

# ADOPT-A-ROAD

## Litter Control Program



*too beautiful to trash*

## PURPOSE

The program allows volunteer organizations the opportunity to form a partnership with the county to support litter control efforts.

Together we can build civic pride in attaining the goal of a litter free Pierce County.

## HISTORY

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.40 permits local governments to implement adopt-a-highway programs for local roads.

Ordinance 92-119S of the Pierce County Code (PCC) established Chapter 12.42 "Pierce County Public Works Road Department Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program" and amended Chapter 15.28.250 PCC (Sign Code) in November 1992.



## WHY VOLUNTEER?

Pierce County currently has over 113 groups who are dedicated to a clean environment. Since 1992, volunteers have collected over 17,232 bags of litter (that's over 4,308 tons) from our county roadways.

Thanks to their willingness to donate their time and energy, we have seen a significant drop in unsightly litter along our beautiful roads.

Road Operations is committed to stewardship of the environment.



The public and Pierce County both benefit from this program. Citizen volunteers, through a partnership with the County, can significantly reduce roadside litter and build civic pride.

# HOW DO WE BECOME VOLUNTEERS?

It's easy!

First, form your group and designate a responsible person to be the leader. The leader will handle some minor paperwork and keep the group organized.

Next, contact our office representative for an application form. The application lets us know who you are and what roads you are interested in adopting. We will send you a DVD that outlines the program fully and provides all the safety information you'll need to know.



Last, after the application is received in our office, our representative will forward you the Adopt-A-Road agreement and registration forms for each volunteer.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

For safety reasons we ask that participants be at least 15 years old and that there is one adult for each group of eight minors (under 18 years requires parental consent).

## HOW LONG IS THE COMMITMENT?

We prefer a 2-year commitment. However, we can accommodate smaller groups for a shorter term, based on approval by the Road Operations Manager.

## WHAT DOES THE COUNTY PROVIDE?

For groups that are making the 2-year commitment, the county will provide, at no cost to your organization, an official Adopt-A-Road sign with your group's name right on top!

Along with our training video, we will provide "Volunteer Litter Crew Ahead" signs, hard hats, vests, and any other appropriate materials and equipment necessary.

## WHAT DO WE NEED TO WEAR?

Wear clothing that protects you:

- Highly visible clothing
- Long sleeved shirts
- Long pants
- Sturdy shoes

# WHO DO WE CALL?

Please call our office at 253-798-6000 and ask for the Adopt-A-Road representative.

You can also go to our website at: [www.piercecountywa.org](http://www.piercecountywa.org)

## SHOP LOCATIONS:

### ROAD OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

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<b>Bruce Wagner</b>	Division Manager
<b>Paul Marsh</b>	Road Superintendent
<b>Dan Lelli</b>	Road Superintendent

### ROAD DISTRICT 1

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<b>Ismael Ramirez</b>	District Manager
<b>Dave Brown</b>	District Supervisor

### ROAD DISTRICT 2

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<b>Kendal Willits</b>	District Manager
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### ROAD DISTRICT 3

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