segment Number		County	Foreman Area Number
Notes:			

Mail completed form to the District Volunteer Services Coordinator for your area as shown in the information packet.

The Idaho Transportation Department, hereinafter called ITD, and \_\_\_\_\_

hereinafter called Volunteers (whether a volunteer group or volunteer individual), recognize the need and desirability of using Volunteers for ITD approved activities and enter into this Agreement, hereinafter called the Agreement.

By signing below, Volunteers acknowledge the potential of hazardous work in high-speed traffic areas and both jointly and severally, agree to the following terms and conditions:

## General Information

- Volunteers act as independent contractors when participating in the Volunteer Services Program.
- The Volunteer Group Contact serves as the spokesperson for the Volunteer Group and serves as the contact with ITD. Any changes in contact information shall be provided to the District Volunteer Services Coordinator. The Volunteer Group Alternate Contact serves as the group spokesperson when the Volunteer Group Contact is unavailable.
- Volunteers Groups will provide the name, daytime phone number (may list a cell number) email address and mailing address of the group contact and alternate group contact. Schools and School affiliated organizations (excluding fraternities and sororities) must provide a school faculty member as either the primary or the alternate contact. Applications received without this information will be rejected back to the applicant.
- Volunteers agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the District Engineer or the Idaho Transportation Department.
- Each volunteer shall be required to sign the Volunteer Services Release of Liability form before participating in the Volunteer Services Program. Release of Liability forms are provided with the application packet. It is the responsibility of the Group Contact (or Alternate Group Contact) to provide updated Release of Liability forms to ITD **prior** to the group activity.
- Each volunteer younger than 18 years of age must have a separate Release of Liability form signed by a parent or guardian before participating in any Volunteer Services Program activity. Release of Liability forms are provided with the application packet. It is the responsibility of the Group Contact (or Alternate Group Contact) to provide updated Release of Liability forms to ITD **prior** to the group activity.
- The Volunteer Group must furnish adult (18+) supervision with a minimum of one adult for every 10 participants between the ages of 14 up to 18 years of age and one adult for each five participants under the age of 14.
- No person or group will be denied the opportunity to participate in ITD Volunteer programs because of race, color, age, gender, national origin, veteran status, marital status, political opinions or affiliation, religious opinions or affiliation or disability as provided in Administrative Policy A-18-10 and Board Policy B-18-10, Harassment in the Workplace.
- **Groups or individuals** that promote racial intolerance or harassment are not eligible to participate in ITD Volunteer program opportunities.
- Volunteers are prohibited from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while participating in the Volunteer Services Program.
- Supervisors of volunteers required to operate ITD vehicles as part of their volunteer duties must complete form ITD 1211, Supervisor's Request for ITD Driving Authorization. Volunteers are subject to the same rules and regulations as ITD employees when operating ITD vehicles. The Safety and Risk Management Office shall process applications and issue Driver Authorization Permits.

