

City of Smithville – Adopt-A-Street Safety-First Guidelines

PLEASE REVIEW AND ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS BEFORE CLEAN-UP EVENT.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Dress for safety. It is wise to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes along with the safety vests and gloves.
- Always keep your safety vest on.
- Watch children carefully.
- Keep away from wild or stray animals, stinging insects, and mosquitos. (Smithville Animal Control 1-800-718-3806)
- Watch out for motorists!
- Only pick up litter on right-of ways, sidewalks, and grassy areas. Do not pick up litter in the streets or on private property.
- Work on one side of the street at a time.
- It is best to work facing oncoming traffic.
- Only work during daylight hours and good weather.
- Do not go into construction or utility work sites.
- Avoid contact with poisonous or thorny plants.
- Do not blindly pick up an item with a bare hand if you are unsure of what it is.
- Do not wear headphones.
- Do not stand, jump, or walk on guardrails, concrete walls, or drainage pipes.
- Keep plenty of drinking water on hand.
- Do not overexert yourself. If you need to take a break, please do so.
- Participants are prohibited from possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing litter clean-up duties within the right-of-way.
- Participants are prohibited from displaying messages, carrying banners, or other behavior that could distract drivers or adversely affect traffic.
- Park vehicles on the road shoulder or in parking lots when available. Do **NOT** park in traffic lanes.
- If you encounter harassment that creates a dangerous environment, please leave the area and call 9-1-1 or the Smithville Police Department (816-858-3521).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Promptly report all accidents or injuries to the group leader.
- Think about keeping a first aid kit on site!
- Keep at least one cell phone with the group at all times to quickly report emergencies.

ITEMS TO AVOID

- Meth lab waste, pharmaceuticals, drug paraphernalia (hypodermic needles, baggies containing drugs or unknown substances), firearms or other weapons, or other hazardous

materials (Contact Smithville Police Department at 816-858-3521 immediately if you encounter these items).

- Propane tanks, gas canisters, car batteries, petroleum products, chemicals, paints and solvents, unidentified containers
- Dead animals
- Heavy items (appliances, fallen road signs, large car parts, tires).
- If any item makes you feel uncomfortable, please leave it alone. Do NOT risk it. Contact the Smithville Police Department or the Adopt-A-Street administration (816-532-2080) if you have any questions/concerns about something you find.