



City of Tigard

Adopt-A-Street Program Description

Adopt-A-Street programs are used widely throughout the United States to beautify roads, highways and streets. Community groups, families and employees of corporations and local businesses volunteer a few hours throughout the year to remove litter from designated stretches of roadway. Removing the litter makes streets safer and more attractive. Using volunteers keeps costs lower and gives citizens the pleasure of contributing to their community.

ADOPT-A-STREET AGREEMENTS

Adopt-A-Street Agreements will be signed by the City of Tigard and the volunteer group. Adopt-A-Street Agreements will terminate after one year and both the City of Tigard and the volunteer group can reevaluate their continued participation. Either group can terminate the Agreement with 30 days notice.

STREETS

Volunteer groups and the City of Tigard Streets Supervisor will work together to identify appropriate city streets considering such variables as safe parking for the volunteers' automobiles while they are working, hazards such as drop offs along the edge of the street, traffic flow and visibility. The volunteer group may select the entire length of a specific street or a minimum length of one mile of a street. Members of the volunteer group will be responsible for picking up litter on both sides of that street.

FREQUENCY

Litter should be picked up approximately every 30 days and no less frequently than 60 days. Repeated failure to pick up the litter at least every 60 days could result in that street being assigned to a different volunteer group. The volunteer group leader will notify the Streets Supervisor in the Public Works Department of the proposed litter pick-up day so construction and street sweeping schedules can be checked. Litter pick-up cannot occur during periods of heavy traffic, on or near holidays, in weather conditions such as fog, snow or ice or when drivers' vision may be reduced.

LITTER

Any revenue gained from recyclable materials will belong to the volunteer group. Only streetside litter will be picked up. Objects in or near traffic lanes will not be collected. Volunteers will not handle items such as syringes, hypodermic needles, exceptionally large, heavy or unyielding objects, lumber, appliances, tires and dead animals. Those items will be indicated by marker flags (provided by the city). Bags of collected litter will be left by the side of the street and placed so they do not obstruct traffic, driveways or fire hydrants nor rest on lawns, shrubs or flowers. On

the following business day, City of Tigard Public Works employees will collect the bags of litter and items indicated by marker flags.

SAFETY

Volunteer litter pick-up crews will be limited to not more than 10 people. Children younger than age 12 will not be involved in Adopt-A-Street projects for their own safety. Volunteers between ages 12-18 will be supervised by adults at a ratio of 1 adult to 4 children. Each person in the litter removal crew will be required to review the safety regulations (see attached) and to wear safety vests. The volunteer group leader will receive safety training from the Streets Supervisor prior to beginning the Adopt-A-Street program. All members of the litter removal crew will also sign a Release of Liability form before starting each litter pick-up day. Parents will sign the Release of Liability form for any child under the age of 18. The signed originals for the Release of Liability form will be given to the Streets Supervisor when the group leader picks up the equipment from the Streets Supervisor. No one will be allowed to participate in a litter pick-up day unless they or their parent/guardian have signed a Release of Liability form. Each participant will also sign a roster on the day of the litter pick-up and that roster will be returned to the Streets Supervisor when the Equipment is returned.

The City of Tigard will provide portable "litter patrol" warning signs, litter bags and safety vests for each member of the crew, and marker flags which will be used to mark debris to be removed by the city. Those supplies will be issued to the group leader by the Streets Supervisor from the Public Works Department, located at 12800 SW Ash Street, just before the litter pick-up day and should be returned on the next business day. Supplies may be picked up and returned during regular business hours.

The group leader will assure that all volunteers are mentally and physically fit to undertake this work. Although not required, the city strongly urges that at least one member of the volunteer group be knowledgeable in first aid and that a first aid kit and a cellular phone be available. Should an accident or injury occur, the group leader must notify the City of Tigard Public Works Department immediately at 503-718-2591.

SIGNS

The efforts of the volunteers involved in keeping Tigard streets clean and safe are appreciated and will be publicly acknowledged by signs which will be posted along the "adopted" street. Those signs will be produced and posted by the Public Works Department of the City of Tigard.