

By participating in the Adopt-A-Street program, you can make a valuable contribution to the town... you can help make the Town of Franklin better and more beautiful. You can also save money since removing litter is an expensive proposition for you and other taxpaying Franklin citizens.

To adopt a street, your group or business agrees to pick up litter for a year or three years to receive a sign with your organizations name on it along a section of street or road. In return, the department will also make some commitments. To sign up, just call us at (828) 524-2516.

To make sure everyone has a clear understanding of the program, guidelines and responsibilities are listed below. Please remember that a public street can be dangerous if proper safety precautions are not followed. Safety is our first consideration and it must be yours as well. We will work with participants to do all we can to make your experience safe and beneficial.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Group/Business Responsibilities**

- Your organization chooses an Adopt-A-Street coordinator, who must be at least 21 years of age.
- Youth groups must have parental permission. No one under the age of 12 is allowed to participate in the program and young children should not accompany teenagers or adults to the street.
- Everyone in your organization who picks up litter must see the department's Adopt-A-Street videotape and/or read the North Carolina Department of Transportation's "Safety Rules and Guidelines for Volunteers". Please pay particular attention to the safety requirements
- Litter should be picked up at least four times a year. You are encouraged to clean your street more often if needed. We hope two of your clean-ups will take place in April and September. This is when the department's spring and fall clean-up campaigns are held.
- Your organization is encouraged to assist in obtaining media coverage.
- Whenever possible, recycling is urged.

### **Town of Franklin's Responsibilities**

- The Town of Franklin will provide large garbage bags, trash grabbers and orange safety vests that all participants will be required to wear.
- The Town of Franklin will approve sections of streets to be included in the program, based on traffic volumes, speeds and number of intersections.
- A road sign with your group's name will be posted by the Town of Franklin to mark your adopted section of street.
- Filled trash bags will be collected and disposed of by the Town of Franklin if notified ahead of time of the date and location.
- The Town of Franklin will present certificates of appreciation to organizations once contractual commitments are received and at the beginning of each year of renewal.

- Please email the total numbers of bags collected to [adopt-a-street@franklinnc.com](mailto:adopt-a-street@franklinnc.com) after each collection.

### **Safety Requirements**

- Be sure to carpool when you travel to your section of street. It is important to keep the number of cars at the site to a minimum and always park them clear of the roadway.
- Wear your safety vest at all times.
- Face oncoming traffic.
- Avoid working during hours and days that are peak travel times. The Town of Franklin will help identify suitable times.
- Stop work in inclement weather.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Do not remove hazardous substances.
- Be alert for snakes.
- Avoid contact with noxious weeds and areas where herbicides have been applied.
- Do not pick up items on bridges.
- Stay clear of any construction.
- Refrain from picking up trash on the pavement or in the median. Volunteers should stay on the side of the road at least five feet from the pavement's edge.
- Other common sense safety tips should also be followed. They include wearing light-colored clothing, heavy gloves, leather shoes or boots, as well as a hat and long sleeves.

Your participation in Adopt-A-Street is very much appreciated. The Town of Franklin commends you for your interest and efforts to keep Franklin clean and beautiful.