

Safety Rules

Thank you for choosing to participate in the City of Walker Adopt-A-Road Program! The following is a list of safety rules and guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Please be sure to review this list with your crew members before beginning work and use this packet to record completed cleanups.

General Safety

- Crew members must be 16 years of age or older unless otherwise approved.
- Designate a crew leader to ensure everyone adheres to the safety rules and monitor for traffic dangers.
- Carpool to work site to reduce the number of vehicles on the roadside.
- Park all vehicles to the right and off the shoulder; **do not** park on paved shoulders. Parking is **prohibited** along curves, on bridges, near or under overpasses and in the highway median.
- Work only one side of the roadway at a time. Use sidewalk ramps/crossings to safely cross streets.
- All vehicle occupants should exit and enter the vehicle on the side opposite of traffic if possible; keep crews together to maintain visibility to motorists.
- Crew members should be facing oncoming traffic as they work whenever possible and be prepared to move out of an oncoming vehicles path in an emergency.
- Clean up should only take place during daylight hours. Drink lots of water, especially on hot and humid days to avoid overexertion.
- If bad weather develops, especially where there is poor visibility and wet/icy roads, **stop work immediately**.
- Pile all trash bags and debris a minimum of 4' off the roadway and in an area easily accessible and visible for our maintenance staff to collect.

Proper Work Attire

- **All** workers are required to wear high visibility vests or brightly colored clothing when cleaning the roadside.
- It is strongly recommended that participants wear heavy gloves and thick shoes or boots with adequate ankle support, a hat or long-sleeved top to avoid sunburn, and to apply sunscreen on particularly sunny days.
- Avoid the use of headsets/earphones when cleaning.
- The use of knives, machetes, axes etc. is **strictly prohibited** and are not to be carried by crew members at any time.

Things to Avoid

- Overfilling or compacting trash bags; this poses a risk of injury from broken or jagged objects. Only fill bags with what goes in easily, then start a new one.
- Irritant brush/foliage such as poison ivy, poison oak or other noxious weeds.
- Areas with active construction or maintenance activities being conducted.
- Discarded syringes or hypodermic needles and unknown/suspected drug substances; notify the Department of Public Works or Police Department of these items.
- Items located on bridges, in tunnels, or overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous to workers on foot. Take special care to avoid working in roadways or shoulder areas.

Recording Log

Date	Location	Vest Start	Vest End	Signature
06/01/2025	L.M.D. – Wilson to Kinney	25	25	Example

Please contact the Department of Public Works at publicworks@walker.city or (616) 791-6854 to collect trash post cleanup.