Pend Oreille County Litter Crew Safety Information

Safety First

While volunteer help is greatly appreciated, safety is Pend Oreille County’s number one concern. Pend Oreille County’s Adopt-a-County-Road program has an outstanding safety record, and we want to keep it that way.

All groups are required to watch a safety video and read through the safety tips below before their initial litter pickup event. In addition, safety equipment is loaned to all groups for use while picking up litter. Pend Oreille County provides bright orange vests, hard hats, traffic signs, flagging tape and trash bags.

Tips for volunteer groups include:

- Carpool to the adopted section and pull vehicles as far off the side of the road as possible
- Have a first-aid kit on hand and a person who has a valid first-aid card
- Do not pick up heavy items or hazardous materials; mark the item or area with a flag and call the Adopt-a-County-Road Coordinator for safe disposal of such objects

Safety Tips

Wear appropriate clothing during cleanup
Make yourself visible to the traveling public and protect yourself from various weather conditions or possible injury. Be sure everyone in the group wears:

- Safety hat and bright orange vest
- Gloves
- Long sleeved shirt and long pants
- Thick-soled boots or shoes

Preparing for litter cleanup
Before litter pickup begins, always set up a temporary "Volunteer Litter Crew Ahead" sign and park a buffer vehicle (with the emergency flasher lights blinking) ahead of the adopted road section (see Litter Crew Traffic Control Plan).

Before each event, the group leader will conduct a refresher safety review for crew members. All participants must be 18 years of age or older to participate in a litter pickup. We recommend you take a first-aid kit appropriate for the size of the crew with a listing of the location and phone numbers for local emergency services. At least one person should have a valid first-aid card.

Carpool when you transport crew members to the adopted road section using no more than two vehicles when possible. Vehicles should be parked off the shoulder when conditions permit, otherwise park with no more than two wheels on the paved shoulder. The group leader should be familiar with the most direct route to the hospital and park at least one vehicle nearby in case of an emergency.

I have read and understood these Safety Tips and watched the Safety video.

Signed by: