

Adopt-a-Street: Additional Guidelines

- Clean-up along major streets (with speed limits over 25 mph) may only take place during daylight hours. Projects in residential areas are permitted between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Adopt-a-Street projects require the participation of at least 2 volunteers. Individuals under the age of 18 may not participate in Adopt-a-Street projects along major streets.
- Clean-up must be postponed or stopped immediately if rain, lightning, or heavy winds are present.
- For major streets, orange “Road Work Ahead” signs must be placed at both ends of the cleanup area, prior to any volunteer work being performed. These signs will be loaned to groups by Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB).
- All volunteers must wear a Class 2 neon vest with retro-reflective striping. Vests may be borrowed from TCB, or bought by the group and inspected by TCB. Groups should not label or alter the borrowed vests without permission. Permanent alterations may require that the group purchase the vests from TCB at replacement cost. Volunteers must wear long pants, sturdy shoes (NO SANDALS), eye-protection, hat or sunscreen.
- Clean-up should take place on one side of the street at a time, or with volunteers divided into teams working separately on each side to keep pedestrian roadway crossings to an absolute minimum. Volunteer groups should form smaller teams of at least two and no more than five volunteers, with teams kept spaced apart along the road shoulder.
- Litter should NOT be removed directly from the paved roadway, beyond the curb, or on bridges, for safety reasons. Volunteers are not permitted to work in the medians of major streets. (Please notify TCB if there is excessive litter or a large item in one of these areas. Call 911 for large items in the street, or other severe safety hazards.)
- Cell phone use is NOT allowed during roadside projects, except in emergencies. Absolutely no text messaging permitted. Please leave individual music players at home. Volunteers must listen and watch for traffic and communication between other volunteers.
- Do not pick up any of the following: medical waste, condoms, chemicals, dead animals and other items posing health and safety hazards. Please immediately alert group leader and others in the area and notify TCB about the specific location of the items. **If drug paraphernalia (hypodermic needles, etc) is found, do not remove, but do contact 911 immediately.** Sharp objects such as broken glass may be collected with a broom/pan or shovel by an adult, or can be reported to TCB.
- If proper disposal options are not available at the project site, please contact Tucson Clean & Beautiful with at least one week prior notice for removal of bagged litter and debris collected by volunteers. Do not place collected items on sidewalks to ensure pedestrian and wheelchair accessibility, or at bus stops. Please call at least three weeks in advance for larger public area cleanups that may require a temporary dumpster. (Removal of bags/dumpsters is based on availability of staff and equipment from partnering agencies, and is subject to change without notice.)
- If additional supplies are needed or questions arise, please call TCB at **837-6834**.
- If a group ceases its Adopt-a-Street project, all signs, vests and other reusable supplies provided *must be returned*, or replaced at the group’s expense.