



## **ADOPT-A-STREET APPLICATION**

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As a part of Keep Frisco Beautiful, Adopt-A-Street is a wonderful opportunity to teach others about citizenship, improve the community, and have a great time! The Adopt-a-Street program provides teams of all kinds: families, clubs, co-workers, and civic organizations with an opportunity to help beautify the community by volunteering to collect litter alongside Frisco streets. It's an easy way for groups to help the community, prevent pollution, and receive recognition for their work. Litter is unsightly and can be costly to tax payers. Volunteering for litter pick-up builds community and group pride, visibly improves our local environment, and helps save tax payer money!

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### **Program Requirements**

- Teams agree to maintain a one mile stretch of roadway (in both directions) for one year. Contracts are automatically renewed upon good standing.
- Before conducting a cleanup, teams request supplies and schedule their cleanups through Environmental Services.
- Teams conduct 5 (required) cleanups per year. This includes four quarterly cleanups (every three months) and one during Clean It & Green It, Frisco's annual Earth Day Celebration.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter cleanup: January 1 – March 30
  - Earth Month Cleanup: April 1- April 31
    - Clean It & Green It (Saturday nearest Earth Day – 4/22)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter cleanup: May 1 – June 30
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cleanup: July 1 – September 30
  - 4<sup>th</sup> quarter cleanup: October 1 – December 31

### **Program Support**

- Installation of "Adopt A Street" sign with adopting groups name
- Supplies needed to conduct clean up may be picked up from 6616 Walnut St.
- Recognition of service to community (ie. placement of adoptees photo in city newsletter)

If you are interested in participating in or would like more information about this worthwhile program, contact: Julianah Marie  
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## **Adopt-a-Street Program Terms and Adoption Agreement**

It is agreed by all parties that if the maintenance of the contracted area is not being performed according to the terms agreed upon, the City has the ability to end the contract. When a team is behind in their cleanups they will receive a 30 day notice to conduct a cleanup, return supplies and return forms to remain in the program. Teams who receive a second late notice will have 10 days. If a delinquent team does not complete the make-up cleanup in the specified time, a new team will be eligible to adopt that street segment. Please note: adoption agreement requires *mandatory* participation in Frisco's annual community cleanup event, "Clean It & Green It," each April.

Contracts are automatically renewed on good standing. If a team wishes to be removed from the program after one year, they can contact Environmental Services to allow another team to adopt the designated mile of road.

### **Before the Cleanup**

- Plan with your team and decide when to schedule your cleanup.
- Schedule your cleanup by using the [online form](#).
- Pickup your bag when you've been notified it is ready.
- Plan a meet-up location and time.
- Plan for the weather: wear closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and bring water etc.

### **During the Cleanup**

- Bring waiver form ALL volunteers must sign before beginning the cleanup.
  - Pro tip: exchange vests/gloves for signing the waiver.
- Take pictures and send them in! These photos can be used on our website, in newsletters, and in other City publications.
- When your team is done gathering trash leave it at your team's sign.
  - If this is your first cleanup, leave the trash at one location and be sure to note where it is on your activity report.
- Fill out and turn in the [activity report](#) within one week of completing your cleanup. The sooner, the better!
  - Check the box if you need your trash bags picked up by our crew members!



## The Fine Print

- Contracts last for a minimum of (one) year and automatically renew upon good standing. If Adopt-A-Street is no longer the right commitment for you, just e-mail Environmental Services after your one year contract has expired to pass your spot on to another team.
  - Good standing= cleanups completed and reporting forms turned in on time.
  - Out of good standing = missing cleanups/ reporting forms
- Supplies, reporting forms, and waivers need to be returned within one week of completing your cleanup.
- Please report illegal dumping as soon as possible to Environmental Services.
- Volunteer safety is a top priority.

## Safety First

You can help keep Frisco Clean & Green without putting yourself or others at risk. Please review and follow the safety guidelines below:

### Do:

- ✓ Wear the right shoes: thick-soled, closed-toe, and comfortable.
- ✓ Dress accordingly for the weather, including sunscreen or bug repellent.
- ✓ Wear gloves/ use the grabbers provided in your supply bag.
- ✓ After your cleanup, use the hand sanitizer spray provided. Wash hands thoroughly before eating.
- ✓ Wear safety vests and or bright-colored clothing for cleanup.
- ✓ Have all volunteers sign waiver form before participating in the cleanup (parents or guardians must sign for minors).
- ✓ Use the “buddy system”; work in teams to maximize safety.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and potential hazards (broken glass, passing cars, branches, poison ivy, snakes etc.).
- ✓ Provide adequate supervision for all volunteers (adult supervision is required for minors).
- ✓ Stay hydrated.

### Don't:

- χ Pick up anything with your bare hands.
- χ Pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, animal carcasses, or any other questionable object.
- χ Attempt to move large objects - report any illegal dumping.
- χ Allow small children to participate in clean-ups, unless supervised by an adult.
- χ Perform any activities outside of your physical capabilities.
- χ Schedule clean-ups during peak pedestrian or traffic hours.
- χ Conduct clean-ups during inclement/ unsafe weather.