

City of Orange Adopt-A-Street Program

The Mission

To clean and beautify the community through volunteerism and to encourage community participation through promoting community pride in clean neighborhoods.

What is "Adopt-a-Street"?

Adopt-a-Street is a City program that provides volunteer groups and businesses the opportunity to partner with the City to help clean and beautify both sides of a selected ½ mile to 2 mile sections of a street for a two (2) year period and agree to remove litter at least three (3) times per year.

Who can adopt a street?

Any volunteer group with a minimum of two (2) people (City recommends ten to twelve individuals) willing to make a two year commitment to clean a section of a city street can join.

- Community groups
- Church groups
- Schools
- Youth groups
- Employee groups

Which streets are adoptable?

The City of Orange has identified several key streets as ideal for adoptions.

- 10th Street
- Cordrey Street
- Park Avenue
- John Avenue
- Sunset Drive
- Burton Avenue
- Strickland Drive
- Green Avenue

- 4th Street
- Hwy. 87
- Dupont Drive
- Border Border
- 37th Street
- Martin Luther King (MLK) Drive
- Meeks Drive
- 20th Street
- Link Avenue
- Bob Hall Road
- Front Street
- 16th Street
- Alley Payne Road

What do volunteer groups do?

Once a group has adopted a street, they are responsible for the following:

- Scheduling clean-up dates with volunteers and notify Planning department of the date
- Distributing safety vests and trash bags at the event
- Monitoring volunteers during the clean-up event
- Contacting the Community Development department after each event for a status report

What is the Process?

1. Complete the Adopt-A-Street Contract form (1 per group);
2. Review and sign the Safety guidelines sheet (each member of the team must sign the sheet to verify that he or she has read and will abide by all safety guidelines);
3. Complete Waiver of Liability form (each member of the team must sign a waiver in order to participate).

The minimum age to participate is 12 years old. There must be one (1) adult supervisor over the age of 21 at the work site for every five (5) minors present.

Supplies

The City will provide trash bags and safety vests upon request. The team leader is responsible for

coordinating pick-up from the City, distribution to the team, and return of safety vests and unused trash bags to the City.

Team Leader Responsibilities

Designated team leaders from each volunteer organization/group shall be the key contact for the City staff. The team leader will be responsible for:

- Scheduling of clean-up days (at least three times annually)
- Arranging for supply pick up and return
- Ensuring that all safety guidelines are being followed at the work site
- Contacting the Community Development department after each event.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteers are required to read, understand, and abide by the Safety Guidelines as well as sign the safety guidelines review sheet and waiver form. Volunteers must clean their adopted street at least three (3) times per year on a day coordinated with their team leader.

Recognition

Volunteer organizations who adopt a street will receive the following:

- An official Certificate of Adoption
- Recognition at a City Council meeting
- Two (2) street signs posted at the adopted site, which will be viewable when entering the area from either direction, after successfully completing the initial clean-up.

Failure to Maintain Area

It is the responsibility of the adopting organization to ensure the area is clean. The City reserves the right to inspect adopted areas and issue a notice should the area not meet a reasonable standard. If the organization fails to correct the situation in two (2) months, the City shall remove recognition signs from the adopted area and void the Adopt-A-Street contract.

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SAFETY GUIDELINES

As we work together to clean our community, we should all exercise caution so that we can prevent injury.

The following is a list of Safety Tips that will help us make the Adopt-A-Street Program a great success for all:

- Consider attire to avoid sunburn and insect bites.
- Wear high visibility safety vests as provided by the City.
- Use a buddy system and look out for each other.
- Watch out for traffic.
- Be on the watch for snakes around logs, tall grass and other likely places.
- Under no circumstances should you attempt to pick up syringes or hypodermic needles!
- Work during daylight hours and non-peak traffic hours.
- Do not work in inclement weather.
- Do not over-exert yourself, especially on hot days.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Do not attempt to handle hazardous substances (car batteries, pesticide containers)
- Avoid noxious weeds (poison ivy, poison oak).
- Avoid any sharp objects.
- Avoid areas where stinging insects may be located.
- Do not overload trash bags or attempt to lift too much weight.
- Use common sense and be alert!

I have read and understand the Adopt-A-Street Safety Guidelines.

Signature of Participant

Printed Full Name of Participant

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18

Printed Full Name of Parent or Guardian if under 18

Adopting Group Contact Information

Name of Organization/Group: _____

Primary Contact Person

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Secondary Contact Person

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

RETURN TO:

Adopt-A-Street Program
c/o Community Development Department
City of Orange
P.O. Box 520
Orange, Texas 77630
Fax: (409) 988-7407

CITY OF ORANGE ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM
CONTRACT

The City of Orange (hereinafter referred to as "City") and _____
(name of business, organization or individual, hereinafter the "Entity") recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free and visually-improved streets.

The **Adopt-A-Street** program has been established for community and civic organizations as well as private businesses and industry to contribute toward the effort of maintaining cleaner and more beautiful streets in Orange. The purpose of the City's **Adopt-A-Street** program is to encourage community residents and organizations to adopt residential blocks of streets and keep them litter-free. The adopted areas are to be cleaned **at least three (3) times annually** in an effort to maintain a healthy environment and to produce feelings of pride in our beautiful city.

The Entity understands that the work to be performed can result in physical injury or damage to property and agrees to assume the risk. The Entity hereby agrees to release and hold harmless the City of Orange, their officers, employees, agents and assigns respectively from liability for any and all claims, damages or injuries of any kind or nature which the Entity, its employees, members or agents may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the program.

Each volunteer participant is required to read, understand, and abide by the Safety Guidelines as well as the Waiver of Liability form. *The minimum age to participate in the program is 12 years old. There must be one (1) adult supervisor over the age of 21 at the work site for every five (5) minors present.*****

The Entity agrees that signs bearing the group's name will be installed solely at the discretion of the City of Orange.

The text to be placed on the sign is: _____

City recognizes the Entity as the adopting organization for:

(street name and description - from what point to what point)

The entity volunteers are to pick up litter **at least three (3) times per year** along its section of street for a period beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____. **Contract commitment is for a minimum of two (2) years.** Items provided for clean-up are: trash bags and safety vests. **If safety vests are misplaced, the group will be responsible for their replacement.** Trash collected is to be placed in any City dumpster, a listing of which will be provided. ****Items collected by Adopt-A-Street participants should be litter and debris that can fit into trash bags provided (no tires, brush or other bulky items). For bulky items such as mattresses, brush, etc., please contact City staff.**

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The City of Orange reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time.

Signed on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

ADOPT-A-STREET PARTICIPANT

CITY OF ORANGE

Team Leader

City of Orange Representative

Printed Name

Printed Name

Name of Adopting Organization

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, of _____ County, Texas, for and in consideration of the City of Orange's permission to participate in the Adopt-A-Street Program coordinated by the Community Development Department, whereby volunteers from the community collect trash along roadways throughout the city of Orange, do hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Orange, its agents, officers and employees and volunteers from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, actions or causes of action of any kind or character (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, costs and expenses) that may arise in any manner by reason of death, injury, damage to my person or property or both as a result of my participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program.

I understand that during my participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program I am subject to the rules and regulations of the City of Orange's Adopt-A-Street Program. I also understand and agree that this Waiver of Liability is binding upon my executors, administrators, personal representatives, collectors, heirs, successors and assigns.

Signed this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

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Printed Full Name of Participant

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