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Adopt a Highway

A program that turns community involvement into cleaner roadsides

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What is the Adopt a Highway Program?



[Adopt a Highway volunteer program infographic \(PDF\)](#)

The state Adopt a Highway volunteer program helps keep Minnesota highways and rest areas clean and free of litter by relying on volunteer groups to pick up trash along their adopted section. This AAH program only involves state-owned property.

Adopt a Highway also enables residents who are environmentally conscious to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment.

How does it work?

Community groups, churches, individuals or businesses adopt a designated section of highway and commit to pick up litter along both sides of their highway section at least twice a year. Groups may also adopt designated state rest areas.

Benefits of volunteering

- Keeps roadsides beautiful and free of litter
- Public service project for groups and families
- Shows that Minnesotans care about their state
- Saves taxpayers money

Volunteer options

- **Adopt a Highway or Rest Area:** Volunteers sign agreement with MnDOT to adopt a section of state highway or designated rest area and commit to pick up litter at least twice a year.
- **Pick a Highway:** Pick a Highway is a one-time litter picking activity on an assigned segment of state highway.

MnDOT will provide bags, approved safety vests, training and bag retrieval. You contribute approximately four hours of labor. [Contact an Adopt a Highway coordinator](#) for details.

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