## Roadside Service

- Before participating in Volunteer activities each volunteer is required to review three safety handouts: *Guidelines for Litter Pickup/Traffic Control Plan for Volunteer Group Litter Pickup*; *Safety Tips*; and *Bag It, Move It, or Leave It?*; which are provided in the Volunteer Services Application Packet.
- All Volunteers should be aware of the possible presence of dust, exhaust fumes, plant pollens, pesticides, hazardous materials, etc. on roadsides. Volunteers shall not pick up syringes, needles, dead animals or materials that appear to be toxic, hazardous, or contaminated with blood, feces or urine. The group shall use marking flags if provided to identify the location of these types of items or contact the District Volunteer Services Coordinator with directions for pick up by ITD.
- Volunteers are responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while participating in any roadside activity.
- **Traffic control signs shall be used for roadside activities.** Signs shall be obtained from ITD and properly set up prior to any roadside activity. Refer to the Guidelines for Litter Traffic Control information.
- **Volunteers working on the roadside or at rest areas shall wear ITD-supplied Class 3 reflective safety vests during roadside activities.**
- Supplies and materials shall be reserved in advance by coordinating litter pick up or rest area activity dates with the District Volunteer Service Coordinator and obtained from ITD during regular business hours. Items shall be returned to ITD within one week following the activity. Unused supplies shall be returned to ITD.
- Specific to Adopt a Highway:
  - The Volunteer Group shall place litter in trash bags furnished by ITD. Trash bags shall not be overfilled and should be tied. Trash bags shall be placed on the roadway shoulder and behind a guardrail if present. Trash bags shall not be placed on or under bridges. Where possible the trash bags shall be grouped in areas with good sight distance and roadway shoulder width sufficient for pickup by ITD.
  - Volunteer Groups commit to pick up litter a minimum of twice per year. Litter pickups must be reported directly via email or phone call to the District Volunteer Services Coordinator (See enclosed contact list). **The equipment request form is not used to report litter pickup activities.**
  - Adopt a Highway Roadway sections are normally two miles in length each direction for a total of four lane miles.
  - Each Volunteer Group in good standing shall have the option to renew their Adopt a Highway Agreement for 2 year increments subject to ITD approval and contingent upon the continuance of the Adopt a Highway Program by ITD.
  - ITD will erect an Adopt a Highway recognition sign as near as possible to each end of the adopted section or contiguous sections. The signs will display the Volunteer Groups name or acronym as approved by ITD. Signs shall not contain any group contact information, directions, slogans, logos or phone numbers. Internet information or addresses shall not be displayed on the Volunteer Group signs unless they are the official name of the business as registered with the office of the Secretary of State.
  - Groups may sort out and retain recyclables. Any proceeds from recyclables belong to the Volunteer Group.
- Specific to Rest Area Activities
  - Groups must have a 501(c)-3 or 501(c)-4 status.
  - Groups may provide free non-carbonated beverages and refreshments.
  - Groups may not distribute, display or post any literature.
  - Groups may set out a voluntary donation jar.

## Responsibilities of ITD

- ITD will provide reflective safety vests, trash bags, traffic control signs and safety literature for Volunteers participating in roadside activities.
- ITD will remove filled trash bags from the roadsides following the litter pickup.
- ITD will provide wildflower seed for pre-approved participation in Operation Wildflower.
- ITD will supply materials required for graffiti removal.

## Additional Terms and Conditions:

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The Volunteer Group acknowledges and agrees that if any actions by the Volunteer Group relative to the performance of this Agreement are determined to be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities or ITD policy, rules or procedures, ITD shall have the right to take any and all necessary remedial actions, including, but not limited to, cancellation of any and all agreements and the removal of any Adopt-A-Highway signs displaying the Volunteer Group's name or acronym.

If, in the sole judgment of ITD, it is found the adopting Volunteer Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon 30 days' notice, ITD may terminate the Agreement and remove any Adopt-A-Highway signs. This Agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of ITD. ITD reserves the right to modify or cancel the Volunteer Services Program at any time and for any reason at the sole discretion of ITD.

ITD and the Volunteer Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall ITD have the right to control the Volunteer Group in performing the actual details of picking up litter from the section of roadway adopted by the Volunteer Group and, in picking up litter, the Volunteer Group shall act as an independent contractor.

Volunteer Groups participating in the Adopt a Highway Program accept the responsibility of picking up litter twice yearly and reporting the cleanup to the department for the right of way section, known as: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_ from milepost \_\_\_\_\_ to milepost \_\_\_\_\_  
Beginning on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and ending on (Date, typically two years) \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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For non litter pickup activities, list the location of activity above (example, Black's Creek Rest Area)

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Type of Service

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Date(s) of Service

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**Applicant Signature**

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District Engineer or Designee

## Termination of Volunteer Services Agreement

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Termination Date

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Signature of ITD Volunteer Services Coordinator

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**Volunteer Services Release Of Liability  
Use with Adopt-A-Highway, Volunteer Services,  
or Rest Area Activities Programs  
(For Participants under Age 18)**

All participants under the age of eighteen (18) must have this Release form signed by their parent or legal guardian.

**Signed Release Forms must be returned to the Idaho Transportation Department prior to participation in Adopt-A-Highway, Volunteer Services or Rest Area Activities Programs.**

Volunteer Organization	Date
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I do hereby release and discharge the State of Idaho, the Idaho Transportation Board, the Idaho Transportation Department, and their officers, agents, and employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any damages and/or injuries that may result from my participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program and/or other volunteer activities occurring on or near state highway rights-of-way, on state property, or in state buildings. By signing this Release of Liability and the accompanying Volunteer Service Program Application form, the applicant acknowledges understanding of such uses and grants permission to ITD to use photographs, video and audio footage for publicity or educational purposes.

