



*How often should litter be picked up?*

Litter must be picked up a minimum of twice every six (6) months. Most urban locations require litter pickup once or twice per month.

*Who supplies the litter bags and picks up the filled bags?*

MoDOT does. We also supply safety vests, caution flags, safety video, safety brochures, and safety tips for working along roadsides. You can pick up supplies from your local maintenance building.

*What about beautification?*

MoDOT requires three copies of a detailed plan outlining the areas where planting is to be done including the types of plants. MoDOT personnel review the plan to determine if it will enhance the roadside appearance while not creating a safety hazard.

*How long does my agreement last?*

Adopters sign a three year commitment to the program. However, the agreement can be terminated at any time. Each location is reviewed periodically to ensure both parties are fulfilling their agreement.

*Are there guidelines I need to follow?*

The Missouri Department of Transportation has established rules and regulations for the program to ensure safety and consistency in its operation. All adopters are expected to know and abide by these standards. A summary of rules and regulations is included on the Adopt-A-Highway website at [www.modot.org/kansascity/programs/adoptahighway.htm](http://www.modot.org/kansascity/programs/adoptahighway.htm)

*Help, I've inherited our group's AAH project. What do I do?*

You can contact your local MoDOT office. Then ask for the AAH coordinator and tell them what you need. Please keep us up to date on your contact person's name, address, and phone number. You can e-mail that information to us at [AAH@modot.mo.gov](mailto:AAH@modot.mo.gov) or contact [your local office](#).

*Facts About the Adopt-A-Highway Program*

- The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is responsible for maintaining 385,000 acres of right of way along 32,000 miles of highways.

- MoDOT spends about \$5 million annually to pick up litter.
- The Adopt-A-Highway program began in the Fall of 1987.
- Total adoptions are about 3,700 groups covering almost 5,200 miles.
- Three options for adoption are available:
  - Litter control
  - Mowing
  - Beautification
- Most adoptions are for litter control.
- MoDOT provides signs, safety vests, caution flags, safety DVD, safety brochures, litter bags and litter disposal.
- Volunteers provide all labor, material, and maintenance for adoptions for mowing and beautification.
- Volunteers sign a written agreement to pick up litter a minimum of twice (2) every six (6) months.
- Adopt-A-Highway has grown mostly by 'word of mouth' and by people seeing the signs and wanting to get involved.
- Promotional items include brochures, newsletters, press releases, and displays.
- If MoDOT did the work of the Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, it would cost about \$1.5 million per year.

**Adopt today for a clean tomorrow.**