

A d o p t - A - P a r k S a f e t y T i p s

1. *Work only during daylight hours during good weather.*
2. *Do not crush collected trash to make more room in the bag; broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries.*
3. *Do not put syringes or hypodermic needles in the trash bag as they can easily puncture the bag and cause serious injury. Take care to dispose of them properly in appropriate receptacles.*
4. *Bring along an adequate first aid kit.*
5. *All workers less than 18 years old MUST be supervised by an adult.*
6. *Never try to pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials. Contact the City of Shakopee for pickup.*
7. *Don't overexert yourself. Bring along a supply of drinking water and take plenty of breaks.*
8. *Wear light or bright colored clothing and high-visibility vests so that you are more visible to traffic.*
9. *Wear heavy gloves and heavy leather shoes or boots to protect yourself from injury.*

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**City of Shakopee
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ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM



What is Adopt-A-Park?

The purpose of the Shakopee Adopt-A-Park program is to offer residents and local groups, who are interested in performing community service, a defined opportunity to assist the City in the maintenance and enhancement of public parks and open spaces.

Encouraging a sense of ownership in parks is a great way to promote pride within the City. Allowing volunteers to participate in park cleaning and enhancements not only provides additional labor to assist with park maintenance, it offers residents a chance to feel pride while contributing to their City. When



residents feel a sense of ownership for a park, they are more likely to watch over it. This can contribute to less vandalism and a reduction of other undesirable activity, according to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) research.

In recognition of this service, groups will be named as adoptees on a sign placed in the designated park.

Who can Adopt-A-Park?

The Adopt-A-Park program is available to individuals, families or groups who have a special interest in one of Shakopee's many parks.

How Does it Work?

Adopt-A-Park participants agree to a minimum two-year commitment, select a park and pick up litter once in April or May, once in June or July and once in August or September. Simply call the City contact person to arrange the dates and times of park cleanup. If additional assistance is needed, staff will work with your group to accommodate the requests.

How do I Sign Up?

If you are interested in participating in the City of Shakopee's Adopt-A-Park program, contact the City of Shakopee Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Department 952-233-9500 or parks@ci.shakopee.mn.us to request an application. Fill out the application completely (all participants must sign the waiver attached to the application), return the application to the Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Department and a staff member will contact you to review the program requirements.

Additional Information

The City of Shakopee will assist your group in selecting a park to adopt. Participants under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult at all times. Groups will arrange their cleaning dates in advance with City Staff. The City of Shakopee will provide trash bags to use on clean up days if requested.



Cleanup Day Preparation

- Provide the City with current contact information for all participants.
- Have all participants sign the City's waiver attached to the application form.
- Coordinate dates and tasks with City staff at least one week in advance.
- Obtain approval from City Staff at least 45 days prior to making any changes or enhancements to the park.
- Provide your own transportation to the site and to pick up materials from the City if needed.
- Coordinate publicity events with the City of Shakopee.



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