



Adopt-a-Street Program

Centennial's Adopt-a-Street program provides residents and businesses an opportunity to publicly assist the City in its ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Centennial owned roads and right-of-ways. The program was created from a strategic goal identified in the Community Quality of Life/Citizen Engagement section of Centennial's visioning document, "Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030". The program allows groups to assume the responsibility of helping the City pick-up litter along pre-determined segments of City streets. This program operates at the City's discretion and may be discontinued at any time.

Participation

The program is open to any Centennial resident, Centennial-based business, or Centennial-based service group that can demonstrate they have sufficient members and the group is willing to accept the responsibility of adopting a street for at least a one year term. After the one year term, an organization may be allowed to continue its adoption of the road for another one year term.

To participate, an organization needs to:

- Complete and return the City's Adopt-a-Street Application to the Public Works Department:
 - Return it via USPS: Public Works/Adopt-a-Street, 7272 South Eagle Street, Centennial, CO 80012
 - Drop it off in person during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Email the file to Workrequests@centennialco.gov or
 - Fax it to 303-325-8019.

After eligibility approval:

- Discuss with City staff which segment of road the group would like to adopt
- Agree to clean the road at least two times in one calendar year
- Have all participants read and sign a Release of Liability Agreement prior to the cleanup
- Schedule the cleanup with the City at least two weeks prior to the requested date
- Have all participants attend an Adopt-a-Street safety meeting prior to the event
- Have all participants wear safety vests during the cleanup and obey all program rules

What will the City do?

The City will organize which sections of streets can be cleaned by which group. The City will provide first-aid kits, safety vests and garbage bags. The City will also conduct a safety meeting with the participating group's Organization Leaders before their first cleanup. After the event, the City will provide trash pickup /disposal and inspect the cleaned area. It is up to the City's cleanup inspector's discretion to determine if an area has been sufficiently cleaned.

After a group has successfully performed two cleanups that pass the City's inspections, the City may choose to erect a City-owned sign identifying the participating group. The content and placement of the sign is at the discretion of the City and is dependent on factors including, but not limited to: availability of budget and/or staffing to create and place the sign and availability of adequate right-of-way for the City to place the sign in.

Street Eligibility

Not all City streets are open to this program. City staff has developed a list of streets which meet certain safety and location criteria. Streets were only selected if they were major arterials and if they contained adequate sidewalks and parking for participants. Segments of streets in each City Council District will initially be available for adoption.



Adopt-a-Street Program Rules

Prior to Cleanup:

- A group must register with the City. This is necessary to collect the adopting group's information and to coordinate which streets are cleaned by which groups.
- All cleanups must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of the Cleanup Date; allowing staff sufficient time to arrange trash pick-up, waiver collection, and first-aid-kit, safety vest, and trash bag distribution.
- Groups must arrange a safety meeting with staff before the cleanup. All Organization Leaders who want to participate in the scheduled pickup must attend this meeting. Organization leaders are responsible for disseminating all information conveyed in the safety meeting to all members participating in the Cleanup and are also responsible for ensuring all participants follow the rules set forth to participate in the program.

During the Cleanup

- Only participants who have signed and turned in a Release of Liability agreement to the City may participate in the program.
- The cleanup must occur during daylight hours. No cleanup activities are permitted to begin or continue after the sun has set.
- Minors must be accompanied by adults and no children under the age of 14 may participate in the program. Organization Leaders are responsible for ensuring an adequate number of adults are at the cleanup to monitor minor children.
- Participants must only work on the sides of streets. No cleanup in the medians or in the roadway is allowed.
- Participants must be wary of objects located in the City's rights-of way. Examples include guywires, meter boxes, broken glass, and rocks.
- Consumption of alcohol during the cleanup is not allowed. Nor are participants allowed to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while they are participating in the program.
- It is strongly suggested, though not required, all participants wear gloves, closed toe shoes, long pants, and sun block.

Post Cleanup

- Trash bags must be left on the City's right-of-way and must not obstruct any sidewalks or roadways.
- Un-used trash bags and all distributed safety vests must be returned to the City.
- All First Aid kits must be returned to the City.
- Participants must notify staff when a cleanup has been completed so that staff can inspect the cleanup site.
- Streets are adopted for a one year term. Program participants are required to have at least four cleanups each year.