I further agree to hold harmless the state of Idaho, the Idaho Transportation Board, the Idaho Transportation Department, and their officers, agents, and employees from liability for any damages or injuries resulting from any negligence or willful wrongdoing on my part during my participation in said volunteer activities occurring on or near the state highway rights-of-way, on state property, or in state buildings.

As a prerequisite to participation in the Adopt-a-Highway or Volunteer Services Programs, I have reviewed ITD's roadside safety training materials: *Guidelines for Litter Pickup/Traffic Control Plan for Volunteer Group Litter Pickup; Safety Tips*; and *Bag It, Move It, or Leave It?* (Does not apply to the Rest Area Activities Program.)

Minor's Name (please print)	Minor's Signature
Minor's Address	

I certify that I am the above minor's legal parent or guardian and hereby grant permission for him/her to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway, Volunteer Services, or Rest Area Activities Programs. I further agree to abide by the stipulations set forth in the above paragraphs. If the minor listed above drives a personal vehicle to and from Volunteer Service Activities, I certify that the vehicle is properly insured as required by Idaho State law.

Parent's or Guardian's Name (please print)	Parent's or Guardian's Signature
Parent's or Guardian's Address (if different from minor)	

# TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR VOLUNTEER GROUP LITTER PICKUP

FIGURE 1

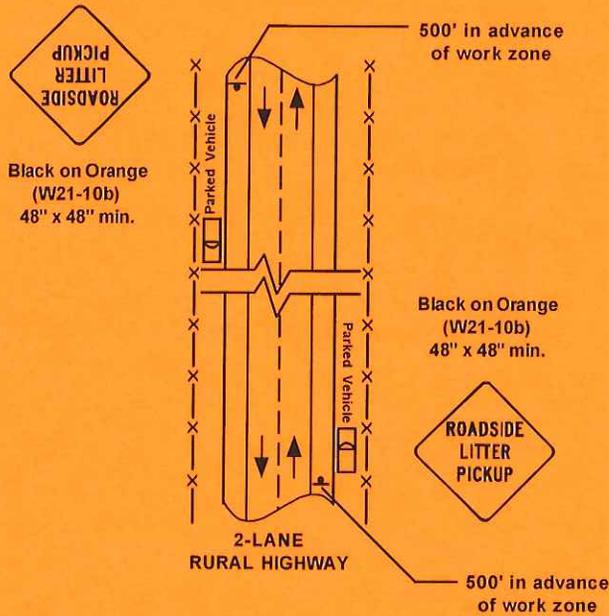
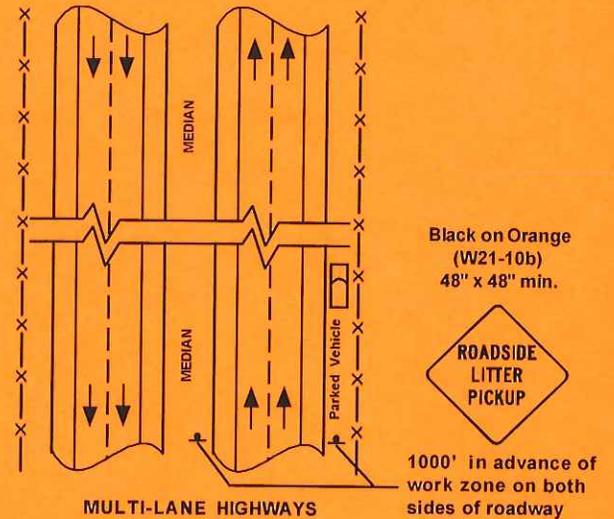
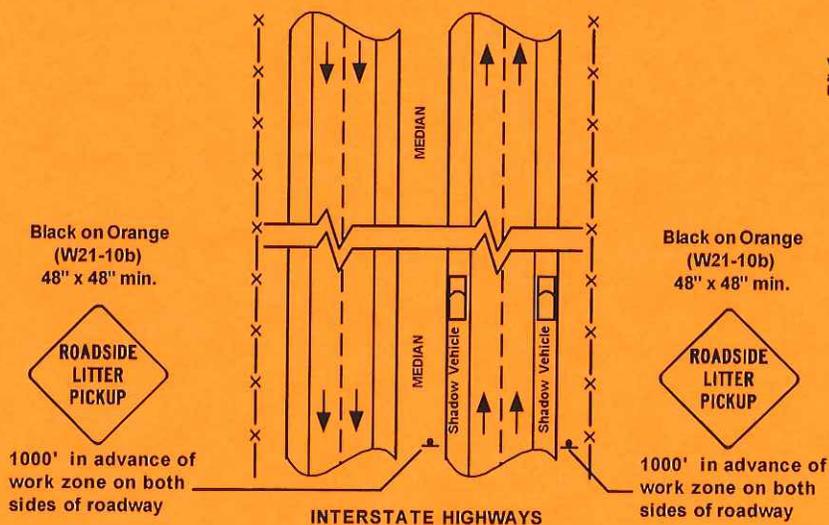


