

Keep Iowa Beautiful[®]

Keep Iowa Beautiful is a privately funded charitable organization of Iowa citizens working in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Transportation for a more beautiful, litter-free Iowa.

Keep Iowa Beautiful is the 22nd state affiliate of the nationally acclaimed Keep America Beautiful organization, which has been working for more than half a century to improve the beauty of our nation.

Please contact Keep Iowa Beautiful for more information on how you can help:

521 E. Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50309
515-323-6507
www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com

**For more information on the
Adopt-A-Highway program, contact:**



**Office of Maintenance
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-239-1971**

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

SAFETY



Remember, you are working in a potentially dangerous environment... a public highway!

To protect yourself and others

- Notify the local Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) maintenance facility of your intent to remove litter from your section of roadway.
- We recommend one adult supervisor per four children—keep children in sight at all times.
- Provide water or other refreshments for workers.
- Every crew should have a first aid kit.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Have transportation available at all times.
- Park all vehicles off the roadway and shoulders.
- Where possible, access to highway right of way should be gained off the right of way rather than from the roadway.
- Stay clear of any construction project.
- Face oncoming traffic.
- Wear safety vests when working on rights of way.
- Wear light-colored clothing, a hat and long-sleeved shirt.
- Wear gloves—preferably leather.
- Leather boots or hard-soled shoes should be worn.
- Watch footing when walking on slopes.
- Be alert for holes, dropoffs, washouts, open tiles or obstacles prior to working in the right of way.
- You are not expected to pick up litter from medians, on the pavement surface or within 10 feet of the pavement edge. These areas will be cleaned by the Iowa DOT.

- Be careful when using a litter pickup stick.
- Stop work in inclement weather.
- Remove ALL excess material after planting trees, shrubs, etc.
- Notify the local Iowa DOT contact that filled trash bags are ready to be picked up; or indicate the number of bags you removed from the roadside for proper disposal.

Toxic/Hazardous substances

Do not remove unknown or suspected toxic/hazardous substances or objects. If you encounter any of the following items, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE. Contact the Iowa DOT or local law enforcement personnel.



Volunteers should never pick up:

- Discarded syringes or needles.
- Coolers, thermos bottles, respiratory masks or filters, dust masks containers, dishes or containers with hoses duct taped to spouts.
- Propane or Freon tanks.
- Coffee filters with white pasty, powdery or red substance.
- Hot plates or torches.
- Empty/partially empty containers of drain cleaner, lye, paint thinner, acetone, anhydrous ammonia or starter fluid.
- Packaging from Epsom salts or rock salt.
- Lithium batteries.
- Cold pill packages (bottles or blister packs).

Whatever your project, you must be prepared for an emergency.