

City of Chilliwack Adopt-A-Road program

General Conditions:

1. Businesses, informal groups, and formal organizations such as civic, social or school groups may adopt roads on a 'first come, first served' basis. A minimum two-year commitment is required in which four cleanups are conducted each year. Note that the City may request periodic additional cleanups from an adopting Organization/Group due to high litter volumes along their assigned route.
2. For safety reasons, an individual cannot adopt a road. Groups wishing to adopt a road section need to identify a Coordinator to serve as a liaison between the adopting Organization/Group and the City of Chilliwack. The Coordinator will be the point of contact for all communication between the Organization/Group and the City.
3. The Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that anyone who participates in the Adopt-a-Road program has received and reviewed the safety information below prior to participating in each cleanup. Further, the Coordinator must arrange for safe access, adequate parking, and/or provide group transportation to and from the assigned route. Please respect the rights of private landowners and do not trespass or interfere with their activities.
4. The City will monitor programs in all areas to determine if the Adopt-a-Road program objectives are being met. The City reserves the right to cancel an Organization/Groups adoption if there is a safety concern, inadequate performance, or potential harm to the public image of the program.
5. Participants are encouraged to utilize their own commercial waste bin for waste disposal and the recycling depots for the disposal of recyclables. If a commercial waste bin is unavailable, participants can be provided sufficient garbage tag-a-bag stickers to allow for waste collection through the Curbside Program.
6. In recognition of support for the Adopt-a-Road program, the City will install an Adopt-a-Road sign in the adopted area with the Group's name. Signs are issued after the Organization/Group has completed their first litter cleanup. Adoptees are encouraged to submit photos and details of their cleanups to the City. The City may publish submitted photos to showcase the adoptees' good work and the program as a whole.

Safety Conditions:

It is important to realize that you will be working in a potentially hazardous environment and all activities are to be carried out in accordance with the Safety Conditions below. At no time is the safety of a volunteer to be compromised in the performance of cleaning activities.

1. The adopting Organization/Group's Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all Adopt-a-Road participants receive and review the City supplied Safety Conditions contained herein before they are involved in any roadside activity.
2. Before a cleanup, the adopting Organization/Group's Coordinator is responsible for discussing the route with all group members. Areas of concern or potential danger, such as high traffic areas, limited visibility, or water hazards should be acknowledged and addressed accordingly.
3. Working group size is to be a minimum of 2 persons up to a maximum of 25 persons. All children under 12 years of age must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult who is cognizant of cleanup and roadside hazards.
4. All work is to be done during daylight hours (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Do not work during peak traffic hours, unfavorable weather conditions, or when visibility is poor (ex. fog). Abandon activity if weather turns inclement during a cleanup.
5. For your group's safety, do not collect litter or other material/objects from bridges, tunnels, overpasses, construction areas, railway tracks, or steep banks.
6. Participants must always use extreme caution near roads:
 - stay off the roadway, drivers may not expect to see volunteers on the road
 - stay alert as vehicles may pull over to let emergency vehicles pass
 - obey all traffic signals and use crosswalks or signals where available
 - face oncoming traffic while working and only clean one side of the road at a time
 - do not direct, stop, or interfere with traffic
 - stay away from steep slopes, drainage facilities or places from which you may fall
 - do not to run, throw objects, or engage in other activities which may distract drivers
 - avoid the use of headphones etc., that hinder the ability to hear oncoming traffic
 - use City provided safety vests and safety signage
1. Participants must not pick up any item suspected to be toxic or hazardous. Items to avoid include powders, chemicals, smelly substances, chemical drums or containers, weapons, syringes, needles, dead animals and broken glass. Many old building materials (insulation, drywall materials, flooring, etc.) contain asbestos and should not be handled. Take appropriate precautions and report the location and circumstances to the City of Chilliwack or the police immediately. Never reach blindly to pick up an item. Use a tool to identify it before picking it up.

2. Participants must not pick up any large or heavy items. Take appropriate precautions and report the location and circumstances to the City of Chilliwack Engineering Department immediately.
3. Participants must not compact garbage or recycling bags. Injuries from broken or jagged objects may occur.
4. Pets belonging to program participants should not be present when conducting litter cleanups due to safety concerns.
5. Do not allow a confrontation to escalate. If a member of the public becomes abusive, leave the area immediately and phone 911 if there is any sense that violence or verbal abuse may continue.
6. Participants are not to consume alcohol or drugs before or while on the roadside.
7. To avoid overexertion, drink plenty of water before the cleanup and consider supplying some during the cleanup. Further, keep a first aid kit readily available. Any injuries incurred during cleanup should be reported to the Engineering Department within 2 working days of the accident. The report must include: name of injured person, date & time of injury, nature of injury, incident details, and hospital or clinic name(s) attended.
8. Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly after you are finished cleaning and prior to eating.

Equipment:

Provided by the City of Chilliwack:

- Mandatory Safety vests (on loan from the Engineering Department at City Hall)
- Mandatory Safety road signs (on loan from the Engineering Department at City Hall)
- Gloves (on loan from the Engineering Department at City Hall)
- Garbage & recycling bags

Provided by participants:

- Long pants
- Appropriate footwear (boots or closed-toe shoes)
- Sunscreen and/or insect repellent if needed
- Gloves (it is recommended to bring your own that fit appropriately)

Contact:

City of Chilliwack, Engineering Department
604.793.2907
8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Friday (excluding holidays)
engineeringinfo@chilliwack.com



Adopt-A-Road Application Form

ORGANIZATION OR APPLICANT NAME	CONTACT PERSON	DATE OF APPLICATION
APPLICANT ADDRESS, CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE		
PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	
NAME REQUESTED TO BE ON ADOPT-A-ROAD SIGN (NO PHONE NUMBERS, EMAIL ADDRESSES ETC.)		
HOW WILL THE ORGANIZATION OR APPLICANT DISPOSE OF LITTER COLLECTED? <input type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT'S COMMERCIAL BIN <input type="checkbox"/> WITH APPLICANT'S RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE GARBAGE & RECYCLING		
FIRST CHOICE ROUTE (>1KM)		
SECOND CHOICE ROUTE (>1KM)		
THIRD CHOICE ROUTE (>1KM)		
DESIRED STARTING DATE	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (MUST BE MORE THAN 1 AND LESS THAN 26)	
PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM		

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS <u>AND SAFETY CONDITIONS</u> LISTED IN PAGES 1-3 ABOVE. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO </div>	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	
APPLICANT PRINTED NAME	DATE SIGNED

Return completed forms to the Engineering Department or to engineeringinfo@chilliwack.com. Applications must be approved by the City in writing prior to conducting your first clean-up.