

Welcome New Member!

BCRD Adopt-A-Road

The Berrien County Road Department is pleased that you've joined the Adopt-A-Road team. Together, we'll keep our roadsides clean and attractive. It's a big job and we want the experience to be as safe as possible. Please read these safety rules carefully before each pickup.

All Volunteers Must:

- Conduct your cleanups during the **first two weeks of April** and the **first two weeks of September**
- Wear a BCRD provided Adopt-A-Road safety vest
- Use BCRD provided Adopt-A-Road trash bags unless disposing of trash yourself
- **Contact us to notify when your cleanup has occurred**
- Park vehicles clear of roadway
- Be 12 years of age to participate in a cleanup
- Furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults (21 years or older) for groups that have participants 12-17 years of age
- Pick up litter only during daylight hours
- Not pick up trash on road surface and shall stay off road edge at least 3 feet
- Obey all safety rules and guidelines
- Be in good health with good sight and hearing
- Secure bags by tying them shut

For Your Safety:

- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs
- Wear leather shoes or boots, a hat and leather gloves
- Face oncoming traffic when picking up litter and look up often to ensure that no vehicle is encroaching your work area
- Stay well clear of construction
- Stop working in bad weather, especially when there is poor visibility and wet or icy roads
- During warm weather, drink plenty of fluids and take breaks
- During cold weather dress warmly with layered clothing
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects and poison ivy
- **Do not remove hazardous substances or dead animals (notify BCRD for removal)**

DO NOT:

- Use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol during a cleanup
- Pick up trash on bridges or overpasses
- **Pick up what appears to be hazardous material (notify BCRD at number below)**
- Attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash (injuries can result from broken or jagged objects)

Please call the Adopt-A-Road program director Michael Juengling at 269-925-1196 ext. 4424 to get your safety vests and bags.

Please call when your cleanup is completed.

Your signs will be installed in the next few weeks but you may do your cleanup anytime if needed.

Keeping Berrien County's roadsides clean!

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