

Why Adopt?



The Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Street programs were established to enable Suffolk citizens to take an active role in keeping their community clean.

The program, modeled after the Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program allows citizens to "adopt" an area and make it beautiful. Streets, parks, vacant lots, walkways, or neglected public areas are all candidates for adoption.

Have an area that you would like to adopt, but aren't sure if you can? Just give us a call at 514-7604.

This brochure contains all of the information you need to get started.



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Suffolk Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Street Programs

Keep Suffolk Beautiful!

How do we participate?

Participating in the Adopt-a-Street or Adopt-a-Spot programs is very simple. First, you find an area that you would like to take care of for a while. Then, contact the Litter Control office and ask if the spot/street is available. If it is, you will then fill out an Adopt-a-Spot or Adopt-a-Street application. If it's not available, the office will be happy to recommend some other locations that could use your attention.



Schedule your first cleanup, and commit to doing at least two, but preferably four, cleanups each year. The City will print and put up your sign after your first cleanup is completed.

Before the Cleanup

The group leader should contact the Litter Control office to schedule your cleanup date. A few days before the cleanup, go out to the spot and make note of any dangers. Stop by the Litter Control office to pick up the cleanup supplies. The Litter Control office provides equipment, such as bags and litter grabbers, to make the clean-up as safe and easy as possible.

During the Cleanup

- ◆ Wear safety vests to be seen and recognized as a cleanup team member.
- ◆ Have an adult supervise any crew members under 15 years of age.
- ◆ Dress appropriately. Wear thick-soled, closed toe boots or shoes. Sandals are not allowed.
- ◆ Work only in daylight and in fair weather.
- ◆ Drink plenty of fluids and take breaks as needed.
- ◆ Take photos of your group for your Web site and to send to Litter Control office.

After the Cleanup

- ◆ Place all trash bags and large pieces of debris in designated areas (usually the side of the street).
- ◆ Report all weights to the Litter Control Coordinator, using the Litter Cleanup Report Card form provided beforehand.
- ◆ Return all safety vests, litter grabbers, and unused bags to the Litter Control office.



Yes! We'd like to volunteer!

Please fill out this form if you're interested in participating in Suffolk's Adopt-a-Street and/or Adopt-a-Spot program.

Group Name: _____

Group Type (Civic, HOA, etc.): _____

Group Representative/Leader: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Cell Phone # of leader: _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site (if applicable): _____

Number in group: _____

Program(s) you are interested in:

- Adopt-a-Street
 Adopt-a-Spot
 General cleanups

Please list, with as much detail as possible, the area (street, park, etc.) that you wish to adopt or clean up:

Comments:

Please complete and return this form to:

Litter Control Coordinator
Dept. of Public Works
866 Carolina Road
Suffolk, VA 23434