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 headsets; these impede danger/warning alerts