

# Adopt - A - Road

**Adopt-A-Road** is a program of cooperation between civic-minded volunteers and the City of Wheat Ridge. Trash is an expensive eyesore. Each year the City of Wheat Ridge spends thousands of dollars picking up trash along City streets. In addition to trash being expensive to pickup, roadside trash also detracts from the visual appearance of our City.

Roadside trash is also washed into the City's storm sewer system and then into a natural body of water. These pieces of litter which make it to a body of water are a pollution referred to as "floatables." Floatables may be contaminated with toxic chemicals and bacteria. They are also an eyesore in our waterways.

Civic-minded volunteers are being asked to adopt segments of City streets for litter control purposes.

- Adopting parties agree to patrol and pick up litter from both sides of a specified street segment for a minimum of one year.
- The Operations Division provides trash bags and orange reflective safety vests to volunteers and picks up bagged litter collected by volunteers.
- Who adopts? Churches, Scout groups, employee and retired employee associations, non-profit organizations, citizens, service clubs or any group that takes pride in Wheat Ridge.
- A blue and white sign installed along the adopted route crediting the adopting organization designates all adopted sections of street.

Adopting groups can take pride in their contribution to their community and be confident that their efforts are increasing public awareness about litter control. It saves taxpayer dollars and gives adopting organizations a valuable opportunity to work together to make a difference.

**Want to learn more about how you can Adopt-A-Road?  
Call (303) 205.7600**