

# WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- · Litter is unsightly. It destroys the natural beauty of Minnesota's roadsides.
- Litter is expensive. Minnesota spends \$5 million a year collecting litter - not counting what cities and counties spend.
- Scenic and litter-free highways say "welcome" to visitors and help make us proud to be Minnesotans.



HELP KEEP LITTER OFF OUR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS



If you'd like to adopt a highway, call the nearest Mn/DOT office listed here:

Bemidji 3920 Highway 2 W Bemidii, MN 56601 218-755-6500

Baxter - Mary Nieken 7694 Industrial Park Rd Baxter, MN 56425 218-828-5715 1-800-657-3971

### Twin Cities

3485 Hadley Ave N Oakdale, MN 55128 651-366-4350

#### Rochester

2900 48th Street NW Rochester, MN 55901 507-286-7509

# Virginia/Duluth

101 N Hoover Road Virginia, MN 55792 218-742-1103

#### Crookston

1320 Sunflower Street Crookston, MN 56716 218-277-7958

#### St. Cloud

3725 12th Street North St. Cloud, MN 56303 320-223-6545 1-800-657-3961

#### Morris/Detroit Lakes

610 Highway 9 South Morris, MN 56267 320-208-7002 1-800-657-3877

#### Owatonna

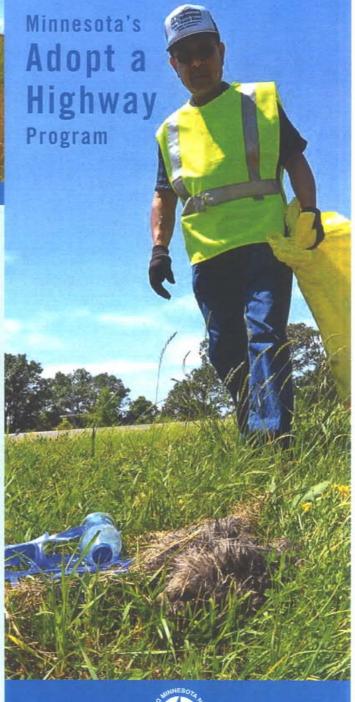
1010 21st Avenue NW Owatonna, MN 55060 507-446-5518

#### Windom/Mankato

180 County Road 26 Windom, MN 56101 507-831-8002 1-800-804-3295

#### Marshall/Willmar

1800 E College Drive Marshall, MN 56258 507-537-6146 1-800-657-3748





# WHAT IS THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM?

- It's a Mn/DOT public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Minnesota's highways.
- It enables the state's environmentally conscious citizens to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment.



# HOW DOES IT WORK?

Community groups, churches, individuals or businesses adopt a highway by picking up litter on both sides for at least two years.

# Adopt a Highway groups agree to:

- Adopt a highway for a minimum of two years,
- Select a segment of highway approximately two miles in length,
- Pick up litter on both sides of a highway.
- Pick up litter as often as it needs it spring through fall, usually two-three times a year. The spring pickup should be done in April or May before the grass grows.
- Notify Mn/DOT after every pickup. Have your Adopt a Highway number when you call.

#### The Minnesota Department of Transportation will:

- Provide safety vests, trashbags and safety information,
- Remove filled bags from the roadsides; remove large, heavy or hazardous items,
- Erect a 3'x5' highway sign to recognize your group's commitment. The sign legend is the name of your group only, not its message. It is limited to two lines of

15 MANUS characters, including spaces and punctuation.



- Mn/DOT will help your group select a highway to adopt.
  Roads that have very heavy traffic or are inaccessible to pedestrians are not eligible.
- Your group's representative will sign an agreement on behalf of the group.
- All participants must review the safety information provided by Mn/DOT before every pickup.
- Participants must be 12 years old, unless specifically permitted. Those participants 18 years old or younger must have adequate adult supervision.
- Work may be restricted on or near holidays or other times when very heavy traffic occurs.
- Groups should leave filled trashbags near the shoulder but not on the shoulder. Groups may recycle materials for their own benefit.
- Groups are not allowed to pick in medians or construction areas.



