

Special Precautions for Volunteer's Picking up Litter

Volunteer Do's

- group leaders must schedule litter pick-ups 48 hours in advance with the maintenance supervisor. This is to insure work zone safety.
- group leaders must notify maintenance supervisor when work is complete. Include the number of bags needed to be picked up.
- go over safety guidelines before every litter pickup
- provide parental consent forms for any/all participants under the age of 18
- park all vehicles on the same side of the highway that the crews are working
- park off roadway and at least ten feet from the shoulder's surface where possible
- face oncoming traffic; stay alert and be prepared to move in case of an emergency
- work only during daylight hours and in good weather conditions
- avoid exhaustion; Drink plenty of water
- watch your footing; avoid holes or other obstacles; stay off steep slopes
- bring along an adequate first aid kit, identify the nearest hospital and know how to get there in an emergency

Volunteer Don'ts

- DO NOT cross traveled section roadway
- DO NOT attempt to pick up items on bridges, tunnels, medians, or on overpasses
- DO NOT enter the roadway or its shoulder area, paved or unpaved to pick up litter
- DO NOT work during inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility and wet/icy roads
- DO NOT distract drivers
- Notify your supervisors immediately if you see
 - a heavy, large or hazardous material that needs to be moved
 - dead animals
 - discarded or hypodermic needles

What to Wear

- wear safety vests all times
- light colored clothing (long sleeves recommended)
- protective shoes or boots
- gloves
- beware of the sun; wear a hat and use sunscreen
- don't wear headphones of any kind; these impede danger/warning alerts