

THANK YOU

for considering one of South Carolina's most exciting litter control programs, and in becoming one of the many volunteer groups involved in roadside litter pickup across the state.

SCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program helps cultivate public commitment to keeping our highways clean and litter free by involving volunteer groups in roadside litter pickup.

People like you, involved in civic, church, business, school and employee groups and organizations, have made the Adopt-A-Highway Program an effective tool in keeping South Carolina clean and beautiful.

Groups agree to pick-up litter along a designated two-mile section of highway four times a year, with a two year commitment. Signs recognizing the adopting groups are placed at each end of their designated roadway.

There is an active Adopt-A-Highway program in each of the state's 46 counties.

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinators and SCDOT's Maintenance Offices oversee the program in their respective counties.

This brochure will answer your questions about the program and about how your group can be involved.



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HOW DO WE ADOPT A HIGHWAY?

Getting started is easy. Simply agree to adopt at least two miles of highway for two years, with four clean-ups per year. Choose a group leader and submit an agreement form with the signatures of all participants. At the end of the two-year commitment, your group may renew for another two years, or choose another section of highway to adopt.

Your leader will work with the Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator and the SCDOT Resident Maintenance Engineer in your county. SCDOT provides orange trash bags, safety vests, safety information and recognition signs. Your group must complete safety training and fill out “report cards” to help keep track of how much litter is collected.



WHAT KINDS OF GROUPS CAN ADOPT HIGHWAYS?

Businesses, churches, schools, civic organizations and any other groups willing to commit to the responsibilities and see that they are carried out, may participate. Youth volunteers must be at least 13 years of age, and have adult supervision. Make sure you involve enough people so that the pickups are manageable. In some cases, individuals have made solo adoptions, and are comfortable picking up in their area by themselves.



WHAT KINDS OF ROADS SHOULD WE CONSIDER?

You may adopt primary or secondary roads with relatively low traffic volumes. The Resident Maintenance Engineer in your county can help determine which roads qualify.



WHAT IS INVOLVED IN A CLEANUP?

Cleanups are generally scheduled on Saturdays. Groups meet at a safe location. Group leaders review safety rules and issue vests and bags. Groups carpool to their adopted sections. Members pick up litter, following safety guidelines, bag it and leave it on the side of the road to be picked up the following Monday by SCDOT personnel. SCDOT provides orange trash bags and safety vests. Groups, who wish to pick up on a day other than Saturday, should make arrangements with the Resident Maintenance Engineer and the Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator.



WHO DO WE CONTACT TO JOIN THE PROGRAM?

Contact your local Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, or phone the statewide Adopt-A-Highway office toll free at 1-888-226-9694. Groups may also email to Adoptahighway@scdot.org or visit our website at www.scdot.org.



IF A GROUP CANNOT COMMIT TO LONG-TERM LITTER PICKUP, CAN THEY DO A ONE-TIME PICK-UP?

Yes. Our One-Time Litter Pickup Program allows groups an opportunity to participate in litter control without a long-term commitment. Follow the same process in signing up as regular Adopt-A-Highway participants do. Select a group leader and a section of highway not already in the Adopt-A-Highway Program, and submit an agreement form with signatures of all participants to SCDOT for approval two to three months prior to the scheduled cleanup date. SCDOT will provide vests, bags and safety information. Your group must complete safety training and fill out “report cards” to report how much litter you picked up.