

AAH Safety Guidelines

- Notify the local Iowa DOT maintenance facility of your intent to remove litter from your adopted section.
- Sponsors are responsible for following safety guidelines and conducting a safety meeting prior to participating in any roadside activity.
- Avoid cleanups if a construction or maintenance project is occurring.
- Stop cleanups should inclement weather occur.
- Ensure proper adult supervision, recommended one adult per four non-adult participants.
- Always keep non-adult participants in sight.
- Leave pets at home.
- Ensure a cell phone is available in case of an emergency.
- Ensure water is available and make sure participants stay hydrated.
- Ensure hand sanitizer and a basic first aid kit is available.
- Activities should be performed between the hours of one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset.
- Park all vehicles off the roadway and shoulders.
- When possible, access to right-of-way should be gained from a side road or driveway.
- Face oncoming traffic when conducting cleanup.
- Ensure all participants wear a provided high visibility safety vest when in the right-of way.
- Wear protective clothing such as leather gloves and hard soled shoes/boots.
- Pants and long-sleeved shirts are also recommended to be worn.
- Watch footing when walking on slopes and be alert for holes, drop-offs, washouts, tiles, and culvert pipe.
- Do not pick up litter in medians, from pavement surfaces, within 10 feet of the edge of pavement, in or around culverts, or on bridges.
- Do not remove unknown or suspected toxic/hazardous substances or objects. If you encounter any of the following items, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE. Contact the Iowa DOT or local law enforcement personnel.
- Do not pick up
 - Dead animals
 - Heavy/large items
 - Discarded syringes or needles
 - Coolers, thermos bottles, respiratory masks or filters, dust mask containers, dishes or containers with hoses duct taped to spouts
 - Propane or Freon tanks
 - Coffee filters with white pasty, powdery, or red substance
 - Hot plates or torches
 - Empty or partially empty containers of drain cleaner, lye, paint thinner, acetone, anhydrous ammonia, or starter fluid
 - Packaging from Epsom salt or rock salt
 - Batteries
 - Cold pill packages