



Township of Uxbridge Adopt-A-Road Program

The Township of Uxbridge Adopt-A-Road Program is a public service program for volunteers to help maintain the Township road rights-of-way free and clear of garbage and litter. It is a way for environmentally conscientious citizens, community and civic organizations, private business and industry to contribute to a cleaner environment and a more beautiful Township road system.

Under the program, groups and individuals agree to adopt a section of Township right-of-way and keep it clean. In addition to the satisfaction gained by providing a cleaner environment, the volunteers are recognized by a sign erected by the Township acknowledging their efforts.

Volunteer's Responsibilities

Volunteers participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program agree to:

- Appoint or select an authorized group representative to act on behalf of the group.
- Ensure that the authorized representative attends a safety meeting provided by the Township and in turn provides annual safety training to volunteers of his organization.
- Pick up litter, a minimum of three (3) times per year between April and November to maintain a clean right-of-way, for a three (3) period.
- Collect litter only from the adopted right-of-way section.
- Notify the Township prior to each clean up.
- Utilize all appropriate safety equipment as provided by the Township and follow the safety rules contained in the agreement.
- All volunteers must review the rules before each clean-up session.
- Tie up the garbage bags and leave along the edge of the road section.

Township of Uxbridge Responsibilities

The Township will:

- Select a special section of Township right-of-way to be adopted (taking into consideration the organization's stated preference).
- Provide safety vests, trash bags, safety information and training, flags and traffic cones.
- Erect a sign with the group's name displayed at the beginning and end of each adopted section of right-of-way.
- Remove and dispose of filled trash bags.
- Remove litter from the adopted right-of-way section that has been flagged by the group as being too large, heavy or hazardous for the group to remove.



Adopt-A-Road Safety Guidelines for Volunteers

Safety First

There are a few rules worth remembering when it comes to safely working along the roadway. These rules must be reviewed by all volunteers before each clean-up session.

Volunteers Must:

- Receive annual safety training prior to the first pick-up of the year and review safety rules before each clean-up.
- Be at least 12 years old
- Provide a least one adult (19 years or older) supervisor for each 5 workers.
- Always wear a Township approved safety vest.
- Carpool to minimize the number of vehicles at the worksite and always disembark from the vehicles to the side adjacent to the ditch.
- Park parallel to the road and as far off the traveled portion as possible.
- Park vehicles on the same side of the roadway as the volunteers.
- Pick up litter walking against traffic. This ensures all participants are facing on-coming traffic and are aware of dangers.
- Pick up litter during daylight hours only.
- Always identify the item before picking it up. Never reach blindly to pick up an item.
- Flag hazardous and unidentifiable items (i.e. car batteries, dead animals) for pick-up by Township staff.
- Stay clear of any water hazards.
- Discontinue work in inclement weather.

Volunteers Must Not:

- Walk or pick up litter on the pavement, shoulder, or in the median.
- Work on bridges, steep ground, or in tunnels.
- Touch or pick-up hazardous items or anything that cannot be identified.
- Wear clothing or display material that might distract motorists.
- Use or possess illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages before or during the clean-up.
- Step or jump on trash bags.

For Your Own Safety

- Stay mentally alert at all times.
- Wear protective footwear and gloves.
- Wear light-coloured clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Wear a baseball cap or a wide-brimmed hat and sunscreen lotion.
- Drink lots of fluids while you work, especially on hot, humid days.
- Be aware of any special needs of fellow volunteers (i.e. Medical).
- Avoid over exertion.
- Stay alert for and avoid hazardous plants (i.e. poison ivy) and stinging insects.
- Keep an adequate supply of flags and trash bags on hand.

In Case of Emergency

- Have a first-aid kit immediately available.
- Pre-select the most direct route to the nearest medical emergency facility.
- Always have transportation immediately available.
- Have a cell phone on site

For further information on the Adopt-A-Road program, please contact:

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Adopt-A-Road Program Agreement

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This section to be completed by Township staff

The Township of Uxbridge recognizes:

(name of group/and or individual)

as responsible for the adoption of Township Road _____
from _____ to _____
for a distance of _____ kilometres.

The group/individual named below volunteers to pick up litter at least three times a year for a three-year period, along it adopted section of road beginning _____ 20 ____ and ending _____ 20 ____.

Authorized Group Representative Signature Date

Street Address

Phone Number Email

Township Representative Signature Date