



## Why Adopt?

- Promote your organization or business on a sign right by the roadside.
- Keep your City looking beautiful!
- Help keep litter out of our waterways. Litter on the ground gets picked up with the storm-water every time it rains and flows directly to our waterways.
- Prevent flooding due to litter clogging storm drains and ditches.
- Have fun outside with your group!



City of Chesapeake  
Public Works Department  
306 Cedar Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23322  
(757) 382-6101

[www.CityofChesapeake.net/PublicWorks](http://www.CityofChesapeake.net/PublicWorks)



## Safety Rules

- Safety vests must be worn at all times when working within City right-of-way.
- Always work facing oncoming traffic and never put your back to the road.
- Wear brightly colored clothing, gloves and hard-soled shoes.
- Work only on clear days and during daylight hours. Avoid working during peak traffic hours.
- Avoid working on bridges and overpasses.
- Children under 18 years old must be supervised by an adult. In some cases, children under 15 will not be allowed in the right-of-way.
- Do not bring pets to the site.
- Watch out for bees, snakes and poisonous plants.
- In hot weather, bring plenty of drinking water and take breaks as necessary.
- Carpool to the location and park legally.
- Do not pick up any hazardous materials or anything of which you are unsure. In these situations, call Public Works at 382-6101 or the Chesapeake Fire Department at 382-6297.
- Please do not overfill trash bags since injuries are more common when bags are over-filled.
- Leave filled bags beside the roadway but away from the edge of the pavement. When reporting your pick-up to the public works information specialist, mention the location of the bags to arrange for collection.

# Help us keep Chesapeake beautiful!

## Adopt-a-Highway

## Adopt-a-Garden

**Chesapeake**  
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## Adopt-a-Highway

Quarterly litter patrols



### Who can Adopt?

Anyone! Local community organizations and clubs, churches, synagogues, businesses, families, even individuals aged 18 years or older. Groups with members younger than 18 must have adult supervision when working their adopted location. Children under 16 are not allowed in the right-of-way.

### How does it work?

Choose a 1-2 mile stretch of roadway. Depending on whether the road is a multi-lane road or a residential street, volunteers can elect to take one or both sides of the roadway. Collect litter from the right-of-way at least four times per year for a commitment of two years. The Public Works Department can provide garbage bags and safety vests and can even pick up your full garbage bags when you are done! After your first garbage pickup, Public Works will install a sign with the name of your business or organization along your adopted stretch of roadway.

### How do I get started?

Return the attached interest form or call 382-CITY (2489).

## Adopt-a-Garden

Monthly garden maintenance.



### Who can Adopt?

Groups with gardening or landscaping experience are preferred. This is a great opportunity for landscaping businesses, gardening clubs and individuals with green thumbs! No green thumb? Consider sponsoring a garden and using a professional landscape company to do the planting.

### How does it work?

Choose a small roadside or intersection area that could be beautified by a garden. Keep in mind that all requests must be approved by the Traffic Engineer for safety reasons. Provide a 1:10 or 1:20 scaled plan for the garden. Once approved, start planting and following a City-provided monthly maintenance plan for a commitment of two years. You can also adopt an existing garden to maintain as directed by the City. Additional rules apply to this program - contact the Public Works Department for more information.

City of Chesapeake  
Department of Public Works

## Adopt-a-Highway/Adopt-a-Garden Interest Form

I am interested in learning more about the

- Adopt-a-Highway Program  
 Adopt-a-Garden Program

*(Please check one)*

Please contact me with more information!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

While we cannot guarantee the availability of the roadway or garden location you prefer, please let us know if you have a specific location in mind. If you do not have a preference, we will find a great spot for you!

Preferred Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to:

City of Chesapeake  
Public Works Information Specialist  
306 Cedar Road, 3rd Floor  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Or email the information to: [evaughn@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:evaughn@cityofchesapeake.net)

Show pride in your community and get recognition for your efforts!