

Why should you Adopt-a-Road?

- **Litter pollutes!** Rainwater runs off the roadway and drains into ditches before travelling into our creeks and rivers, taking contaminants right along.
- **Litter is dangerous!** Many Washington County roads lack sidewalks so pedestrians and cyclists must travel along the shoulder. Broken glass and other debris can be hazardous to their health.
- **Litter is ugly!** Clean roads reflect how we feel about our community. Littered roads destroy the natural beauty of this special place.
- **Litter is expensive!** Washington County is concerned about the growing litter problem but there just isn't enough money to solve it alone.

You can help!



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How can I get more information?

Contact the Operations and Maintenance Division of Washington County Land Use and Transportation at 503-846-7618 or visit or web page at:
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/adoptaroad>



How you can
Adopt-a-Road
in Washington County



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What is Adopt-a-Road?

Adopt-a-Road is a public service program for citizens who want to help keep Washington County beautiful by picking up litter along County roads.

This program is an opportunity for citizens and the County to work cooperatively to solve a community problem.

And it's a way for environmentally conscious citizens to make a personal commitment to a cleaner environment.



How does the program function?

Community groups, families, churches, service organizations and businesses adopt a County road and keep it free from litter.

Participating groups agree to:

- Adopt a stretch of County road for at least two years.
- Choose a segment of road at least one mile long.
- Pick up litter at least twice a year.

Washington County:

- Lends participating groups orange safety vests, traffic safety signs and devices.
- Provides plastic trashbags and safety training materials.
- Picks up filled trashbags and removes any large, heavy or hazardous materials.
- Erects a sign at your adopted site recognizing your efforts.



What else should I know?

We'll help you select a road and evaluate it for safety.

A group representative will sign an agreement on behalf of your entire group.

All participants must be at least 12 years old.

A signed release of liability is required for all participants with each clean up.

Adult supervision is required for participants between the ages of 12 and 18.

Safety is our first concern, and should be yours, too. You must review safety rules with all participants before each outing.

You'll need to schedule your outings in advance; work may not be allowed near holidays or when road work is scheduled.

