



2019 Adopt-A-Greenway Clean Up Guidelines

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE ARE INHERENT DANGERS IN PICKING UP MISCELLANEOUS LITTER THAT MAY INCLUDE BROKEN GLASS, SHARP OBJECTS, UNKNOWN LIQUIDS, ETC.

Please leave needles, glass, sharp objects, and other hazardous materials alone and report them to the Midtown Greenway Coalition for removal. Also, please be aware that **one of the greatest risks is being hit by a cyclist**, so exercise caution along the bike trail.

Every member should be informed beforehand of the conditions, be mentally alert and use common sense. Participants must be at least 12 years old and affiliated with your group. Participants under 18 years old must have adequate adult supervision.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE:

- Complete application and sign permit to become an official adopter
- Inform the Midtown Greenway Coalition at least week in advance of your clean up to ensure bag pick up or to inform us you will be disposing of bags yourself
- Plan events only during daylight hours and during favorable weather
- Have a plan for if anyone is hurt during the event. Bring a first aid kit. Bring a cell phone and call 911 in an emergency. Emergency vehicles can enter the Greenway.
- Bike, walk, or carpool to the site if possible. (Motor vehicles are not allowed on the Greenway.)
- Clearly identify meeting place before event and at the end
- Review these guidelines with your group prior to your clean-up.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Gloves - will be provided by the MGC if you need them. Bags too. Contact Soren to arrange pick up.
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Clothing appropriate for existing weather conditions
- Long pants are best

WHILE YOU ARE WORKING:

- Do not pick up needles, glass, or sharp objects. Alert the MGC to the location and we will have them removed.
- Avoid crushing collected trash to make room in trash bags (broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries)
- Take extra precautions on steep banks; we advise NOT climbing up them to remove trash.
- Watch and listen for hazards--please do not wear headsets
- Stay clear of construction sites, mowing and other maintenance activity, poison ivy or other noxious weeds and areas posted as having been sprayed with herbicides
- Use trash bags provided, and either dispose of them yourself or alert the MGC after your clean-up to have the bags picked up by Hennepin County. Leave them on the grass next to the trail or a pillar, enough away from the bike/ped trail to make sure they are not blocking the way.
- Stay clear of bicycle trail, look both ways when crossing trail