



Traffic Safety

- Be visible to motorists at all times.
- Watch for unexpected developments in traffic.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Pick up litter on one side of the highway at a time when cleaning multi-lane highways.
- All vehicles should remain on the same side of the highway as participants.
- Carpool to the cleanup site.
- Park as far away from the area to be cleaned as reasonable.
- Cleanups should be completed during daylight hours.
- Follow the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices."
- Observe all local laws.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZERS & GROUP LEADERS

DO

- Know emergency procedures, such as the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly call the police or an ambulance.
- Call 911 immediately if anything is found that presents a clear and present danger or is related to obvious criminal activity.
- Have a first aid kit and cell phone in hand.
- Be aware of all known allergies of volunteers participating.
- Regroup every hour to make sure everyone is accounted for, safe and enjoying the cleanup. This is especially important in heavily wooded areas and waterways.
- Consider using walkie-talkie devices to communicate between groups.
- Provide adequate information and instruction to cleanup crew.

DO NOT

- Schedule cleanups during heavy traffic or near construction sites.
- Conduct cleanups during inclement weather.
- Allow children under the age of 16 to participate in roadside cleanups
- Allow pets to attend cleanups.
- Be afraid to cancel or discontinue a cleanup due to decreased visibility, inclement weather or unsafe conditions of any kind.



Safety supplies including vests, gloves, a first aid kit, "Workers Ahead" signs, cones, grabbers and more are available on the online supply request form. Visit [acua.com/adoptaroad](https://www.acua.com/adoptaroad)

Thank you for helping us keep Atlantic County clean!

Everyone's number one priority when completing a litter cleanup should be staying safe.



ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REMEMBER:

DO

- Wear gloves and thick soled, closed shoes, preferably boots.
- Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts. Light colors are the best choice.
- Wear safety vests or bright colored safety shirts.
- Wear sunscreen and bug repellent.
- Stay hydrated.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Be aware of hazardous or poisonous plants like poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac.
- Use the buddy system. No one should be working alone.
- Take breaks as needed.
- Notify your group leader if you see anything that presents danger or is related to obvious criminal activity.

DO NOT

- Consume alcoholic beverages before or during the cleanup event.
- Overexert yourself.
- Pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, condoms, animal carcasses, or other unidentified, questionable objects.
- Overstuff bags.
- Attempt to move large objects such as large automobile or boat parts, old household appliances or other equipment.
- Make contact with any animals.
- Lift incorrectly; practice safe lifting techniques.
- Pick up glass. Use a tool, such as a grabber or sweep glass into a bag. Only pick it up if you are wearing thick gloves that protect against injury.