



REGULATED WASTE DO NOT TOUCH!

If you find any materials such as propane tanks, hypodermic needles or syringes, explosives, dead animals, abandoned containers*, sharp objects or heavy/large items; please mark the location and notify your AAH coordinator. MnDOT personnel will manage this waste.

*Abandoned containers include:
drums, buckets, cans with lids, etc.

Keep a safe distance and stay up wind. Call 911 if emergency.

If you notice any of the following conditions in water areas contact your AAH coordinator to report possible illicit discharge:

- Sheen
- Color/unusual appearance
- Staining
- Erosion or high flow
- Odor

When your pick is complete

Notify your AAH coordinator and report on the following:

- Name of group that's on the AAH sign
- Agreement number
- Location of highway segment (highway and mile marker)
- Number of bags to be picked up
- If any large, heavy or hazardous waste was found, give a brief description of item/s and location



Contact/More Info

Minnesota Department of Transportation
www.mndot.gov/adopt

Adopt a Highway

Volunteer Guidelines



Let's get started

Thank you for being part of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program. Your contribution of time and effort is instrumental to our state and our citizens in helping keep Minnesota roadsides beautiful.

Plan ahead

The leader of your group is the person who signs the agreement form and is responsible for the safety of the volunteers. Here are some guidelines to help you plan your "pick:"

- Volunteers should be in good physical health and mentally alert using good common sense about the safety of self and others.
- Volunteers should have an up-to-date tetanus shot.
- Do not bring any pets with you.
- Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age. Each parent/guardian whose child is between the ages of 12 and 17 must sign a permission slip. There should be one adult for every three participants between the ages of 12-17.
- Only pick during daylight hours and good weather. Do not pick when roads are wet or when visibility is poor.
- Every volunteer needs to wear an AAH safety vest at all times. Contact your coordinator for AAH safety vest and bag supplies.
- Wear work clothes, heavy gloves, work boots or leather shoes, hat, long sleeves and long pants, sunscreen, insect/tick repellent. Bring a first aid kit, water and a cell phone.

Safety First, Safety Always

- Group leaders are responsible to ensure that all volunteers are able to work safely and understand the requirements listed in the AAH guidelines.
- Volunteers should know that they will work in a potentially hazardous environment and must agree to diligently follow all safety requirements. Failure to comply with safety requirements could result in cancellation of the agreement

Safety information

- The group leader will ensure each volunteer reviews the safety information. This is to be done each time the group goes out to pick. Volunteers should take safety seriously as roadsides can be potentially dangerous locations.
- Visit www.mndot.gov/adopt to review training materials on the "Plan Ahead and Work" tab and the safety information video.

Parking

- Carpool to the site whenever possible and park in a nearby parking lot.
- There is no parking on state right of way unless your AAH coordinator gives permission.
- If your pick site is an interstate highway, contact your AAH coordinator for specific instructions.
- Volunteers working along the interstate must be 18-years old or older.



Pick Day

- Volunteers need to wear AAH safety vest at all times.
- Face oncoming traffic when you pick.
- Avoid open water, ravines, bridges, overpasses, retaining walls. Also avoid poison ivy and other noxious weeds.
- Leave enough space in the bag to secure the contents by tying the bag ends together.
- Leave bags near your Adopt a Highway sign for pick up. Please do not remove them yourself.

