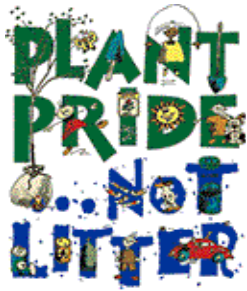




*Litter is misplaced solid waste such as bottles, cans, paper, furniture, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature that is thrown, dropped, or discarded inappropriately. It is the responsibility of each of us to control our solid waste and contain it in an appropriate manner. If we don't, solid waste becomes litter. Once litter has accumulated, it invites people to add more.*

*Did you know that a site that is litter free is less likely to be littered? Removing litter along our streets is a necessary, but costly and time consuming venture. This is where you come in. By participating in the Adopt-A-Street Program, volunteers such as you, can make a difference!*



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## ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM



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## How the Program Works

Your group, organization, or church can make a difference in Mansfield by Adopting-A-Street.

The purpose of the program is to keep the streets of Mansfield “lookin’ neat” and free of litter.

The Adopt-A-Street Program is a volunteer litter control and prevention program for the City of Mansfield. Similar to the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Adopt-A-Highway Program, which focuses solely on state highways and interstates, the Adopt-A-Street Program allows civic organizations, churches, beautification, fraternal, and business groups to adopt two miles of city street.

When a group signs up to Adopt-A-Street, they make a commitment to clean the adopted area four times a year. You must fill out an application for the area you would like to adopt, sign a volunteer agreement, and provide proof of insurance for your group.

The Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling Program will provide each group with training, safety vests, gloves, t-shirts, and collection bags.

Each group that Adopts-A-Street, will have a sign with their organizations’ name on it, to show to the community its’ involvement. This sign will be posted at one of the intersections of your adopted area.



## Benefits

The Adopt-A-Street Program can produce great results as citizens and businesses join this visible partnership.

Benefits include:

- **Enhancing the environment.**
- **Keeping adopted sections clean and litter free along city streets.**
- **Giving the adopting groups a sense of stewardship over public lands.**
- **Helping to create a society where prevailing attitudes do not tolerate littering.**
- **Providing a way for groups to contribute to the community.**
- **Instilling pride in all who participate.**
- **Making communities more attractive to business, industry, and tourism.**
- **Lessening the financial burden on taxpayers**

## Getting Started

All you need to get started are volunteers who are in good physical shape, responsible, and interested in being a part of the litter clean-up efforts. Simply choose a two mile section of a Mansfield city street to adopt, and fill out an Adopt-A-Street Program application which can be obtained from the Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling Office. The office staff will brief you on the hazards involved when working along the roadsides. There will also be a training video for your group to view. A material checklist, which includes topics such as needed personal items, safety equipment, and collection supplies is available for planning purposes.



## Recyclables

Many of the materials you collect along the road-side are recyclable. You may be able to combine a recycling program with your clean-up activity.

Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling can provide a recycling option for your clean-up activity. Recycling the collected materials will set an example for those in your group and the local community.

## Reporting

A summary report should be completed following your clean-up. The report provides your group an opportunity to record their accomplishments and your local litter prevention program to document the program’s success.

## Sponsors

The Adopt-A-Street Program is sponsored by the Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling Program.

## Media

The media is always looking for stories of community and human interest. The Adopt-A-Street Program has both of these elements. Contact them and invite them to the day’s activities.

