

Program Guidelines

- No group is too large or too small. So, consider adopting-a-road as a company-wide marketing initiative, as a civic duty for a small group, or to model service-learning for your children as a family project.
- Public Works staff will help your group select a town road to adopt. Roads that are heavily traveled or inaccessible to pedestrians will not be eligible.
- You must select a representative to sign an agreement on behalf of your entire group.



- All participants must review the safety information provided by Department of Public Works prior to each pickup date.
- Participants must be at least 12 years old, unless specifically permitted. Participants under 18 years old must have adequate adult supervision.
- Groups must arrange clean-up dates in advance with Public Works staff.
- Groups will leave litter filled trash-bags along the roadside at the designated spots.

Build a Team

Take **Pride** in Your Community

Feel **Good** About Your Day

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Road-Side Clean-Up Program

Remember

*A road is a dangerous place to be.
So be alert and use common sense.
Be in good physical condition.
Be responsible for the safety of yourself & others,
and be ready to work as part of a team.*

WHAT TO WEAR

- Heavy gloves
- Heavy shoes or boots (sneakers not advised unless they have a thick sole)
- Light colored clothing
- Sunburn protection: sunscreen, hat, long sleeves
- Insect/ tick repellent & long pants tucked into socks
- Brightly colored cap
- High-visibility vest (provided)
- Back or fanny pack &/or belt-clip for hands-free storage of water & added items

PLAN AHEAD

- Take safety seriously
- Pick team leaders & assign members beforehand
- Distribute trash-bags in advance
- Agree to end meeting time and place upon arrival
- Carpool to site to reduce number of vehicles along road
- Park vehicles on shoulder in advance of area and on same side of road as crews are working.
- Bring an adequate first-aid kit
- Bring drinking water & take breaks
- Don't overexert yourself
- Know what poison ivy looks like
- Check yourself & others for ticks afterward
- Identify the nearest hospital & how to get there

While You Work

- Work only in daylight & in good weather.
- Stay with your team. Groups should work one side of the road at a time. Do not cross the road to and fro.
- Face oncoming traffic. Stay alert. Stay a safe distance from traffic. Be prepared to move out of the way in an emergency.
- For safety's sake, use of personal electronic devices is not allowed.
- Do not crush collected trash to make more room in the bag. Broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries.
- Syringes or hypodermic needles should be picked up by adults and placed in an old coffee can with lid to prevent accidental puncture and serious injury.
- Do not behave in a way which could distract drivers and cause injury to drivers or pedestrians



For More Information:

860-448-4083

pworks@groton-ct.gov

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Road-Side Clean-Up Program



How Does It Work?

Community Groups, Businesses, Churches, Sports Teams, or Families “Adopt-a-Highway” by agreeing to pick-up litter on both sides of a segment of road periodically for at least **two years**.

Your group agrees to:

- **Select a road segment at least one mile long** in consultation with Public Works
- **Pick up litter at least twice a year**

The Town of Groton will:

- Provide **trash bags** & safety information
- Loan volunteers **high-visibility vests**
- Provide a **disposal site** for filled bags
- Remove large, heavy, or hazardous items
- Put up a highway sign to **recognize your group’s clean-up efforts**

DOES LITTER BOTHER YOU?
Do You Enjoy Clean Sidewalks, Pristine Roadsides, and Clear Brush Lines?

Help Keep the Town of Groton Clean, Healthy, and Beautiful.

Recruit a Group to ‘Adopt’ a local Town road!



The Town of Groton is a municipal partner in the State of Connecticut Adopt-a-Highway program.

Call the Town of Groton
Department of Public Works

TO SIGN-UP
860-448-4083

or email pworks@groton-ct.gov

Administered since 1994 in accordance with CGS Sec.13a-97b the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Adopt A Highway Program is a beautification program intended to encourage community and civic organizations, businesses, non-profit organizations, and private citizens to participate in a continuing effort to keep the roadsides of Connecticut attractive and clean from litter.

www.ct.gov/DOT/Programs/Adopt-a-Highway-NEW

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PUBLIC WORKS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Road-Side Clean-Up Program



Citizens & Civic Groups
Making a Personal
Contribution to a
Cleaner Environment

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Public Works



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