

The **Washtenaw County Road Commission** is pleased to welcome you to the **Adopt-A-County Road** program. With your help, Washtenaw County's roadsides will stay clean and attractive for local motorists and visitors. This is an important job, and we want to make sure every step is taken to assure your safety and enjoyment.

## **FOR YOUR PROTECTION**

Please study these safety rules before any clean up activity:

- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles on the roadside.
- All vehicles should be parked well off the right shoulder. Where possible, obtain permission to park in a nearby parking lot.
- Parking along curves, on bridges, under overpasses or on medians is strictly forbidden.
- All occupants in vehicles should exit and enter the vehicle on the side away from traffic.
- Keep vehicles on the same side of the road as crewmembers.
- Work on only one side of the road at a time. **DO NOT WALK ACROSS THE STREET.**
- **NEVER** pick up litter on bridges, tunnels or overpasses.
- Avoid areas that are in the process of being mowed or areas where other construction and maintenance activities are being conducted.
- Be alert to the traveling public and use common sense at all times!
- Keep participants together for better visibility to motorists. Work during daylight hours only, stop work during wet or icy conditions especially when there is poor visibility.
- All members must wear their provided orange safety vests at all times during their cleanup.
- Wear gloves, a hat and long-sleeved shirt to avoid sunburn. Sunscreen lotion is recommended for sunny days.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink lots of water especially on hot, humid days.
- Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with good ankle support. Watch your footing by avoiding steep slopes and large stones.
- Participants should be in good health with good sight and hearing. All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, unless otherwise approved by your group coordinator.
- Knives, axes, etc. are not to be used or carried by participants.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy and other potentially troublesome weeds.
- Do not pick up glass, discarded syringes, dead animals or any medical waste. Any unknown or suspected toxic substances should be reported to the *Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division* immediately at (734) 971-3669.
- Do not overfill or compact trash bags, if there are sharp objects in them. Your coordinator will give you as many bags as you need.

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Be prepared for serious injury. Every crew of participants should have an adequate first-aid kit. Select a hospital and know the route to it from the work area. Every participant should have transportation immediately accessible. A cellular telephone should be available, if possible.