FIGURE 2



Vehicles should be parked off the roadway shoulder as near as possible to the right-of-way fence or boundary line.

FIGURE 3



Shadow vehicle shall be used on outside shoulder or inside shoulder, but never both shoulders at once.

\*\* OPTIONAL MOBILE OPERATION \*\*

If Roadway Signing is not used, warning signs on the back of a shadow vehicle in combination with vehicle mounted rotating flashing beacons SHALL be used for necessary advance warning.

# GUIDELINES FOR LITTER PICKUP

**NOTE:** The design, installation and use of all traffic control devices, must comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as adopted by the State. All sign sheeting must meet ASTM 4956 D TYPE III or greater retroreflectivity standards. Sign stands and sign installations must comply with NCRHP-350 crash standards.

## **Litter Pickup –**

**Two Lane Two Way Roadways** -- Participants are restricted to one side of the roadway between the right-hand edge of the pavement and the right-of way fence or boundary at any one time. Litter on the pavement is **NOT** picked up by participants. Crossing back and forth over the roadway is prohibited on two-lane rural highways.

**Multiple Lane Divided/Interstate** -- Participants working within a median area shall be restricted to the minimum number of crossings required to gain ingress and egress from the median area. It is recommended that the transport vehicle be used to transfer the participants from working on the outside shoulder area to the median area. The transport vehicle can be used as a shadow vehicle (see definition below) to protect workers and minimize the potential for accidents.

**Parking** -- Volunteer groups should park their vehicles off the roadway shoulder and as near to the right-of-way fence as possible. It is recommended that a minimum number of vehicles be used to transport participants to the litter pickup area.

**Safety Vests** -- Participants must wear the ITD supplied safety vests during litter pickup.

**Shadow Vehicle** – A vehicle used to give advance notice of work taking place through the means of either additional signing mounted on the rear of the vehicle, flashing emergency lights or a flashing rotating beacon. Shadow vehicles, when used, should be parked in advance of the work taking place or be used to follow a moving operation at a distance to give additional protection to the workers. When one large vehicle (van or bus) is used to transport the volunteers it may be parked on the shoulder closest to the litter pickup where it can act as a shadow vehicle for additional protection of the participants. This would allow parking on the inside shoulder for Median pickup or the outside shoulder for litter pickup between the shoulder and the right-of-way fence. If used as a shadow vehicle it will be required to have safety flashers or a rotating flashing beacon in operation during the litter pickup and be parked as close as possible to the outside edge of the roadway shoulder. Supplemental signing mounted on the back of the shadow vehicle may also be used to give additional advance notice to the traveling public.

**Signing** -- Traffic control signs should be mounted on temporary stands and placed adjacent to the edge of the shoulder.

**Two Lane Two Way Roadways (Figure 1)**-- Traffic control signs should be placed on both sides of the roadway where litter pickup is taking place. Signing should be at least 500 feet in advance of each end of the litter pickup section for each direction of travel. The lower edge of the sign must be mounted a minimum of one foot (1') above the roadway surface.

**Multiple Lane Divided/Interstate (Figures 2 and 3)** -- Signing should be placed on both sides of the travel lanes a minimum of 1000 feet in advance of the litter pickup area. Signs must be mounted with the lower edge of the sign a minimum of six feet (6') above the roadway shoulder. If a shadow vehicle is used for litter pickup on Interstate roadways, consideration should be given to mounting supplemental signing on the back of the shadow vehicle that restates the "Roadside Litter Pickup" message.

