



Adopt-A-Street Program

Prior to Adoption

- Select your potential section of Town-owned street. This policy does not include State or privately owned roadways.
- Complete Adopt-A-Street application form. Return to the Manager's Office.

Prior to Pick-up

- Contact the DPW Garage at 14 Forest Road to reserve and pick up safety vests and trash bags between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding public holidays.
- Drop-off signed waiver forms for each applicant that will be participating in the clean-up process. Part of the waiver form certifies that each applicant has watched the safety video prior to your first pick-up.
 - <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=adopt+a+street+safety+video&view=detail&mid=800E174B0E7B6527B915800E174B0E7B6527B915&FORM=VIRE>

During Pick-up

- Pick up trash/litter along the road shoulder of the Town owned road only. Be safe and do not pick up trash/litter located on the street. Litter on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.
- The Town prohibits the possession, consumption or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing litter pick-up within the right-of-way.
- The Town also prohibits the use of head phones or other devices that will distract volunteers of their surroundings.
- While performing volunteer services participants are prohibited from displaying messages, carrying banners, or other behavior that could distract drivers or adversely affect traffic.
- Contact the Acton Police Dispatch at 978-929-7711 if you encounter questionable material or other hazardous emergency conditions. Potential dangers involved while participating in this program could include but are not limited to: high speed traffic, noxious plants, broken glass, hazardous materials, sharp metal and potentially harmful wildlife.
- Conduct periodic tick checks on yourself (<http://www.acton-ma.gov/471/Tick-Information>)
- The group must provide adequate supervision for participants under the age of 18. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to participate.
- Limit pick-up activities to daylight hours and avoid peak travel times.
- Make sure you face oncoming traffic, be aware of obstacles and stay away from steeper slopes.
- It is recommended that volunteers wear light-colored/reflective clothing, protective shoes & gloves, hat, long sleeves and sun screen.

- Securely close bags and place them on the road shoulder no closer than 4 feet from edge of the roadway.
- Park vehicles on road shoulders or parking lots when available. Do NOT park in traffic lanes or on a sidewalk.

After Pick-up

- Conduct a tick check on yourself (<http://www.acton-ma.gov/471/Tick-Information>)
- Return safety vests within 48 hours of pick-up completion.
- Notify the DPW Garage regarding the general location and the total number of bags to be picked up along the roadway.

The Town of Acton will:

- Approve the section of Town-owned roadway to be adopted.
- Install and maintain volunteer recognition sign while this section of road is actively being maintained by the group.
- Provide group volunteers with safety vests, trash bags and traffic cones.
- Recognize volunteers for their efforts.
- Reserve the right to cancel any agreement due to failure to meet provisions of the program or safety concerns.