



Other adopting groups have found the following tips helpful:

- Teams of two to three people can cover both sides of one-half mile of roadway in one to one and a half hours.
- Provide a sketch of your adopted area to participants, with the area they are responsible for highlighted.
- Place bags along the road shoulder, out of the driving lane. The Streets Department will generally have them picked up the next working day.

Thank You!

We appreciate your interest in adopting a street. If you have any questions or want to learn more about how your organization can help by adopting a street please contact us.

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ADOPT A STREET



Background

Since 1987, volunteers throughout Colorado have “adopted” and cared for hundreds of miles of streets and highways. In response to requests from Fort Collins residents, the City of Fort Collins Streets Department has a program that enables organizations to adopt a segment of a city street.

Why Adopt a Street?

Adopting groups can take pride in their contribution to their community and be confident that their efforts are increasing public awareness about litter control. The Adopt-a-Street program saves taxpayer dollars and gives adopting groups a valuable opportunity to make a difference in their community.

Who Adopts?

Scout groups

Churches

Non-profit organizations

Homeowners associations

Businesses

Service clubs

You will need to contact the Streets Department one week before you want to perform your pick-up to receive release forms, bags, and other important safety materials



Your Group's Responsibilities

The adopting parties agree to:

- Designate a stretch of road at least one mile long
- Pick up litter along the adopted street a *minimum* of three times a year.
- Be responsible for selecting the clean-up dates and times.
- Organize the people in their group.
- Ensure all participants have a signed release form prior to starting the clean-up.

Streets Department Responsibilities

- Install a sign at each end of the street segment crediting the adopting group.
- Provide trash bags and orange safety vests.
- Schedules pick-up of bagged litter collected by volunteers.