

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/foilage 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 |
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| 06/01/2025 | L.M.D. – Wilson to Kinney | 25 | 25 | Example |
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Please contact the Department of Public Works at publicworks@walker.city or (616) 791-6854 to collect trash post cleanup.