

City of DeSoto



Neighborhood Adopt-A-Street Program

PURPOSE

The Adopt-a-Street Program is a joint effort between our city government and residents to keep our rights-of-ways and neighborhoods clean and beautiful. This program allows our residents, businesses, clubs and organizations to express their pride and commitment to the community, while providing them with signage recognition for their time and efforts spent beautifying the City of DeSoto.

AGREEMENT CONDITIONS

Adopted Area:

- Adopters will adopt a section of the city limits to be determined by agreement of the Adopters and the City of DeSoto, according to the age of the group members and area to be adopted.
- The Adopters will appoint or select a member to serve as spokesperson/contact person for the group if there is more than one individual adopting the area.

Adoption Time Period:

- The Adopters may choose to adopt for a minimum period of 6 months, renewable upon approval. Many adopters have made the commitment to adopt their streets indefinitely.

Litter Pick-Up:

- Litter pick up will occur a minimum of *2 times per month* during the duration of their adoption commitment period. One of the pick ups should occur on the City of DeSoto's Annual Clean-Up Day. Adopters must submit the results of each clean up (number participating, hours worked and amount of trash collected) to the City of DeSoto Administration office as soon as possible following the clean up by sending an email to blewis@desototexas.gov.
- The City of DeSoto will be responsible for supplying trash bags for the group in the clean up of their adopted area. Requests for bags must be made seven days in advance.
- The City of DeSoto will pick up and dispose of the trash bags filled by the Adopters after they complete each clean up. The filled trash bags may be left in a neat pile on the adopted area. Please notify the City of DeSoto Administration at 972.230.9643 in advance of the exact date of the clean up, so that arrangements can be made to have the filled trash bags disposed of promptly.
- Should any large items such as old furniture, large appliances, etc. be found during litter pick up, the Adopters should note the location then notify the City of DeSoto immediately. The Adopters should not pick up any materials other than what fits the criteria of household garbage, and what is able to be disposed of inside of a trash bag.
- Should any hazardous waste be found during litter pick-up, the Adopters should note the location they notify the City of DeSoto. Adopters should not handle or move any hazardous waste/materials.

- The city reserves the right to end Adoptions in cases where litter is not reasonably kept picked up according to Adoption guidelines.

Safety:

- Each Adopter will be responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit while participating in the litter pickup on the adopted section.
- Participants in the group agree to obey and abide by all the laws and regulations relating to safety as may be required by the City of DeSoto. (The City of DeSoto will furnish the Adopters with a *Safety Tips* Sheet).
- When participants are 15 years of age or younger, the Adopters will furnish adult supervision. During that time the adults are held responsible to ensure that adequate safety measures are taken.

Signage:

- The City of DeSoto agrees to provide signage recognition of the adopted section with the name of the individual/group displayed *for those with an adoption period of 1 year or more*.
- If the adopted area is located within a neighborhood, it will be the responsibility of the Adopter to obtain written permission from a homeowner to have a sign installed in the property owner’s yard. If written permission is not provided to the City of DeSoto, signage recognition will be placed at the entrance of the neighborhood on city right-of-way.

By signature below, the Adopters acknowledge the hazardous nature of the work and agree to the above conditions. The Adopters also agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of DeSoto, its officers, agents and employees liable for any claims, damages, and injury (including death) resulting directly or indirectly from cleaning up the adopted area. *The signature of each individual in the group [or legal guardian if under 18 years of age] must appear below. If the undersigned is other than an individual, the undersigned certifies, warrants, and represents that the individual whose signature appears below is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the firm, corporation, partnership, club, organization or other entity which desires to be an Adopter.*

Signature of each Adopter:

Date: _____

Safety Tips

- ⇒ Wear gloves and thick-soled shoes
- ⇒ Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts
- ⇒ Wear sun screen and bug repellent
- ⇒ Never pick up sharp objects
- ⇒ Park all vehicles clear of the roadway
- ⇒ Face oncoming traffic
- ⇒ Do not enter the roadway or shoulder
- ⇒ Be alert for rodents/snakes (if in a rural area)
- ⇒ Avoid overexertion
- ⇒ Do not work in bad or threatening weather
- ⇒ Wear bright colored clothing
- ⇒ Keep a first aid kit readily available
- ⇒ Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands after you are finished