



Becker County Highway Department
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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PERMIT

- Adopt-a-Highway** – The group agrees to pick up litter at least twice a year for a minimum of two years.
- Pick-a-Highway** – The group agrees to pick up litter one time only.

We request permission to pick up litter on _____
between _____ and _____
for a total of _____ miles.

The Becker County Highway Department reserves the right to refuse, cancel or revise this agreement if in its sole judgment the nature of the group or its sign is political, controversial or in questionable taste, or if 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 herewith to the satisfaction of the Becker County Highway Department.

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, all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of the work to be done herein.

Any and all volunteers of the group, or other persons, while engaged in the performance of any work of service performed 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 employees 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 on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the County.

Name of Group Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

(EMAIL) _____

Name to appear on sign: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Becker County Engineer

Date

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

BECKER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Litter is picked up at least twice a year.

In picking up the litter along your designated road, we offer the following suggestions:

1. Minimal movement of trash bags once they are filled.
2. Do not overfill trash bags.
3. Do not pile trash bags with or on boards, barbwire, etc.
4. Secure trash bags well. **DO NOT LEAVE OPEN BAGS.**
5. Pile debris in safe location.
6. Pile debris as you move down the roadway - not one large pile.
7. Arrange to carpool to the site.
8. Wear gloves.

Trash bags and safety vests can be picked up at the County Engineer's office prior to the clean up.

IMPORTANT - BE SURE YOU CALL OUR OFFICE (847-4463) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLEAN UP SO WE CAN SEND OUR TRUCK OUT FOR THE FINAL PICK-UP. IF YOU CLEAN UP OVER THE WEEKEND, BE SURE TO CALL THE FIRST THING ON MONDAY MORNING.

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 Becker County Engineer's office. Recommended length is two miles. At Becker County's discretion, certain highways may not be eligible.
2. The group shall discuss safety precautions before each pickup to alert participants to the hazards of working on a highway right of way.
3. The group shall pick up litter during daylight hours only. Pick-ups may not be allowed at certain times such as on or near holidays.
4. The group shall provide adequate supervision to participants eighteen years of age or younger. Unless specifically permitted.
5. Work shall be limited to the area between the outer shoulders and the right-of-way boundary. **Work may not be done on the roadway itself.**
6. The group shall obtain their supplies during regular business hours.
7. The group shall place filled trash bags on the shoulder slope close to the ditch bottom. Becker County Highway Department will arrange to pick up the bags. Groups are encouraged to recycle appropriate materials for their own benefit.
8. Unused supplies can be saved for your next pickup.

THE BECKER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AGREES TO:

1. Provide high visibility vests which **MUST** be worn, trash bags and temporary traffic warning signs, when necessary, as determined by the Becker County Highway Department.
2. Arrange to remove filled trash bags from the adopted highway.
3. Arrange to remove large, heavy or hazardous material from the adopted highway.
4. Coordinate publicity with the group to solicit local media coverage.
5. Erect a highway sign or otherwise recognize the group's cleanup efforts. Highway signs shall be erected only for groups that agree to adopt a highway for a minimum of two years. The name on the sign shall be limited to two lines of eighteen to twenty characters (including spaces). Becker County Highway Department reserves the right to approve and/or edit names or acronyms.