

CITY OF GOODLETTSVILLE'S ADOPT-A-GREENSPACE PROGRAM
SAFETY GUIDELINES

While a positive difference will be made picking up litter, please make sure it is done in a safe manner. These guidelines were developed with each participant's safety in mind.

- Hold safety 'tailgate' meetings before each pick-up event.
- View safety video online (www.cityofgoodlettsville.org)
- Have all waivers signed and turned into the City of Goodlettsville's Adopt-A-Greenspace Program Coordinator prior to start of the event.
- Carpool to minimize the number of vehicles at the site, and park clear of the roadway.
- Put on safety vests prior to getting onto the roadside.
- Wear gloves, leather shoes or boots, hats, long sleeves and light colored clothing. No open toed or open heel shoes.
- Place warning signs at the beginning and end of the work zone area.
- Face oncoming traffic while working.
- Maintain a working group of six to ten people. Work in pairs at a minimum. Working along is not authorized.
- Avoid working during peak travel times
- Do not work on holiday weekends
- Stop work in inclement weather.
- Avoid overexertion
- Do not remove hazardous substances. Report the location of these types of materials to the City of Goodlettsville's Adopt-A-Greenspace coordinator.
- Watch for snakes and sharp objects.
- Do not pick up items on bridges, in tunnels or on overpasses.
- Stay clear of construction areas.
- Do not pick up items from the pavement.
- Participants between the ages of 12 to 17 years old must be adequately supervised by one or more adults. Suggested ratio: one adult supervisor for every five youth.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Do not over-stuff litter bags or compact them. When a bag feels heavy (about 10 pounds on average), secure it and start filling another bag. Place bags together, if possible, near the roadside or next to your Adopt-A-Greenspace signage.
- No horseplay or waving of arms or legs that could distract drivers.
- For younger volunteers, do not pick up broken glass, knives, or dangerous items. Instead, call these items to the attention of an adult volunteer.
- Stay alert and well away from the road.
- Do not wear headsets, listen to music, or talk on cell phones while cleaning the roadside. Remain alert at all times!

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BAG IT, MOVE, IT OR LEAVE IT?**

BAG IT

These items may be placed in a bag:

- Small empty containers or items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, Styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass, or metal, that does not have sharp edges.

MOVE IT

These items should be placed alongside your stacked bags at the edge of the shoulder:

- Items with dull, pointed edges that might tear a bag.
- Large items that would prevent a bag from being properly closed.
- Heavy items that could tear a bag provided the item can be moved without causing physical injury.
- Containers that are not empty if the contents will not spill when moved and the product can be identified as not hazardous. If it is suspected the item contains urine, do not move it.

LEAVE IT.

If in doubt, leave it alone and notify an adult or the program coordinator.

These items should be left where found:

- Sharp, large, or heavy items that could cause physical injury if moved.
- Any item in an unsafe location (within six feet from a traffic lane, unstable ground, etc.).
- Any item that cannot be identified or that may be hazardous.
- Unclosed or leaking items containing hazardous substances. Items may have labels such as explosive, toxic, harmful, corrosive, or poisonous gas written on the label.
- Do not attempt to pick up or recap needles.

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METH LAB AWARENESS INFORMATION**

The roadside dumping of illegal meth lab waste is a serious problem in Tennessee. A dumped meth lab may look like trash, but it is extremely hazardous to your health and has a severe impact on the environment.

Do not let meth waste threaten your group's safety. If any of the following is sighted, do not approach to remove, instead, contact the Goodlettsville Police Department at (615) 859-3405.

- Alcohol products such as isopropyl rubbing alcohol, denatured alcohol, etc.
- Empty pill bottles, blister packs of decongestant or cold remedies.
- Containers of separated liquids of ANY color.
- Bottles that look like they contain urine or windshield wiper fluid.
- Unused matches without striker plates or washed striker plates.
- Corroded propane tanks or tanks with blue discoloration. Watch out! This means the tank is explosive!
- Battery fluid or muriatic acid.
- Kitty litter bags, especially if it has been opened then taped shut.
- Trash bags taped shut or with tubes inside.
- Containers with any type of tubing attached or inside.
- Anything put together or bundled with tape.
- Suspicious-looking tool boxes, coolers, or other convenient storage containers.

These items could be portable meth labs that have been tossed, hidden or stored by the roadside.

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO HELPING KEEP GOODLETTSVILLE CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL!