



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

SAFETY PROCEDURES

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN LITTER REMOVAL ACTIVITIES MUST ATTEND A SAFETY PRE-TASK BRIEFING PRIOR TO TAKING PART IN CLEANUPS

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN LITTER CONTROL PROGRAMS:

1. All participants must wear high visibility safety vests at all times during the litter removal activity.
2. Remove litter when the weather is good, during the daylight hours only.
3. Do not bring persons to observe the activity if they are under the age of 16.
4. No horseplay of any type will be tolerated.
5. No intoxicating liquid, beverage or illegal drugs will be allowed.
6. Persons participating should wear gloves, a good quality shoe (no open toe shoes, zories, sandals or flip flops) and light or bright colored protective clothing. No clothing will be allowed that hinders sight of the participant or may distract passing motorists.
7. An adequate supply of drinking water should be readily available.
8. A good pair of sunglasses, gloves, hat and sun block should be considered.
9. Do not pick up litter at construction or maintenance sites, on bridges, or overpasses.
10. Carpool to the adopted roadway section to keep the number of cars on the roadside to a minimum. Park off the roadway as far away from the pavement as possible. Keep vehicles on the same side of the highway as participants. Return to and use your vehicles to transfer to the other side of the roadway.
11. Participants should work facing oncoming traffic whenever possible and work one side of the roadway at a time. Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas at any time.
12. Avoid suspected toxic/hazardous substances; poison ivy, poison oak, noxious weeds; areas where herbicides were applied recently; places where snake, fire ants or other insects may be located. Do not pick up unknown or hazardous materials; note their location on your cleanup report.
13. Bring along a cellular phone if one is available.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

1. Every crew should possess and adequate First Aid Kit. Treat all injuries no matter how minor appearing.
2. Know the route from work site to the nearest emergency center or hospital in case of serious injury.
3. Have transportation immediately available.