

RICE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The group agrees to pick up litter on a segment of county highway selected in consultation with the Rice County Highway Department. Recommended length is two miles. At Rice County's discretion, certain highways may not be eligible if the safety of the volunteers would be jeopardized.
2. The group shall review the safety training materials before each pickup and shall alert each participant to the hazards and precautions of working on a highway right-of-way.
3. The group shall pick up litter during daylight hours only. Special restrictions may apply to certain roadways subject to heavy traffic conditions.
4. The group shall provide adequate supervision to participants eighteen years of age or younger.
5. Work shall be limited to the area between the outer shoulders and the right-of-way boundary. Participants shall not pick up litter in the median unless specifically permitted by Rice County. Work may not be done on the roadway itself.
6. The group shall arrange litter pickup date(s) with the Rice County Highway Department. The group shall obtain County-provided supplies during regular business hours.
7. The group shall place filled trashbags on the shoulder slope close to the ditch bottom or not closer than 10' from the roadway. Groups are encouraged to recycle appropriate materials and place them in the designated bags.
8. Vests and any unused supplies provided by the County shall be returned to the Rice County Highway Department within two working days.

The Rice County Highway Department agrees to:

1. Provide high visibility vests, trashbags, and safety training materials.
2. Arrange to remove filled trashbags from the adopted highway.
3. Arrange to remove large, heavy or hazardous material from the adopted highway.
4. If requested and paid for by the applicant, fabricate and erect a highway sign on the highway in colors and design approved by the Department with up to two lines (18 characters maximum per line) reserved for the name of the volunteer group.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PERMIT**

Adopt-a-highway without signs (no charge): The group agrees to pick up litter at least three times a year for a minimum of two years.

Adopt-a-highway with signs (\$150 charge per sign): The group agrees to pick up litter at least three times a year for a minimum of two years.

Name to appear on sign

Pick-a-highway: The group agrees to pick up litter one time only.

We request permission to pick up litter on County Road between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For a total of \_\_\_\_ miles. (Recommended length is 2 miles – ending at intersections).

The Rice County Highway Department reserves the right to refuse, cancel or revise this agreement if in its judgement the group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement. By signing this agreement, the group acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit to the satisfaction of Rice County.

Except for the negligent acts of the County, its agents and employees, the volunteers or their agents shall assume all liability for, and save the County, its agents and employees, harmless from, any and all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of the work authorized by this permit.

Any and all volunteers of the group or other persons while engaged in the performance of any work or service rendered under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the County, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker’s Compensation Act of Minnesota on behalf of said volunteers or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group’s volunteers or other persons while so engaged in any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the County.

Name of group

Name of group representative

Signature

Address

Phone (home) (work)

Estimated number of volunteers picking up at one time

Special provisions

Rice County Approval

Date