IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

Every team should have an adequate first aid kit available. Be prepared for serious injury. Select an emergency room or hospital and know the route from the work area to the designated medical facility.

Every team should have immediate and reliable transportation available, if a situation requires it.

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TEXAS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN HELPING TO BEAUTIFY OUR AIRPORTS!

GUIDELINES for ADOPT-AN-AIRPORT Groups

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The Texas Adopt-An-Airport Program
will enhance the beautification and maintenance of our airports in a consistent manner. Additionally, it will provide the necessary education to the general public as to what is involved in the operation of an airport and the extent of the economic impact it brings to their community.

The Program offers civic clubs and other volunteer groups an opportunity to contribute to their community and state through a voluntary project. These projects will generate publicity for the group as well as a sense of pride and accomplishment for their efforts.

For example, if several volunteer groups wish to adopt parts of an airport, one group could pick up trash along access roads and fences, while another group could remove debris within the safety zone areas along the runways and taxiways. As summer months approach, there is always mowing and trimming to be done including painting and maintenance on buildings. Special attention to airport entrances is a must in an airport beautification program.

Again, remember, more than one group can adopt the same airport. Volunteer groups will be required to work on their adopted airports a minimum of four times a year for a two-year period. In recognition of their community service at the airport, TxDOT will erect a permanent sign at the airport entrance identifying each volunteer group.

Volunteer Now!
Show you care for your community!

SAFETY TIPS:

ATTENTION: You are working in a very active environment — a public airport!

Team members should possess the following minimum qualifications:
- Good common sense,
- Good physical condition, including sight and hearing,
- Mental alertness, and
- A sense of responsibility for the safety of the public and working team.

Knives, axes, machetes, etc., should NOT be carried by team members.

Do NOT attempt to compact or squeeze trash bags to increase room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the bags adequately, and then get another bag.

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS BY:

Working only during daylight hours.

Discontinuing work in inclement weather — especially in times of reduced visibility.

Avoiding overexertion. Drinking plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.

Posting a team member as a lookout to monitor air traffic situations.

Scheduling a refresher session on safety awareness each time a team goes out on a project.

Avoiding distractions such as headsets, which could interfere with your hearing other potential hazards.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Light-colored clothing and a safety vest to be worn at all times when working on the right of way.

Heavy gloves. Do NOT pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.

Substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support — watch your footing!

A hat and long sleeve shirt to avoid sunburn — you may wish to use a sunscreen lotion on sunny days.

STAY AWAY FROM:

Known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. Do NOT attempt to remove; immediately notify the airport manager or the police of the location of such items immediately.

Snakes. Be alert for places where they may be located, such as around old logs and in tall grass—avoid these areas. Beware of stinging insects also, especially fire ants.

Poison ivy, poison oak and other noxious weeds—avoid contact with them.

Areas where herbicides were applied that day.

Mowing operations and maintenance or construction activities — stay clear!

Runway or its shoulder areas, paved or unpaved — do NOT enter runways to pick up trash without the approval of the airport manager.