

BUTLER COUNTY CLEAN HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

The Butler County Clean Highway's Department is part of an effort to make our roadways litter free. The program is voluntary, designed for non-profit organizations, and is open to groups that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color or sex. Each volunteer (adopting) group assumes responsibility for an assigned section of highway and agrees to remove litter and trash a minimum of three times a year for at least a two-year period. The Butler County Highway Department will work with the adopting group to select the specific section of highway to be cleaned. Some highways may not be considered for a number of reasons, usually safety-related conditions.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Crew members should have the following minimum qualifications:
 - 1) Good physical condition, including sight and hearing.
 - 2) Mental alertness.
 - 3) A sense of responsibility for safety of public and crew.
 - 4) Must be at least 11 years old.
 - 5) A willingness to use good common sense.
- The group's responsibility is to pick up trash and litter, not mowing or trimming of shrubs and/or weeds.
- Do not carry firearms, machetes or axes while picking up litter

- Do not attempt to compact or squeeze trash sacks to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the sack with what goes in easily, and then get another bag.
- Butler County will recommend areas where vehicles should not be parked.
- Work one side of the highway at a time.
- Car pool to site to reduce number of vehicles.
- No children or pets shall be allowed at the litter pickup area or in the vehicles parked by those picking up trash.

PROTECTION

- Face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in an emergency.
- Discontinue work in inclement weather especially in times of reduced visibility and wet/icy roads.
- Work during daylight hours.
- Avoid over exertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.
- Have a refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
- **Do not cross traveled section of roadway.**
- Be cautious of dry conditions. Be alert to fire hazards, especially if smoking.

CAUTIONS

- Do not remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances or large dead animals. Notify the nearest Butler County Shop, the Sheriff's Office or the City Police of location of such items immediately.
- Be alert for places where snakes may be located, such as around old logs or rocky areas. Be equally alert for stinging insects.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy and other noxious weeds.
- Do not attempt to pick up litter on bridges, in tunnels, or on overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous to pedestrian workers.
- Stay clear of any maintenance or construction activities.
- Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas, paved or unpaved, to pick up trash.

CLOTHING

- Wear light-colored clothing and wear your safety vest at all times when working on the right-of-way.
- Wear heavy gloves. Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- Watch your footing. Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support. Stay off riprap and steep slopes.
- Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn. You should use a sunscreen on sunny days.

EMERGENCIES

Every Crew should possess an adequate first aid kit. Be prepared for serious injury. Select an emergency room/hospital, and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment center.

Every Crew should have transportation immediately available.

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