

# **ADOPT-A-GREENWAY**

## **CLEAN UP EVENT GUIDELINES**

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

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. Participant's 18 years old or younger must have adequate adult supervision.

### **WHAT TO DO BEFORE:**

- Complete application and sign permit--all submissions are subject to review and approval by HCRRA
- Inform the Midtown Greenway Coalition three days in advance of clean up to assure 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 – having a cell phone is best
- Bike, walk, or carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles along the Greenway
- Clearly identify meeting place before event and at the end
- Review these guidelines, which have been designed for your group's safety before each event

### **WHAT TO WEAR:**

- Gloves - will be provided
- Leather shoes or boots
- Clothing appropriate for existing weather conditions
- Long pants are best if group when weeding and in long grass

### **WHILE YOU ARE WORKING:**

- Avoid crushing collected trash to make room in trash bags (broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries)
- If your group is weeding, please be sure weeds are clearly identified to avoid pulling planted materials
- Take extra precautions on steep banks
- 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 call the MGC office (612-879-0106) after your clean-up to have the bags picked up by Hennepin County.
- Stay clear of bicycle trail, look both ways when crossing trail
- If your section of the Greenway is prone to broken glass, please arrange with us and we will provide brooms and the necessary clean up tools

**NEVER PICK UP HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, HYPODERMIC NEEDLES OR ANYTHING TOO LARGE OR HEAVY TO LIFT SAFELY. INSTEAD, NOTE THE LOCATION AND REPORT IT TO THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION.**

**THANK YOU!!**

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