

What to Avoid



Stay away from construction sites, mowing activities, open water, bridges, overpasses, or retaining walls that could be dangerous for pedestrians.



Avoid poison ivy, wild parsnip, or other noxious weeds. Stay away from recently applied herbicides.



Never try to pick up heavy, large, or hazardous materials. Notify Wright County Highway Department for pickup.



Adopt-a-Highway



What to Wear



Heavy gloves



Heavy leather shoes or boots



Light-colored clothing; brightly colored cap



Hat and long sleeves for sunburn; sunscreen; insect or tick repellent



High-visibility vests

SAFETY TIPS

Wright County
Adopt-A-Highway / Pick-A-Highway
is a public service program for volunteers to
pick up litter along Wright County highways.
For more information, contact the
Wright County Highway Department
763-682-7706.



Remember

A highway is a dangerous place to be. Every crew member should possess these qualifications:



At least 12 years of age, unless otherwise permitted



Mentally alert; good common sense



Good physical condition, including sight and hearing



Sense of responsibility for safety of self and others



Supervision for workers under 18



Plan Ahead



Review safety precautions and take them seriously.



Assign work teams and leaders before you reach the site. Distribute trash bags beforehand. Estimate the amount of time for your pickup and agree on a meeting place when you're done.



Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles along the road. Park vehicles on the shoulder in advance of the area and on the same side of the highway that crews are working.



Bring along an adequate first aid kit. Identify the nearest hospital and know how to get there in an emergency.



Don't overexert yourself. Bring along a supply of drinking water and take breaks.

While You Work



Work only during daylight hours during good weather.



Work one side of the road at a time. Do not cross the road to get to your vehicle.



Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic. Stay alert and be prepared to move out of the way in an emergency. Stay with your team.



Do not wear headsets which could prevent your hearing traffic or other hazards.



Do not crush collected trash to make more room in the bag; broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries. Do not put syringes or hypodermic needles in the trash bag as they can easily puncture the bag and cause serious injury. Take care to dispose of them properly or return them to the County Highway Department for disposal.



Do not horse around or do anything to purposely distract drivers.