

Adopt-A-Street Program

Who can Participate?

- ✘ Individuals
- ✘ Civic Associations
- ✘ Church Groups
- ✘ Families
- ✘ Greek Organizations
- ✘ Service Organizations
- ✘ Businesses
- ✘ Neighborhood Groups



What are the Volunteers' Responsibilities?

- ✘ Adopt a segment of roadway at least 0.5 miles in length for a minimum of 1 year.
- ✘ Remove litter **at least three** times a year
- ✘ **Report to the City each time** your organization has conducted a cleanup.

What are the City's Responsibilities?

- ✘ Provide trash bags for collection of litter and debris
- ✘ Provide disposal service of filled bags
- ✘ Install Adopt-A-Street signs on both ends of adopted segment, recognizing the organization's efforts
- ✘ Provide Certificate of Appreciation to organization
- ✘ Recognize your organization online at www.springfieldmo.gov/traffic

Thanks!

Your volunteer efforts protect our environment, encourage positive community involvement and keep Springfield clean! Thank you for your commitment to improve the quality of life in Springfield!



Contact Adopt-A-Street

www.springfieldmo.gov/traffic
adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov

City of Springfield
Traffic Engineering—Adopt-A-Street
840 N Boonville Avenue
PO Box 8368
Springfield, MO 65801

(417) 864-1984



Public Works Department
Traffic Engineering Division
Busch Municipal Building
840 N Boonville Avenue
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Springfield, MO 65801-8368
417-864-1980
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**Improving the Environment
Through Volunteering**

Program Overview

The Adopt-A-Street Program recognizes the commitment of volunteers to keep our City's roadways free from litter and debris. Started in 1989, the program has grown to include 204 organizations volunteering to keep more than 118 miles of roadway free of litter and debris.

Individuals, community groups, business owners, schools, churches and service clubs are invited to participate. Volunteers who adopt a minimum of 0.5 miles of arterial or collector streets, and conduct litter pick-up at least three times a year, will receive recognition on two Adopt-A-Street signs posted on each end of the adopted street segment. The City provides trash bags to collect debris and will pick up filled bags.

Organizations are required to participate for at least one full year and adoption is renewable annually, given that program requirements are met.

How to Adopt

1. Visit www.springfieldmo.gov/traffic to print and complete info packet and mail to:
Adopt-A-Street Program
Traffic Engineering Division
840 N Boonville Avenue
P.O. Box 8368
Springfield, MO 65801
Or call (417) 864-1984 to have an info packet mailed to you.
2. Once your application forms have been received and approved, you will be notified that you may begin cleanups.
3. Contact us each time you have picked up litter along your adopted street segment to report the date of cleanup and the number of filled bags of litter disposed of.

Call (417) 864-1984 or
Email adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov

FAQs

- × **What type of commitment must I make?**
 - × We require that organizations participate for at least one full year. Adoptions are renewable annually, given that program requirements are met.
 - × Conduct Cleanup (litter removal) of the adopted street segment **at least 3 times per year**.
 - × Keep the City informed of your cleanups
- × **What supplies and support will the city provide if I adopt a street?**
 - × Trash bags.
 - × Pick up and disposal of the filled bags.
 - × Adopt-A-Street signs placed on each end of the adopted street segment, recognizing the volunteers efforts.
 - × Certificate of Appreciation.
- × **Where do I get bags to collect litter?**

Trash bags can be picked up from the Traffic Division, Busch Building 1st floor, 840 N Boonville Avenue or Call **(417) 864-1984** to pick up bags for litter and debris.
- × **How do I dispose of the trash that I have collected?**

When a cleanup has been completed, call **(417) 864-1984** to report the number of bags and arrange for pickup.
- × **Can I use my own trash bags to collect litter and debris and dispose of them myself?**

Yes, though if you use your own bags and disposal, we do require that you call **(417) 864-1984** or email adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov to inform us of each time your organization picks up litter along your adopted street segment.



RECYCLE!

Collect recyclable materials in separate bags and take them to the nearest recycling center to benefit your organization and our community!

REMEMBER !

If your organization intends to use your own trash bags and disposal service, we require that you keep us informed of when you complete litter pick-up days.

Call (417) 864-1984

Or email adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov to report when you have picked up litter, and how many filled bags of litter were disposed of.

Think Safety

- × Wear light or bright-colored clothing
- × Wear heavy gloves
- × Wear proper clothing for the season
- × Face oncoming traffic
- × Stay clear of any construction projects
- × Stop work in inclement weather
- × Be alert for holes and obstacles
- × Watch footing when working on slopes
- × Be alert for snakes, etc. in summer
- × Avoid overexertion
- × Have water or other refreshments handy while working
- × Avoid contact with noxious weeds
- × Avoid areas where pesticides or herbicides have been applied (ponded water or brown-ing vegetation)
- × Provide at least one adult supervisor per four children
- × Keep children in sight at all times
- × If items indicating illegal activity, such as syringes, are found continually in one place, please call (417) 864-1984
- × Wear leather boots or shoes when using litter pick-up sticks
- × Have a first-aid kit readily available
- × Have transportation readily available