As a volunteer, you will receive:

- Guidance and support for successful cleanups.
- Materials for conducting group safety training.
- Availability of safety equipment including safety vests, trash bags and “Litter Crew” road warning signs.
- Two Roadside Clean-Up signs recognizing the volunteer group after the first year of a successful program.
- The opportunity to positively impact your community.
- Recognition for a job well done.

Who can apply?

- Individuals, service organizations, businesses, or families.
- Prospective volunteers must be in good physical condition and have good eyesight and hearing.
- Special project review and supervision is required for groups whose volunteers are under 18 years of age.

What roads are adoptable?

- Roads in unincorporated Canyon County within the Highway District.
- Suitable roads approved by the Highway District Roadside Clean-up Coordinator based on need, traffic, and volunteers (age and ability).
- Roads that have not been adopted by another group.

What commitment do I have to make?

- Clean two miles of road.
- At least two times a year.
- For three or more years.

Why volunteer?

- Gain recognition for community service.
- Contribute to community beautification.
- Decrease litter and littering.
- Improve the environment.

How do I apply?

Give us a call at (208) 454-8135 and ask for the Roadside Clean-Up Coordinator or e-mail info@canyonhd4.org to find out more and discuss your interest in participating.

CANYON HIGHWAY 4 DISTRICT

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Roadside Clean-Up Program



How it works

The **Roadside Clean-Up Program** is a litter-reduction campaign designed to remove litter debris from county roads and improve the quality of the environment. The program establishes a partnership between volunteer groups and the Highway District. The District provides guidance and equipment to foster safe and effective cleanups and the volunteers do the work of gathering the litter along designated roads.

Volunteer groups apply to “adopt” a two mile stretch of road. Selected groups then commit to cleaning their stretch of road, twice a year for three years.

Think Safety

✓ Be very careful out there.

✓ Be mentally alert.

✓ Be in good physical shape.

✓ Don't horse around on the worksite.

✓ Be a member of your team.

✓ Always work in daylight.

✓ Don't work in bad weather.

✓ Be prepared with a first aid kit.

✓ Know where the nearest hospital or emergency room is located and the best route to get there before you begin work.

Get Organized

✓ Make sure all volunteers have reviewed the safety video and safety rules before proceeding to the road segment. Review safety on site before starting pick-up.

✓ Organize your volunteers into crews before you load the carpool.

✓ There should always be an adult supervisor for each 5 or 6 workers.

✓ Carry a cell phone or know where the nearest telephone is located.

✓ Know the physical condition and special needs of your crew.

✓ Keep an adequate supply of vests, flags and trash bags.

What to Wear

✓ Always wear your safety vest.

✓ Wear sturdy boots or shoes with thick soles to prevent foot damage from sharp objects.

✓ Wear work gloves.

✓ If you are sensitive to the sun, bring along a baseball cap or wide-brimmed hat, a long sleeve shirt and sunscreen lotion.

✓ Leave your headset stereo/radios at home.

Transportation

✓ Carpool to your road segment and use as few vehicles as possible.

✓ Park parallel to the road and at least 10 feet away from the pavement surface before unloading your crew.

✓ Stop and display the "Litter Crew" signs at both ends of your road segment before unloading your crew.



✓ Park on the same side of the road that you plan to work.

✓ Drive your crew to the opposite side when your crew switches sides. Don't make a U-turn in the roadway

✓ Always work facing the traffic.

✓ Do not allow your crew to walk across the pavement.

When You're On the Site

✓ Never walk or pick up litter on the pavement, shoulder or in the median.

✓ Stay away from mowing, spraying, or construction operations.

✓ Stay off parked equipment.

✓ Don't use axes or saws.

✓ Stay alert for snakes and stinging insects.

✓ Avoid overexertion.

✓ Bring lots of water to drink while you work, especially on hot days.

✓ Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the site.

Handling Litter

✓ Do not touch or pick up anything you cannot identify, especially chemical like substances. It may be a hazardous item.

✓ Do not pick-up dead animals.

✓ Do not jump or step on your trash bag to pack more in. You have lots of trash bags.

✓ Deliver filled trash bags to Pickles Butte Landfill using a Gate Fee Exemption Form provided by the Highway District.

✓ If you encounter large objects (chairs, multiple tires, etc.) or end up with more than two pickup truck loads of filled trash bags, contact the Highway District Roadside Clean-up Coordinator to have the Highway District pick up the trash at designated locations along the road.

✓ The group may keep any recyclable materials. A trash bag may be used to remove these materials from the site.

✓ When you are finished, pick up your "Litter Crew" signs.