



Minnesota's Adopt a Highway Program

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

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

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

Baxter - Mary Nicken
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

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

Don't Waste
Our State

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Minnesota Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program turns community involvement into cleaner roadsides

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 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

- 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.

