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Adopt a Highway volunteer program

*Turning community involvement
into cleaner roadsides*



Help maintain and beautify Minnesota roadsides

Minnesotans take pride in their state in many ways. The Minnesota Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program is a shining example of that. Each year, more than 4,000 volunteer groups pick up litter on the roadsides, keeping the roadsides beautiful and free of litter.

What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Promotes civic responsibility and civic pride.
- Volunteers make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment.
- Volunteers help MnDOT keep state highways litter free.

Who can participate?

Individuals, families, organizations, churches, businesses and government agencies may participate as volunteers to remove litter along the Minnesota State Highway System. Some groups have volunteered since the program began in 1990.

Volunteers must be at least 12-years-old and the group's leader must be at least 18-years-old.

How do I get started?

- Visit the AAH program website at www.mndot.gov/adopt and review the information, which includes the program guidelines, resources and safety video. AAH coordinators' contact information is also listed.
- Choose a leader for your group. The leader can contact the AAH coordinator in your desired location and sign the agreement on behalf of your group.

What is a volunteer group's role?

- Each group is asked to pick up litter a minimum of twice a year.
- Signed agreements are for a two-year term.
- AAH sites are offered on a first-come, first-service basis. Groups in good standing may reapply every two years.
- Each parent/guardian whose child is between the ages of 12 and 17 must sign a permission slip.

What is MnDOT's role?

- MnDOT's AAH coordinators will provide volunteers with safety information, AAH safety vests and trash bags.
- MnDOT will remove bags and all large, heavy or hazardous items.
- MnDOT will also place your group's name on an AAH sign and erect the sign along the group's section of roadway.



What our volunteers say about Adopt a Highway:

The greatest reward for being an Adopt a Highway volunteer is to be with friends. I am a member of the Clear Lake Lions Club and it's great to be with other service-minded people and because we're friends. The work is fun and it's not really work. We have volunteered since the AAH program began and we're making our highways cleaner and safer.

Clear Lake Lion's Club member

We started with the program in 1990 so this is our 29th year! We felt it was our responsibility to help keep the highway that was on the way to our business and home clean. We are proud of the stretch of highway we adopted and we are always amazed at how much we pick up. It feels good to pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Oakwood Game Farm, Princeton, MN

