

DID YOU KNOW?

- Adopt-a-Highway volunteers have covered 472,328 miles of Texas Highways from 1985–2015.
- Each year more than 1 million volunteers participate in the program in the U.S. alone.
- The fine for littering in Texas is \$500. If litter weighs more than five pounds, you may have to pay up to \$2,000.
- Sixty-two percent of Texas smokers admit to tossing cigarette butts out of car windows.
- Tire debris is the second largest component of litter and is pervasive across all areas of Texas.
- Seventy-one percent of litter is microlitter—pieces of trash smaller than two inches, such as gum wrappers.



READY TO ADOPT?

Visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org/get-involved/adopt-a-highway or contact the Adopt-a-Highway coordinator in your area.

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**GO THE EXTRA
TWO MILES
FOR TEXAS**



**Don't
mess with
Texas**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY *GO THE EXTRA TWO MILES*

WHAT?

The Texas-born program gives Texans a free and easy way to give back to their communities. For more than 30 years, volunteer groups have showcased their Texas pride by adopting stretches of road to remove unsightly litter from state-maintained roadways.

Adopt-a-Highway was spearheaded by Texas Department of Transportation employees in 1985. The first adopted roadway was two miles of U.S. 69 in Tyler, Texas.

Now the program has over 3,800 groups covering approximately 8,000 miles in Texas alone. Adopt-a-Highway has become a global grassroots movement involving nearly 90,000 groups worldwide.

Adopt-a-Highway works in hand in hand with the Don't mess with Texas® campaign to spread the litter prevention message. Groups are encouraged to participate in the annual Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off in April and other Don't mess with Texas programs.

WHY?

- An estimated 435 million pieces of visible litter accumulates on Texas roadways each year. And that doesn't even account for microlitter such as cigarette butts.
- One in four Texans admits to littering in the past year. With a growing population, that can mean more trash tarnishing our beautiful Texas landscapes.
- By picking up just 10 percent of litter on Texas highways, volunteers help save the state more than an estimated \$3 million a year in litter pickup costs.
- Each volunteer group gets their group name displayed on road signs for travelers to see.
- It keeps Texas beautiful. Clean roads beautify the state and motivate others to do the same.
- Beautification efforts help contribute to tourism to and within the state.

HOW?

Visit www.TxDOT.gov—keyword “Adopt A Highway” to submit an application.

If your group is approved:

- You adopt a two-mile stretch of state highway for a minimum of two years. Note: Interstate highways are not eligible for adoption.
- You agree to pick up litter four times per year. (Frequency of pickups may vary based on traffic levels.)
- Adopt-a-Highway signs displaying your group's name will be posted along your adopted section. Business names must include “employees of” or “members of” to give credit to volunteers.
- Adopt-a-Highway will provide volunteers with safety vests, litterbags and safety training.
- You bask in the glory of claiming a piece of Texas pride.

