



Keep Abilene Beautiful

Adopt-A-Spot Safety Tips

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE TO FOLLOW THESE RECOMMENDED SAFETY TIPS IN ORDER TO HAVE A SAFE AND FUN LITTER CLEAN UP ACTIVITY.

- Use common sense.
- Obey all City of Abilene Municipal Codes for pedestrians.
- Knives, machetes, axes, etc should not be carried or used during the litter clean up.
- Do not compact trash bags to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the bag with what goes in easily, and then get another bag.
- Discontinue litter clean up in inclement weather, especially during lightning storms, reduced visibility and on wet streets. Clean up litter only in daylight hours.
- Wear light-colored clothing; long sleeve shirt and pants during the clean up activity. Wear your safety vest at all times when working in or near the right-of-way.
- Wear leather or heavy-duty work gloves. Wear closed-toe shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Wear a hat and plenty of sunscreen to protect against sunburn in the summer months. Avoid over-exertion. Drink plenty of water in the summer months.
- Be alert for places where snakes may be located, such as tall grass and avoid these areas. Be alert for stinging insects, spiders and fire ants.
- Avoid areas where there is growth of poison ivy, poison oak and other noxious weeds.
- Avoid areas where herbicides were applied that day.
- Stay clear of any mowing operations and maintenance/construction activities.
- Report any needles and syringes to the Group Leader. Do not handle with bare hands or place in trash bags. To dispose of needles and syringes, we suggest picking up with tongs and placing them in a separate box or non-penetrable container.
- Do not attempt to remove known or suspected toxic, hazardous or dangerous substances. Immediately notify the Group Leader who will contact the Adopt-a-Spot Program Coordinator who will arrange for the removal of the item(s).
- Every group should possess an adequate First aid kit. BE PREPARED for serious injury; know the route from the clean-up site to the nearest hospital or to a designated treatment center. EVERY PARTICIPANT should know the location of the nearest telephone or have a telephone immediately available for emergency use.
- Every group should have transportation immediately available for emergency use.