

Columbia County Adopt-a-Highway Program Application/Permit

Columbia County Highway & Transportation (the "Department") and the volunteer group (the "Group") named below recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free highways. The Group is hereby applying for a permit in the Adopt-a-Highway Program. Please complete this application and submit it to Columbia County Highway & Transportation, P.O. Box 875, Wyocena, WI 53969.

Name of Organization: _____

Group's name as it should appear on the sign (20 spaces maximum on each of two lines):

Mailing Address: _____

President/Chairperson: _____

Contact Person: _____ Daytime Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Evening Phone _____

_____ Email: _____

Approximate number of people participating in each cleanup: _____

Number of times your group plans to pick up litter each year (three per year): _____

Columbia County Highway section you are interested in adopting (minimum of one mile):

_____ from _____ to _____
Highway

List alternate sections in order of preference:

_____ from _____ to _____
Highway

_____ from _____ to _____
Highway

By signature below, the Group acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees to the terms and conditions stated on the back of this form and the term of this contract is for three years.

Group's Authorized Signature: _____ Title _____ Date _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Permit Approval

The Department approves this permit for the Group to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program for the section identified above. The Group accepts the responsibility of picking up litter on this section of highway for the period beginning _____ and ending _____.

The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel this permit at any time.

Columbia County Highway Commissioner

Date

Permit #

Terms and Conditions

1. The Group and its members are to be considered as volunteers and not as officers, employees, or agents of Columbia County Highway & Transportation. Any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits or costs thereof, whatsoever, arising from Group or Group members' activities relating to this permit shall be the sole responsibility of the Group or its individual members.
2. The Group agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Columbia County from any injury, cost, suit, liability or award arising from the issuance or exercise of this permit, or because of any adverse effect upon any person or property attributed to the works of the Group.
3. Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Department for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted section.
4. The Group shall pick up litter three times a year between April 1st and November 1st for a three year period. The Group shall not work beyond its section limits.
5. The Group shall not pick up litter on medians, bridges, in tunnels, on overpasses or around other structures that would pose a danger.
6. The Group shall supply one adult supervisor for every five or six workers.
7. The Group shall review the safety rules with all participants before proceeding to the highway segment.
8. All participants shall be at least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade. No other persons shall be present at the work site.
9. The Group shall work only during daylight hours and in good weather and visibility conditions.
10. Traffic safety signs shall be displayed properly in each approaching direction in advance of the work area during litter pickup.
11. All participants shall wear approved safety vests as provided by the County.
12. When the Group encounters closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous, these items shall be flagged and not touched. Any item the Group does not want to pick up shall be flagged.
13. The Group shall place filled trash bags at the designated pickup site.
14. The Group shall order required supplies and materials from the Department.
15. Unused materials and supplies furnished by the Department may be retained by the Group during the agreement period, but at the end of the period must be returned as instructed by the Department.
16. The Group shall not collect litter on the following holidays, as well as 48 hours prior and 24 hours following: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.
17. Within 24 hours of a collection, the Group shall call the Highway Office for trash pickup. An additional option would be for groups to drop off the bags at the closest Highway Shop.
18. The Group shall make arrangements for off-road parking or shuttle bus type of travel to the work site. All vehicles at the pickup site shall be parked at least three feet from the pavement.
19. The Group may keep any recyclable materials.
20. Partisan political groups (groups of people with common political opinions and purposes organized for gaining political influence, governmental control and for directing government policies) shall not be permitted to participate.

The Department agrees as follows:

1. Provide safety vests, trash bags, traffic safety signs, and marker flags.
2. Remove the filled trash bags, as soon as possible, after the pickup.
3. The Department reserves the right to refuse or revise acronyms of Group names when preparing signs.