**OPTIONAL INTERSTATE SIGNING – MOBILE OPERATION** - If signing is not placed on the roadway using portable sign supports, advance signing will be required on the back of a shadow vehicle in combination with vehicle mounted rotating flashing beacons as required in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as adopted by the State. Workers will be required to work beyond the Shadow Vehicle in the direction of travel.

# **Bag It, Move It or Leave It on the Roadside**

A Guide for Roadside Litter Pickup

**\*\* Never Bag or Move an item that may cause or risk injury \*\***

## **Bag These Items:**

- Small items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, Styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass or metal without sharp edges.
- Small containers without sharp edges

Leave the trash bags on the roadside, away from traffic, and ITD staff will retrieve and dispose of them.

We encourage groups to take recyclables to a recycling facility. Any compensation received from recycling is the property of the volunteer group.

## **Move These Items; Place by Bags to be Picked Up by ITD Personnel:**

- Items with edges that may tear the trash bag
- Items that would prevent the bag from being tied shut (allowing the trash to be blown back onto the roadway)
- Heavy items that may tear the trash bag
- Containers that are not empty if the contents won't spill when moved and you can identify that the contents are not hazardous or bio waste. When in doubt, leave it.

## **Leave These Items in Place and Report the Location to the Shed When Returning Equipment:**

- Sharp, Large and heavy objects that may cause injury if moved.
- Any item in an unsafe location (near traffic lanes, blind curves, overpasses, bridges, unstable ground, etc.)
- Animal carcasses, Contact Fish and game for removal
- Chemicals, motor oils or fuels, paint and batteries

## **Leave These Items in Place and Contact:**

- Items with Hazardous Material Warning Labels, please contact either the County Sheriff Non Emergency dispatch or ISP. You will need to provide highway and mile marker info.
- Any item you cannot identify or believe to be hazardous (drug paraphernalia, bodily fluids, powdery substances, explosives, ammunition, medicines, etc.) Methamphetamine drug lab waste can be found in many shapes and forms. Propane cylinders from grills are used to transport anhydrous ammonia. The ammonia can burn skin and cause severe respiratory damage. Other lab waste can include medicine boxes, pill residue (pink or red toned putty looking substance) respirator masks, rubber gloves, rubber hosing and clamps, Pyrex and corning type containers with rubber hoses attached.

Examples of Hazardous Materials Labels.





## Safety Tips

- Never conduct roadside activities when weather conditions might effect a driver's vision or when driving conditions are questionable. Limit activities to full daylight and fair weather days. Keep in mind, this activity is conducted in a heavily trafficked high-speed zone.
- Each group should review the Guidelines for Litter Pickup/Traffic Control Plan for Volunteer Group Litter Pickup **and** Bag It, Move It, Leave It before each activity.
- Use the Litter Traffic Plan for signage, it's not only a good idea, its federal law.
- Have a first-aid kit available. Take extra gloves, sunscreen and water.
- We **require** all participants wear an ITD issued Class 3 Reflective Safety Vest.
- We recommend wearing gloves, long pants and sturdy closed toe shoes.
- Headsets/earbuds can interfere with your ability to hear oncoming traffic or other potential hazards and should not be worn.
- Items that might cause injury, such as axes, knives, machetes, etc., should not be carried during litter pickup.
- **DO NOT** conduct litter pickups on the roadway, bridges, tunnels, curved roadway sections, overpasses or in construction zones. These areas are especially dangerous for pedestrians.
- Stay clear of mowing operations and maintenance or construction activities.
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects & poison ivy. Be cautious around tall grass and old logs.

- Don't try to make room in your litterbag by jumping or pushing down on it. You could cut yourself or the bag may rip and you might end up picking the litter up all over again.
  
- Avoid overexertion by resting when you need to and drinking plenty of water, especially on warm days.
  
- Never possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on the adopted section.
  
- Leave roadkill. Report its location when returning your supplies.
  
- Never pick up questionable material. Leave and report the location of any drug paraphernalia or bodily fluids (Bottle Bombs) when returning your supplies.