

Kitsap County Adopt-A-Road Program

Adoption FAQs

Who can adopt?

Businesses, organizations, service clubs, and individuals can volunteer. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. Volunteers ages of 15-17 must apply and be supervised by an adult during cleanup events. One adult must be present to supervise every eight youth volunteers.

Which roads can be adopted?

Roads in the unincorporated county and in cities can be adopted. Program expectations are to clean up a section of roadway at least 1 mile in length (2 miles in length when picking up both sides) at least 2 times per year.

Neighborhood streets, beaches, trails, and parks are also available for adoption. Adoptions are arranged on a first-come, first-served basis.

How do I choose a road?

When you sign up, you'll be asked to submit three options of road sections you'd like to adopt. Pick sections that would be *convenient for you and are safe to walk*. These sections should be at least 1 mile in length.

After staff review the safety and availability of your three choices, the program coordinator will contact you to discuss your final choices. We may suggest safer sections or alternatives near your original choices.

How often do I need to clean my adopted area?

We recommended having two cleanup events each year, once in the spring and once in the fall. After two years of cleanups, you'll have the option of receiving a recognition sign.

How do I plan a cleanup event?

After you sign up, the program coordinator will contact you to complete an "Adoption Agreement," which includes:

- **Customized cleanup instructions**, including a diagrams of where safety signage or traffic cones should be placed along your road.
- **Safety orientation**. We will provide a brief safety orientation to make certain you are aware of the risks and responsibilities to be assumed by Adopt-A-Road volunteers. Your agreement will include printed safety guidelines.

- **Medical coverage.** Kitsap County provides excess accident medical coverage, and excess volunteer liability insurance coverage while performing volunteer duties. Coverage specifics are available upon request.
- **Liability release.** Releases vary depending on whether you're adopting as a group or as an individual agreement. The parent or guardian of minor children must sign a liability release prior to each cleanup event.
- **Other legal and insurance paperwork,** as needed.
- **Contact information** for the program coordinator.

After the Agreement is complete, you can schedule a cleanup event.

Individuals: You'll receive safety equipment and can clean up your road when it's convenient for you. Submit [online reports](#) after each cleanup or on a monthly basis so we can measure your positive impact and respond to any safety concerns.

Group events: At least 10 days before your scheduled cleanup event, contact the program coordinator with the number of volunteers participating in your event. Complete liability releases. The coordinator will discuss with you how to obtain event supplies. A few days before your event, you will need to pick up event supplies from one of the following County facilities:

- Public Works Annex
- Hansville Recycling & Garbage Facility

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How do I dispose of the litter bags?

After your event, take full litter bags to one of our [county recycling & garbage facilities](#) (external website). You will receive free disposal. If you think you'll need alternative disposal arrangements, please contact the program coordinator before your event.

When do you install recognition signs?

After your second year as an Adopt-a-Road volunteer, we will offer to install a customized roadside recognition sign on your behalf.

